

Town of Hot Springs
Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting
August 5, 2019

Present:

Mayor Sidney Harrison
Alderman Jeanne Gentry
Alderman Vaughn Barnett
Alderman Jimmy Moore
Clerk Nancy Thomas
Town Attorney Ron Moore

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 and welcomed guests.

Mayor Harrison asked for one correction to be made on the minutes regarding Spring Hill Street.

With this exception,

Alderman Gentry made the motion to accept the minutes.

Alderman Barnett seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Mayor Harrison said there were anxious moments due to a water line being drilled into from 28 feet above the line. He said the rupture didn't compromise our water, but as there was a chance the water could have been compromised, by law, the town had to issue an advisory. After repairs were made, the water samples came back from the lab confirming the water was okay. After this ordeal, power was lost at the pump house, and Greg (Maintenance) Vaughn, (Alderman), and an electrician worked all weekend getting the pump running again.

Mayor Harrison said the system is going to need drastic improvements over the next 15 years, starting with a million dollar study which is step one.

Public Comment

Julie Hochwender said she was excited to announce there will be a new Events Committee. She said there are enough people interested in joining the committee, and they will have their first meeting on September 10. She said there will be a separate account opened for the committee.

Ms. Hochwender said she would head the committee whose goals are to bring back events and fun activities like the town used to have. She invited the Board to give her any input as to what they would like the committee to do.

Elmer Hall said he was happy to see the Historical Marker back at Paint Rock, but would like to see it face the road where it can be seen and read better.

Mayor Harrison said it was a new marker. He didn't know where the old marker was. He said the State put the marker up, but perhaps he could call and suggest they turn it toward the road.

Gary Goss asked who broke the water pipe that caused the advisory, and asked if insurance would pay for costs incurred.

Alderman Gentry said she didn't expect the Town would have to pay for the repairs.

Mayor Harrison said it was chaotic, and the second time it actually happened.

Mayor Harrison said he had discussed with Mr. Keith Webb, with McGill and Associates, a letter sent to Dan Boss with the NCDEQ about the process to fix the sewer plant so that it will meet all State specifications. The improvements necessary will be at the Town's expense.
Mayor Harrison said they also discussed the grease policy.

Mayor Harrison said they are currently negotiating with EMS and the rental property. He said they are likely to remain at the Andrews Avenue property, and stated they wanted the whole building. These negotiations are still in progress. He asked the Board to make a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss some details about a new contract with the EMS building.

Alderman Gentry made the motion to go into Executive Session.

Alderman Barnett seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

7:35

Alderman Barnett made the motion to return to regular session.

Alderman Gentry seconded the motion.

8:00

The Board discussed negotiations with EMS building. Attorney Moore will draw up a proposal contract, and after Mayor signs it, it will be presented to EMS.

As there was no other business at this time,

Alderman Moore made the motion to adjourn.

Alderman Barnett seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Approved ✓

Sidney Harrison
Mayor Sidney Harrison

Date Sept. 03, 2019

Other

Town of Hot Springs
Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting
September 3, 2019

Present:

Mayor Sidney Harrison
Alderman Jeanne Gentry
Alderman Vaughn Barnett
Alderman Jimmy Moore
Clerk Nancy Thomas

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 and welcomed guests.

With the exception of one correction, being the amount of the water system study grant is \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand) and not \$1,000,000.000 (one million),

Alderman Moore made the motion to approve the minutes.

Alderman Barnett seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Agenda

Karen Kiehna presented the Board with a "Resolution by Governing Body of Applicant" regarding the State Grant Award to read and sign.
Copy attached

Alderman Gentry made the motion to sign, accept and move forward with the resolution.

Alderman Barnett seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Mayor Harrison and Finance Officer Gentry signed the resolution.

Gary and Karen Goss told the Board they were soon going to put a sealant on the roof of their property which adjoins City Hall. Mr. Goss said the condition of the roof was bad at City Hall, and to fix his roof he will have to move over to City Hall's roof a yard or so. Mr. Goss said he had a thought, being why didn't the Town sell the building City Hall is in to him.

Mayor Harrison said the building was a gift to the town; donated by Ms. Lena Bruce.

Alderman Moore said he didn't think the Town could sell the building, as it was stipulated in the deed that the building was to be used for municipal purposes only.

Mayor Harrison agreed repairs were needed, but the Town needs a place for storing the Historical Display that was being given to the Town. The display alone was worth thousands of dollars, consisting of many panels.

Mayor Harrison asked the Board if they would consider selling the building even if they found out they legally could.

Alderman Barnett said he didn't think the Town could sell the building.

Alderman Gentry said the Attorney would have to look into it.

Mr. Goss said the Town could use the first floor of the building, and he would use the upstairs. He asked the Board if they would think about it.

Public Comment

Stacey Geyer said the Hot Springs Historical Display consisted of 16 or 17 panels.

Ms. Geyer said the water fountain at the Welcome Center was broken, and asked if the Board would ask the Maintenance Department to repair it.

Alderman Barnett said yes.

Julie Hochwender said Henderson Drive has not been maintained this year, and requested the Board have Maintenance work on cutting back kudzu that is beginning to obstruct passage.

Mayor Harrison said the Town really needs to ensure all weeds were cut back and away from the street.

Alderman Barnett said he would have Maintenance work on Henderson Drive and the Welcome Center fountain this week.

Town Business

Alderman Moore said the Police Car should be ready by the end of September.

Mayor Harrison said on Sept. 9 Pam Hysong, with USDA, will be in Hot Springs as one of the final steps to finalize the process of moving to the Forest Service property. He said Mr. Roy Hurley was almost done with his work on the property, and the Fire Department should be up there very soon.

Mayor Harrison there were two things needed at the property, and would like for the Board to approve. He said the gas furnace at the Fire Department building needed a \$100.00 part, and the house needs a new heat pump.

Alderman Gentry said the the purchase was not part of the grant, they would have to get some estimates.

Mayor Harrison said it would be part of the grant.

Alderman Gentry said if needed, and part of grant, she would approve the purchase.

Alderman Barnett made the motion to go into executive session.

Alderman Gentry seconded the motion.

All were in favor. 7:20

Alderman Moore made the motion to return to regular session.

Alderman Barnett seconded the motion.

All were in favor. 7:50

Alderman Gentry said the Board discussed unpaid water bills, and agreed to give five accounts until noon Friday to pay or their meters will be pulled.

Alderman Moore asked Nancy to contact them as a courtesy.

Alderman Gentry asked Nancy to place an ad in the paper for a Maintenance employee. Applications must be submitted on or before September 27, and then interviews will be set up. They will decide later if the position will be full or part time, and there will be a probation period of six months.

As there was no other business at this time,

Alderman Gentry made the motion to adjourn.

Alderman Moore seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Approved ✓

Date October 07/2019

Sidney Harrison
Mayor Sidney Harrison

Other