

Town of Hot Springs
Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting
July 6, 2020

Present:

Mayor Abigail Norton
Alderman Jeanne Gentry
Alderman Vaughn Barnett
Alderman Jimmy Moore
Tax Collector Clara Ramsey

Mayor Norton called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Alderman Jeanne Gentry made the motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2020 and financial statements.

Alderman Jimmy Moore seconded the motion.

Alderman Gentry made the motion to approve the Phone Vote to close City Hall to the Public minutes.

Alderman Moore seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the Forest Service property, and noted they had their final walk through of the property, and the Engineer released everything. The Maintenance Department will finish any remaining work to be done.

There will be a FEMA Grant meeting and inspection on Wednesday, July 8 at 10:30 am. They will be looking at a section of sewer pipe to be replaced. Alderman Barnett will accompany the inspector.

Mayor Norton discussed working on Economic Development incentives for the future.

Only one bid was received for the VFD Blazer. The bid was for \$100.00 from Bryan Raines, and the Board rejected the bid. They decided to place another ad in the paper, and this time put a starting bid of \$500.00 in the ad.

The Board discussed a soon coming bid opening for a water grant project. Two bids have been rejected, and bidding will start over.

Police Chief David Shelton said NO PARKING signs were needed on Silvermine Road, as people are parking on private property. The Alderman commented that the property owners had the option to have the cars towed but added Chief Shelton can discuss how many signs were needed with Maintenance Supervisor Hicks.

The Board discussed the water billing for the Smokey Mountain Diner. The billing has been consistent and runs even with other restaurants, but they are certain there is a problem with the meter. To dig up the meter will be an all-day project, and the Board discussed tabling the issue until they get letters from the Dollar Store and residents that will be without water for the day. It was agreed to email all who would be without water and request written permission before water is interrupted.

The Hot Springs Planning and Zoning meeting will be conducted via ZOOM.

Mayor Norton said Fire Chief Josh Norton wants internet service installed at the Forest Service Drive property. He said it was in the budget.

Mayor Norton said Fire Chief Norton said the VFD had a lock-out tool for helping people who have locked their keys in their car, but requested they start asking people to sign a waiver releasing the Town and Fire Department of any responsibility if any damage is done to a vehicle.

The Board discussed an internet offer from Sky Runner for City Hall, the Police Department, and the Fax Machine. The company will charge \$35.00 per line.

Alderman Gentry made the motion to contact Sky Runner and give them the go ahead.

Alderman Moore seconded the motion.

Mayor Norton said she wanted a schedule from the Maintenance Department with fire hydrant replacements. She wants them to replace one per month. The Maintenance Department has been working on several water leaks which take priority over replacing the hydrants.

Mayor Norton said she wants a folder kept at City Hall with any equipment purchased by the Maintenance Department.

As there was no other business at this time,

Alderman Moore made the motion to adjourn.

Alderman Gentry seconded the motion.

Approved

Date 8-3-2020

Abigail Norton

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Other