

Town of Hot Springs
Board of Alderman
Regular Monday Meeting
February 4, 2013

Present:

Mayor: Brian Reese
Alderman: Carolyn Ammons
Alderman: Johnny Lawson
Alderman: Vaughn Barnett
Clerk: Nancy Thomas
Tax Collector: Clara Ramsey

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

Alderman Lawson made the motion to accept the minutes and financial statements.
Alderman Ammons seconded the motion.

Ron and Sandy West informed the Board about a new event at the Hot Springs Resort. Mr. West introduced the Board to Event Organizers **Gareth Higgins**, and **Brian Ammons**, who then described the event, the **Wild Goose Festival**. It will be held August 8 through August 11. They are expecting over 1500 people. Information about this event can be obtained by viewing their website: garethhigginswork@gmail.com. This event is for all ages.

The Mayor and Board thanked Mr. Higgins and Mr. Ammons, and voiced their approval regarding the event.

Sunny Riggs thanked the Board for allowing use of the Community Center to those participating in the weekly Community Dinner. She presented them with a letter of appreciation, and request that the dinner be added to the Community calendar for each Thursday throughout the year. A discussion followed regarding the Dinner entailing some minor disputes and rental fees. Alderman Lawson made the motion to table the issue and make a decision at the Feb. 15 meeting. Alderman Ammons seconded the motion.

Representing the **Hot Springs Volunteer Fire Department**, Cameron Green informed the Board that the equipment was ordered that will be covered by grant money. The State grant is slated to be received in March. He also inquired if the Board had made their decision regarding contributing to the Departments share of the grant funds.

Alderman Ammons made the motion to have their decision by February 15th.
Alderman Lawson seconded the motion.

Tax Collector Clara Ramsey gave the Board an update on taxes collected. Collections are currently at 83%, and second notices have been sent.

The Board had examined the **Budget Amendments** and
Alderman Lawson made the motion to accept.

Alderman Ammons seconded the motion.

Maintenance employee **Larry Ricker** told the Board the weather had delayed their plans to deliver shale to the areas agreed upon.

The Board agreed to purchase light fixtures for the HSVFD.

Alderman Lawson made the motion to approve **repair of the Towns trash truck**, entailing a part at an approximate cost of \$20.00.

Alderman Barnett seconded the motion.

Alderman Ammons reminded all that any purchase exceeding \$200.00 had to be approved.

Mr. Ricker also told the Board he would be replacing **sign poles** in the next few days, also depending on the weather.

Resident **Dave Penrose** spoke to the Board of his concern with **speeding traffic** on River Road. He stated there were many pedestrians on the Road, as well as bicycles, and he had witnessed many drivers exceeding the speed limit, which caused a safety issue.

Mayor Reese replied the subject had been brought up before, and the Police Department was aware of this problem. As the PD cannot patrol River Road at all times, it has been recommend that anyone witnessing someone driving at excessive speed please write down tag numbers and car descriptions, and call or bring this information to Town Hall and we would insure Mr. Shelton receive it.

As there was no other business,

Alderman Ammons made the motion to adjourn.

Alderman Lawson seconded the motion.