

Town of Hot Springs
Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting
Oct. 7, 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 Ammons made the motion to approve the minutes.
Alderman Lawson seconded the motion.

Public Comment

Libby Staude gave the Board an update on the Zoning/Planning Board's activities. They have been working on sign ordinances, vacation rentals, bed and breakfast, and communication towers. They have a public hearing planned, which will be advertised two weeks in the paper, and attended by Attorney Larry Leake. This will take place on Oct. 22.

The Board discussed with Ms. Staude the sign ordinance. Ms. Staude had been advised by Mr. Leake that the zoning/planning board had no power to levy fines. This was up to the Board of Alderman. Alderman Lawson stated, regarding any signs that must be taken down, whoever is responsible for putting up the sign should be given 30 days to comply.

Ordinances are available for viewing at Town Hall. If there are any questions, one must contact a member of the Zoning/Planning Board.

Deborah Delisle talked to the Board about the upcoming events sponsored by the Hot Springs Community Learning Center.

On Oct. 26 there will be an Appalachian Heritage Festival. Ms. Delisle asked if some chairs and tables could be borrowed from the Community Center. It was agreed.

Ms. Delisle invited the Mayor and Board to attend, and have a free meal.

The Learning Center is also sponsoring a 5K Zombie Run on Nov. 1. They will begin their run at the top of Hot Springs Mountain, and end at the Hot Springs Campground. There they will be chased by zombies. Prizes will be given. 75 to 100 people are expected to attend.

Ms. Delisle asked if they could have assistance with traffic from the HSPD. The Board agreed.

Holly Bullman and Brad Lovejoy informed the Board that an event call "3 Days of Light" will be held at the Hot Springs Campground and Spa the Weekend of Oct. 12. They are expecting around 500 people, and stressed that it was a family friendly event, and they would be compliant with any noise ordinances. They would supply their own medical site, and security.

Mayor Reese said he hoped it would be a successful event.

Fire Chief Josh Norton reminded the Board of the Johnny Norton Memorial Run on Nov. 2, beginning at 9:00 am.

The **HSVFD** and the **HSPD** both reported all was well.

Town Business

Alderman Ammons made the motion to hire a CPA with experience in Municipal Government to oversee all Business transactions and entries, in order to comply with recommendations from the State Treasurer.

Alderman Lawson seconded the motion.

The Board discussed progress made on Park Avenue, where work was being done to install a separate water meter at the Park Avenue cabins.

The Board discussed selling the Fire Truck not being used in the Public Parking area. They agreed they should get at least \$2500 for the truck.

The Board discussed putting up fall decorations throughout Town.

Alderman Ammons made the motion to put up decorations.

Alderman Lawson seconded the motion.

Other Business:

Trick or Treating will be on Halloween, (Oct. 31)

There is no other activity planned for Halloween this year.

Tree Lighting will be Dec. 6. The Christmas Parade will be Dec. 7.

The HSVFD is still working on obtaining funds to purchase property on Serpentine Road from the Forest Service.

As there was no other business at this time:

Alderman Ammons made the motion to adjourn.

Alderman Lawson seconded the motion.