

Town of Hot Springs
Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting
September 9, 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 pm.
Alderman Lawson made the motion to accept the minutes and financial statements.
Alderman Ammons seconded the motion.

Public Comment

Resident Libby Staude asked the Board if water service would be interrupted on Sept. 10 due to installation of a fire hydrant.
Alderman Barnett replied it would be interrupted on Lance Avenue, and it should not affect her.

SaraJo Litwak informed the Board that a band from Florida would be entertaining at the Spring Creek Tavern on Wednesday, Sept. 29, and asked if they could make an exception to the Town Noise Ordinance for this onetime event, and allow the band to play until 10:00 pm.

Alderman Lawson made the motion to allow the exception.
Alderman Ammons seconded the motion.

Libby Staude, speaking for the Zoning/Planning Board, gave the Board an update on progress made, including contacting Attorney Leake, planning a public hearing; placing an ad in the paper; and adopting all revisions to the Zoning Ordinance the Board has been working on. These revisions include sign ordinances, towers, vacation rentals, and sub divisions.

Ms. Staude also informed the Board that Verizon was interested in placing a tower in the Town in order for their customers to receive better service from their company. More would be mentioned on this subject after meeting with Verizon representatives, and would be discussed at the October Town Meeting.

Fire Chief Josh Norton told the Board he had turned in invoices, showing what the Department had purchased with Grant Funds. He also asked the Board if they would make another donation when possible to assist with helping the Department run better.

The Board did not respond at this time.

Mr. Norton then reminded everyone of the Car Show the Department would be sponsoring on Sept. 21st.

Town Business

Tax Collector Clara Ramsey told the Board the Tax bills had been sent.

Ms. Ramsey also reminded the Board that she would be going to a Debt Set-Off Workshop, which will assist her in collecting back taxes, as well as uncollected water bills.

Alderman Ammons addressed the Board, and wanted to verify that the Board had agreed to allow the Community Dinner, which takes place each Thursday, have use of the Community Center for half price during the slow months. (6 months out of the year)

The Board also discussed asking Ms. Karen Connor to only clean the Community Center when necessary, and by request. They agreed once a month would be sufficient. The Board discussed having the Employees from the State of Franklin clean the center also, in order to save money.

Alderman Lawson made the motion to allow the State of Franklin Employees to clean the Community Center.

Alderman Barnett seconded the motion.

Alderman Barnett stated the radiator on the Town Truck needed to be repaired before cold weather.

Resident Sidney Harrison informed the Board he had acquired a cabin, and requested the Town install a separate water meter at adjoining cabin so their cabin would have its own meter.

Mr. Harrison understood there was a charge for the meter installation, and he and the other cabin owner had agreed to split the cost.

Alderman Lawson made the motion to allow a new meter be place on this residence.

Alderman Ammons seconded the motion.

Ms. Staude asked if during this installation, it would be a good time to move a meter at another cabin, as the existing one ran under their driveway.

Alderman Lawson asked how far the meter would have to be moved.

Ms. Staude said at least 100 feet, and probably more.

The Board agreed it would be a good time to move that meter, and they would look into it, and get back to Ms. Staude.

Ms. Staude also reminded the Board that the Friendship Club was hosting a picnic at Springbrook Cottages, and each Department was invited to attend.

As there was no other business,

Alderman Ammons made the motion to adjourn.

Alderman Lawson seconded the motion.