

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.

Town Business

Town Attorney Ron Moore said he had contacted Attorney Steven Huff regarding a tax billing for a Hot Springs account, and he would be sending papers to Hot Springs to fill out in order to receive payment for the taxes owed.

Mayor Harrison asked Attorney Moore to open the bids for the track hoe and back hoe. They were as follows:

Back Hoe		Track Hoe	
Paul Church	\$ 1,005.00	Paul Church	\$ 1,026.00
Darrell Ricker	1,199.00	Boyd's Grading	3,070.00
Donnie Waldroup	1,858.00	Ron Waldroup	1,252.00
		Darrell Ricker	1,099.00

Alderman Gentry made the motion to accept the highest bid on the Track Hoe from **Boyd's Grading**.

Alderman Barnett seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Alderman Barnett made the motion to accept the highest bid on the Back Hoe from **Donnie Waldroup**.

Alderman Moore seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

It was agreed the highest bidders would have until Friday to honor their bids, or the Board would accept the second highest bid.

Alderman Gentry said Marty Evans had submitted a proposal to the Town to maintain Reservoir Road, Boys Home Road, and Henderson Drive. He would do necessary grading, keep the ditches clear and in shape to drain, and mow the banks for \$4,500.00 per year. It would be a five year contract.

Pending giving Attorney Moore the opportunity to view the contract proposal,

Alderman Moore made the motion to accept **Mr. Evans' proposal**.

Alderman Barnett seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Attorney Moore asked the Board to give him a copy of the proposal.

Alderman Gentry said she had been approached by a citizen who lived outside of City Limits regarding her pool fill – up. She was requesting the Board allow her to finish filling up her pool without charging any additional rates. Her reasoning was she had already paid \$32.50 and needed more water to fill up her pool, and he had requested the fill up before the new rates had gone into effect.

The Board agreed she would be charged for any additional truck loads of water as the new policy states.

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