

Town of Hot Springs
Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting
October 7, 2019

Present:

Mayor Sidney Harrison
Alderman Jeanne Gentry
Alderman Vaughn Barnett
Tax Collector Clara Ramsey
Town Attorney Ron Moore
Clerk Nancy Thomas

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 and welcomed guests.

Mayor Harrison reminded everyone The League of Women Voters was having a Candidate Forum at the Welcome Center on Tuesday.

**Alderman Gentry made the motion to approve the minutes and financial statements.
Alderman Barnett seconded the motion.**

No Agenda

Public Comment

Jonathan Woods and the Board discussed the Solar Panel project to be located at the top of Andrews Avenue where Peerless Blowers is.

They discussed which permits were needed, and which fees to apply. Mr. Woods just wanted to ensure they were given the correct permit and charged the correct fee.

It was agreed they would discuss this with Attorney Moore after the meeting.

Ike Lassiter asked about putting the Town Meeting dates and minutes on the Towns Web Site.

Alderman Gentry said she maintained the web site in her spare time and including the minutes on the site when she had opportune time to update it. She told Mr. Lassiter she would be happy to pass the job onto someone willing and able if he had any suggestions. (Voluntary, no pay)

Police Chief David Shelton said there are some issues with the Public Parking Area. He said people were using the area as a camping site, going as far as making a fire pit. Some were staying for days. He said he couldn't force anyone to leave, as there is no signage in the area prohibiting it. Julie Hochwender confirmed she has seen many issues in the area. Some people were even setting up tents. There is an area out of the cameras view, and they seemed to realize that. They were also using power and water. She said she would be fencing in the area where Creekside Rooms are, which will be a deterrent.

Alderman Gentry said signage for the Parking Area had already been approved, and she suggested we get to work on wording for the signs and move forward getting them placed.

Town Business

Tax Collector Clara Ramsey said the tax bills have been mailed, after a delay due to the new software the County is using.

Alderman Gentry asked to schedule Mr. Marty Evans to maintain the gravel roads.

Mayor Harrison said the Forest Service property is ready for the Fire Department to begin moving into. She said the house in the compound was ready to be rented, as EMS seemingly didn't want it. He added it is great rental property, and the income would help pay for the purchase of the property.

Mayor Harrison said the panels from the Hot Springs Historical Exhibit would be here Wednesday, and they will be stored upstairs, wrapped in a canvas to keep them clean.

Mayor Harrison said there are still many leaks to be repaired, and fire hydrants to be changed over, and suggested fixing one each week, and keep a log.

Alderman Gentry made the motion to go into Closed Session.

Alderman Barnett seconded the motion. 7:20

Alderman Barnett made the motion to return to regular session.

Alderman Gentry seconded the motion.

Mayor Harrison said the Board discussed hiring a Maintenance Employee and setting up interviews. A letter will be sent to three applicants to be interviewed on October 29.

Alderman Gentry made the motion to adjourn.

Alderman Barnett seconded the motion.

Approved



Sidney Harrison

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Other