

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 5:00 pm (special time approved by the Board) in the Assembly Room of the Municipal Building.

The following members of the Governing Body were present:

Mayor: Danny Ritchie
Alderman: Terry Yount
Alderman: Dennis Anthony
Alderman: Matt Johnson
Alderman: Rick Cline

Others present:

Town Manager: Sherri Bradshaw
Town Clerk: Sherry Dula
Attorney: Rod Willcox

Mayor Ritchie opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes: The Council voted unanimously to approve the September minutes by a motion from Alderman Anthony, seconded by Alderman Yount.

Petitions and Communications – John Hipple and Ryan Cook were present regarding the property they own at 304 Mimosa Avenue. There is a house and garage located on the property. The house has been remodeled for use as a rental property. The garage is also being remodeled with the intentions of being used as a separate rental property. Mr. Cook stated that they were given a stop order on the garage remodel and he thought they had followed all the channels by getting their building permits. The stop order was given because the zoning does not allow two residential dwellings on one parcel. Ashley Kale, Planner has given Mr. Cook options available for the property owners but Mr. Cook is asking that since he has already paid his electric, water and sewer connections that the Town proceed with installing these connections. He stated they did not know they needed to contact zoning before proceeding with the remodeling of the garage. Mayor Ritchie stated that before any action could be taken by the Board, he would need to meet with the Planning and Zoning Board and present his case. Once they have heard the case and make their recommendations, it will come back to the Town Board for consideration. Mr. Cook stated that he would like to meet with the Planning and Zoning Board to request a variance. Mayor Ritchie asked Mr. Cook to contact either Manager Bradshaw or Ashley Kale to request a meeting with the Planning and Zoning Board.

Public Power Week Proclamation – Manager Bradshaw made the Council aware that October 6-12, 2019 is Public Power Week across the nation. She recommends a proclamation be approved emphasizing that public power is a valuable community asset and recognizing the excellent service our public power workers provide to our town. A motion was made by Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Anthony to approve the Public Power Week Proclamation and the vote was unanimous. A copy of the proclamation is attached as part of the minutes.

Zoning – Electronic Gaming Establishments – Ashley Kale, Planner was present to review the current zoning regulations for electronic gaming and the similarities and differences in our surrounding communities. Ashley has gathered ordinances from the surrounding towns and cities regarding electronic gaming for the Board to review. She stated that the town could do a text amendment to the ordinance to change the conditions of electronic gaming establishments. Mayor Ritchie asked if the town was allowed to implement an extra tax on the electronic gaming machines

in order to make it more difficult for them to operate. Ashley stated that she would look into the extra tax on the machines. Also, Mayor Ritchie asked the Board for approval to allow the attorney time to research taxing on gaming machines. Manager Bradshaw mentioned that she didn't think we could implement a tax outside town limits and Mayor Ritchie stated maybe we could present this to the County. Attorney Willcox agreed to research the taxing of gaming machines and also look into the comparisons with other town ordinances in order to see what can be included in our ordinance to make a stricter policy. The Board was in agreement to allow the attorney to proceed with the research on the above-mentioned electronic gaming issues. Mayor Ritchie thanked Ashley Kale for the information she gathered from the surrounding communities.

Departmental Reports – The Council reviewed the Financial, Police and Tax reports for the month of September, 2019. A copy of each report is attached as part of the minutes.

Attorney Report – Nothing to report at this time.

Recreation Department Report – Manager Bradshaw updated the Council on the recreation department. She stated volleyball games start Tuesday, October 1st and will be every Tuesday through October. Football games start Tuesday, October 8th and soccer games will be every Monday and Thursday. Alderman Anthony asked why we weren't approached by Lisa to buy new football jerseys and Manager Bradshaw stated they weren't included in this budget because we already had brand new jerseys for this year plus we had already spent a lot of money getting all new helmets and safety equipment for the players. Manager Bradshaw said the Coach had requested the new uniforms because he wanted their names on them which is not something we usually do because they are used for multiple years. Alderman Anthony would like for Lisa to be informed that anytime she may need something for recreation, she should bring it before the Board just in case the Board could consider funding it and Mayor Ritchie stated that if these needs were brought to the Board maybe one of the members may have connections to get it donated or even at a reduced price.

Miscellaneous –

- Next meeting will be November 5th at 6 pm
- Alderman Cline asked if any of the Board members had contacted Billy Rickles concerning any town clean up issues. He stated that Mr. Rickles had already accomplished a lot of the town clean up issues. Mr. Cline said he really wants to see the town cleaned up and he calls Mr. Rickles anytime he sees something that needs to be addressed.
- Manager Bradshaw let the Board know that we did not receive the PART F Grant submitted by the recreation department. She stated that we had not received the formal letter denying us the grant monies and letting us know what we can do to improve our grant application for next year.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Alderman Cline, seconded by Alderman Johnson to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:37 p.m. and the vote was unanimous.

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