

CAVE SPRING CITY COUNCIL
TOWN HALL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2017
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE Mayor Dennis Shoaf and Councilmembers Tom Lindsey, Joyce Mink, Nellie McCain, Charles Jackson, and Mike Ragland.

INVOCATION Councilmember Ragland led the invocation.

PLEDGE TO AMERICAN FLAG Loyd Watkins led the Pledge to the American Flag.

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TREY ROGERS Mr. Rogers, 750 Buttermilk Road, stated he has a problem with law enforcement not being present at crucial times during the day such as during drop-off and pick-up at school and also with the issue of all the citizens walking around town with mental health problems. He stated the town has turned into a place for the mentally ill. Mr. Ragland agreed he would like to see something done about the mental health issue. He also stated the city cannot replace the police department overnight. There were about eight officers when the chief left. Some had sympathy pains and left with him. They were not dismissed but left on their own accord. The council is working to get the department built back up.

WINSTON BOYD Mr. Boyd, 17 Craven Street, stated he is concerned about a 2 acre parcel next to his house that has not been mowed in three years. He asked if there were codes for this. This overgrown property is a fire and rodent hazard. The Mayor stated he would check on this.

DOUG BURRIER Mr. Burrier, 7 Alabama Street, asked if the council/police had a policy for background checks on citizens of the town. Would you be concerned that a public servant was doing this? There were phone calls made to people who surround his life. Someone in leadership does this and it is wrong. He stated if someone wants to know something about him, just question him. He does not appreciate someone looking into what he does. How many more people are being checked upon? Facebook is embarrassing enough.

MATTHEW OREBAUGH Mr. Orebaugh, 1855 Buttermilk Road, addressed the council. He stated he has a daughter at Cave Spring Day Care Center and wanted to know why the day care was so in debt and is the city bailing them out. He stated the enrollment is going down and employees are not staying due to low pay. He stated the community can help by cutting grass and helping with repairs. The street department is short on help because the pay is low. Why is it taking so long to build the police department back up? There is no patrol at the school during critical hours? Why can't the night shift patrolman work day shift? The Mayor stated most crime happens at night. Councilmember Jackson stated the city is making a commitment and investment in the day care center. The Mayor stated there are issues of uncollected child care fees. Councilmember Lindsey stated the city is making progress and the council wants to be a good steward of the parent's money. The day care will survive and generate money. Mr. Orebaugh stated the city can always ask the parents for help. He asked if the firm hired to help the day care is knowledgeable concerning day care policies. The Mayor stated the firm was hired to create a management plan, marketing plan, and financial plan.

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- ANGELA KERCE Ms. Kerce, 75 ½ Mill Street, addressed the council. She stated she did not start the face book page. Cave Spring is one of the safest places to live. She would like to see people stand up and do something for their neighbors. There is a national alliance for the mentally ill.
- JOSH CARR Mr. Carr, 1 Valley Road, addressed the council. He stated the property value of his house is being driven down due to the condition of neighbors' houses and yards. Yards are overgrown, rubbish is piled up, and other fire hazards are present in yards. This is creating a rodent problem. He asked if there were codes and how this could be resolved. The Mayor stated there are codes and he would look at the situation.
- LLOYD WATKINS Mr. Watkins policed in Cave Spring for 38 years. He wanted to pass along some information concerning compression brakes. The city has an ordinance on this and when word gets out that citations are being written for this the truckers will stop, but cases have to be made. He appreciates what the police department does.
- DIANNA HANEY Ms. Haney, 41 Cedartown Street, thanked the council for all their work. She volunteered to write down facts about programs so people can understand.
- JULIE PETTY Julie Petty, 41, Rome Road, stated she did not start the face book page. She thanked Interim Police Chief David Lloyd for his actions concerning the Primary Building and the department's patrolling of the town.
- REMINDER Citizens were reminded by the council to vote for the SPLOST to help repair the city's failing sewer system. A meeting will be held in Rome at the Fire Training Center, August 12 at 5:30, for citizens to attend. This will be on the ballot November 7.

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- APPROVAL OF MINUTES MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Minks seconded the motion. All voted yes.
- DAY CARE REPORT Kay Dostart, Day Care Director, reported average daily attendance of 24 with enrollment of 43.
- D.D.A. REPORT This report was presented in written form. Tara's Treasures has opened. Grand opening for J & J was held and Trout Unlimited held the Veterans' Fishing in the park July 22. After Hours Coffee Break was hosted by Linde Marie. The Motorcycle Rally was held July 28-29 with preliminary numbers approximately \$14,500. August 10 After Hours Coffee Break will be hosted by Antiques on the Square. Heritage Days, Car Show, Mushroom Festival, and AHHAS cardboard boat race will be held September 23.
- POLICE REPORT Citations issued for July totaled one. Warnings issued totaled six. Traffic and pedestrian stops totaled 22. Reports taken totaled eight.
- COURT REPORT New fines levied for July totaled \$110.00. A fine collected from a write-off totaled \$858.50. Totaled collected for the month of July was \$962.50.
- FIRE REPORT Responses inside the City of Cave Spring totaled 4 for July and responses in the county totaled 40. Percentage of calls in the city totaled 16.6% with the county totaling 83.4%.

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- BILLING REPORT This was provided to the council in written form by the billing clerk.
- CLERK'S REPORT Qualifying for Council Posts Three, Four, and Five will be Monday through Wednesday, August 21-23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Qualifying fee is \$45.00.
- ADJUSTMENTS MOTION: Councilmember McCain made the motion to approve the adjustments. Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion. All voted yes.
- APPROVAL OF
BILLS MOTION: Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve the bills. Councilmember McCain seconded the motion. All voted yes.
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- SELECTION OF
ENGINEERS FOR
CDBG GRANT MOTION: Councilmember Mink made the motion to contract with Turnipseed Engineers for the sewer system CDBG Grant for \$750,000. Councilmember Lindsey seconded the motion. All voted yes.
- ADJOURN The Mayor adjourned the meeting.

MAYOR

CLERK

DATE

