

CAVE SPRING CITY COUNCIL
CALLED MEETING/WORK SESSION
JANUARY 10, 2017
5:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE	Mayor Dennis Shoaf and Councilmembers Tom Lindsey, Michael Phillips, Nellie McCain, Charles Jackson, and Mike Ragland were present.
CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Shoaf called the meeting to order and welcomed the newly elected councilmembers. The officials had been sworn in by Judge Steve Burkhalter on January 9, 2017.
ADJUSTMENTS	The requested adjustments were discussed and this will be a regular agenda item.
DISCUSSION APPOINTMENTS 2017	Council appointments for 2017 were discussed. This will include attorney, auditor, engineer, fire chief, judge, and city clerk. This will be a regular meeting agenda item. Council suggested meeting with the auditor to obtain up-to-date information on city finances. This meeting will be scheduled and posted.
DISCUSSION MAYOR PRO-TEM	The Mayor suggested re-appointing Mike Ragland as Mayor Pro-tem. This will be a regular meeting agenda item.
DISCUSSION CHECK SIGNATURES	The council suggested adding newly appointed councilmember Nellie McCain to the list to sign checks. This will be a regular meeting agenda item.
DISCUSSION EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY DESIGNATIONS	This will be a regular meeting agenda item.
DISCUSSION QUALIFYING FEES	Qualifying fees for three council posts will be \$45 which is 3% of the salary paid in 2016. This will be a regular meeting agenda item.
DISCUSSION 2ND READING RETIRE- MENT ORDINANCE	This will be a regular meeting agenda item.
DISCUSSION POLICE DEPARTMENT	A discussion was held concerning the need of another full-time police officer. Chief Harbin had given the council the figure of \$14,000 more per year needed to hire another full-time officer. Since this was not budgeted, the short-fall would have to come out of savings. This will be a regular meeting agenda item.
DISCUSSION RECREATIONAL PROGRAM	Councilmember Lindsey reported to council that the list of approved grants has not been released.
POTENTIAL COUNCIL RETREAT	Councilmember Lindsey stated the council needed to have a “goal setting agenda” meeting. Various cities call this a “retreat”. This could be held in Cave Spring since several good facilities are available. For a fee the University of Georgia and the Chamber of Commerce offer facilitators. The month of March was suggested as a good time for this meeting. This will be on next month’s agenda.
MOTION TO ADD TO AGENDA	MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made the motion to add to the agenda animal ordinance. Councilmember Ragland seconded the motion. All voted yes.

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ANIMAL
ORDINANCE

Councilmember Lindsey stated Burt Brookes, who purchased the property on 411 that was recently annexed into the city by a request from Conner White, has expressed an interest in “ putting a few cows or horses on the property”. Currently no livestock is permitted within the city limits of Cave Spring without a special permit with Council approval. The Mayor designated Councilmember Jackson and Lindsey as a committee to research.

MOTION
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session to discuss real estate. Councilmember Ragland seconded the motion. All voted yes.

MOTION: Councilmember Phillips made a motion to come out of executive session. Councilmember Ragland seconded the motion. All voted yes.

No action was taken

MOTION TO ADD
TO AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Phillips made a motion to add to the agenda the agreement with Rome-Floyd County building inspection department. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Lindsey. All voted yes.

BUILDING
INPECTIONS

Councilmember Phillips stated he has not seen improvement since the council voted to use Rome-Floyd building inspection office for building permits and cleaning up the city. He reminded the council that they were to revisit this after the first of the year. He questioned should the city come up with their own plan so citizens do not have to go to Rome for a permit. Councilmember Ragland stated Cave Spring does not have the resources to hire a building inspector and due to the liability issue inspections need to take place. Mayor Shoaf stated he felt like the city is in better shape, but he will contact the inspector’s office.

ADJOURN

The Mayor adjourned the meeting.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

DATE