

CAVE SPRING CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 2017
6:00 P.M.

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

CALL TO ORDER The Mayor called the meeting to order

LETTER OF RESIGNATION The Mayor reported to the citizens that the council has received a letter of resignation from Councilmember Michael Phillips.

INVOCATION Reverend Tommy Hoxie led the invocation.

PLEDGE TO AMERICAN FLAG Donnie McCain led the Pledge to the American Flag.

CITIZEN COMMENTS **Linde Marie Wentz**, owner of Linde Marie's Steakhouse, addressed the council. She loves Cave Spring but is disheartened by activities in town. A year ago her business was robbed at gun point but she would not notify the local police although an officer requested information. Later the investigation was solved by outside enforcement. Recently her door was kicked in for robbery but she chose not to notify police. Now she has installed cameras. She supports the blue and realizes their jobs deserve a lot more money, but she views drug deals and prostitution daily while businesses are turned in for lack of building inspections.

Billy Wayne Abernathy, D.D.A. Board. Mr. Abernathy was very upset concerning the length of time it has taken for Rip Montgomery, Antiques on the Square, to obtain a building permit. A stop order was put on his work but has taken him three weeks to receive permission to continue. He feels Rome and Floyd County are not cooperating in the best interest of Cave Spring. He has spoken to the Mayor and is receiving no cooperation. He is very frustrated.

Tommy Brock, Tara's Treasures, addressed council stating he is not against the codes, but would like to see the inspections completed in-house and consideration taken for the age of the buildings.

Wayne Coursey, Alabama Street, addressed the council stating approximately four months ago he came to the council about some of his property being block by an individual and nothing has been done about this.

Karen Wetherington, representing Cave Spring United Methodist Church, addressed the council informing them of future classes/events sponsored by the church. These classes will be held in June, July, and August including topics of alternative energy or solar power, climate, wildlife, and water quality. Presenters include Chris White, Walter Reeves, Beth Bond, a Berry College Eagle Program representative, and CBRI. The public is welcome.

Nancy Fricks, 32 Love Street and Activities Committee member, thanked the council for allowing the committee to hold a car show in front of Fannin Hall. She also reminded the council of the fireworks in July and the donation from the city. She stated she loves the town and considers it a blessing to work with the citizens.

Doug Burrier, 7 Alabama Street, requested the city's help with the drug problem in Cave Spring. He has viewed drug deals happening in plain sight and the police driving by as they are taking place. He understands this is not a new problem. He can view this from his house and invited the police to his house to also view these transactions. He has spent five months listening to the citizens of Cave Spring and sees that nothing is being done to prevent the drug problem. He stated he would not have purchased the house on Alabama Street approximately 6 months ago if he had known of the situation. He again requested an officer come to his house to help with the drug crime.

ADD TO AGENDA MOTION: Councilmember Lindsey made the motion to add to the agenda the following: Vacancy Council Post 2, Purchase of bricks for Veteran's Plaza, Building Inspection Committee. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MOTION: Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve the past minutes. Councilmember McCain seconded the motion. All voted yes.

DAY CARE REPORT Director Kay Dostart gave the report. The average daily attendance was 29 with enrollment of 44. She stated her staff loves the children at the center and looks forward to seeing the day care thrive.

D.D.A. REPORT There was no report for the meeting but was received later. April activities included a Coffee Break, BaconFest, Ghost Tour, and Travel Writers. A STEM recycle boat race was sponsored by Cave Spring School and held at Rolater Park.

POLICE REPORT The Mayor read the police report. There were 60 dispatched calls, 7 citations and 11 warnings issued.

COURT REPORT Fines levied for the month of April totaled \$525 with total collections totaling \$455.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Cave Spring responses totaled 22.72% and Floyd County responses totaled 77.28%.

BILLING REPORT The billing report was presented in written form and kept on file in the billing office.

CLERK'S REPORT The next scheduled work session will take place June 13 with possible council interviews preceding the meeting.

ADJUSTMENTS MOTION:

APPROVAL OF BILLS MOTION: Councilmember McCain made the motion to approve the bills. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- WATER AWARD** The Mayor exhibited the Gold Award to the citizens and council that was received by the Georgia Association of Water Professionals.
- REQUISITIONS** **MOTION:** Councilmember Lindsey made the motion to approve the requisitions discussed at the work session. Councilmember McCain seconded the motion. Councilmember Lindsey, McCain, and Ragland voted yes. Councilmember Jackson abstained due to working with a vendor that was included in the requisitions.
- VACANCY ON COUNCIL POST 2** **MOTION:** Councilmember Lindsey made the motion to accept the resignation of Michael Phillips and to accept applications through letters of interest to fill the unexpired term for Post 2. Councilmember McCain seconded the motion. All voted yes.
- BRICKS FOR WWI VETERANS** **MOTION:** Councilmember Ragland made the motion to purchase two bricks at a total cost of \$100 to be engraved and installed at the Veterans' Plaza in memory of James Weems and George McGinnis, Cave Spring veterans of WWI who died in combat. Councilmember Ragland stated this is the 100th year anniversary. Councilmember McCain seconded the motion. All voted yes.
- BUILDING INSPECTION COMMITTEE** **MOTION:** Councilmember Lindsey made the motion to form a committee to research a method to conduct inspections in-house and not rescind building codes. Councilmember McCain seconded the motion. All voted yes. The mayor stated the request for volunteers for the committee will be posted on the website and social media. The committee will consist of two councilmembers and six to eight residents. Letters of interest will be taken.
- DAY CARE CONTRACT** **MOTION:** Councilmember Lindsey made the motion to enter into a contract with Doug Burrier, with the company Differently, at a cost of \$3,600 to provide services to the City of Cave Spring to improve the possibility of profitability for the day care center. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McCain. All voted yes. The Mayor thanked Mr. Burrier for donating the work for phase one of the contract.
- ADJOURN** The Mayor adjourned the meeting.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

DATE