

CAVE SPRING CITY COUNCIL
CALLED MEETING/WORK SESSION
MAY 9, 2017
4:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE	Mayor Dennis Shoaf and Councilmembers Tom Lindsey, Nellie McCain, Charles Jackson, and Mike Ragland were present. Councilmember Michael Phillips was absent.
CALL TO ORDER	The Mayor called the meeting to order.
RESIGNATION	The Mayor announced to the council that he had received an email from Councilmember Michael Phillips resigning from Council Post 2 citing a new career opportunity and family obligations.
VOTE TO ADD TO AGENDA COUNCIL VACANCY	MOTION: Councilmember Tom Lindsey made the motion to add to the agenda council vacancy. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. All voted yes.
DAY CARE PRESENTATION	Doug Burrier who resides at 7 Alabama Street and from the company “Differently” addressed the council. Mr. Burrier is a decision scientist and problem solver addressing problems through creative solutions. He has worked with companies and day care centers turning them around to be profitable. His company offers a four step approach to improving the possibility of profitability. Mr. Burrier offered his services to help the day care center. Step one has been donated by Mr. Burrier. This included initial analysis and defining the problem. Step 2 consists of determining options and designing a solution at a cost of \$3,600. He feels there is a 100% probability of financial and educational success. Councilmember Jackson stated the center is very important to the town and all the councilmembers would like to see it prosper. The council was open to this investment. This will be a regular meeting agenda item.
ADJUSTMENTS	Adjustments were discussed.
CITIZEN REQUEST WATER ADJUSTMENT	A discussion was held concerning a request from Bobby McCord involving a leak at his lake lot where he stated the city’s high pressure caused the break in the line. Mr. McCord will be contacted again and this request will be on the June agenda.
REQUISITIONS	Requisitions for the following were discussed: Chlorine, \$636.25, Fannin Hall cleaning of gutters \$275, Day Care repair to wall \$275.87, Bobcat tire \$444.88, Safety boots \$300, Cemetery repair \$400. This will be a regular meeting agenda item.
HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT	The Mayor tabled this item. Councilmember Lindsey stated an appointment is due in July.
BRIDGE-CRAVEN STREET	The foot bridge on Craven Street has been boarded up due to safety issues. Citizens have requested repair of the bridge. The estimated cost is \$3,600 for materials only. Boards have been cut off and citizens have been seen using the bridge. Council questioned if neighbors would be willing to donate money and time for this repair. Councilmember Jackson suggested a structural study be done on the bridge since the city will be taking responsibility that it is safe.
WATER AWARD	The City of Cave Spring has received a Gold Award from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals in recognition of complete and consistent SDWA permit compliance during the calendar year of 2016. The city also received 3 rd place for the best testing water in Georgia. This will be presented at the regular meeting.

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BUDGET COMMITTEE Due to the resignation of Michael Phillips from the council, Councilmember Tom Lindsey was appointed to the budget committee. Mr. Lindsey stated the committee is moving along with the FY 2017-2018 budget.

BUILDING INSPECTION COMMITTEE The Mayor stated he has been made aware that some citizens are unhappy with the turn-around time and favoritism for building inspections. A group of citizens would like inspections to be completed in-house and not by the Floyd County Building Inspection Department. The Mayor stated he did not want the city to be torn apart by inspections. The Mayor recommended forming a committee of six to ten citizens, two of which would be councilmembers, charging the committee to research a workable no-cost solution without rescinding the codes and report back to the council. Councilmember McCain stated her understanding is inspections are not handled in a timely fashion and a local inspector is needed. Credentials need to be reviewed for those interested in being an inspector. Councilmember Jackson stated dissension and turmoil can be a problem causing some people to be against it. Some will not build in Floyd County because of this. Tony Brock, Tara's Treasures, stated the buildings in Cave Spring are so old they cannot be brought up to code. Councilmember Ragland said he would not vote to rescind the codes. Citizen Doug Burrier stated codes are great and the council needs to care about the people. There are always grandfather clauses. He stated the town people are "turning in" each other for inspections while meth deals, prostitution and writing illegal prescriptions is happening all over town. Chris Sartin, Rome, Georgia, stated there are state minimal guidelines which is a happy medium providing reasonable safety. Charles Howell stated he had no problem with codes but with the implementation of the codes. He stated when this was first adopted the council agreed after a year it could separate from Floyd County and would look at obtaining a local inspector. This will be a regular meeting agenda item.

SEWER UPDATE The Mayor reported that to date a report has not been received nor figure given for the sewer upgrade. The engineers have been working on the plan.

COUNCIL VACANCY The Mayor stated that the council vacancy can be filled during the election in November or an appointment can be made. Councilmembers agreed the preference would be for them to make an appointment. This will be a regular meeting agenda item.

ADJOURN The Mayor adjourned the meeting

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

DATE