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Buffalo Academy - 1849

Town Council Meeting September 7, 2021

Meeting called to order by Mayor Cain at 7:00 P.M.

Terry Parsons, Doug Pierson, Leah Higginbotham, Chad Thaxton and Barbara Reed were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Barbara Reed made motion to approve the August minutes as read, Chad Thaxton seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Leah Higginbotham made motion to approve payments from August 1st to present date, Doug Pierson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Cain briefed Council on the Sewer Board Minutes.

Mayor Cain introduced George Atik, the owner of Sam Corp Development, who is building apartments. He also introduced Melissa Sargent, the County representative of the Putnam County Planning Commission, who handed Council a packet of information involving communications between Ms. Sargent and Mr. Atik along with the violation, elevation certificate Mr. Atik, has informed Council that he had contacted the planning commission twice and both times was told that he did not need a permit. He had started construction on the building without the permit (bringing the appraisal value up by over 50%, causing the whole building to be required for compliance) but is not able to get a permit with this project. One of the major obstacles is that the building is in the flood plain.

The Towns ordinance states that Mr. Atik needs to remedy his building to come in compliance with the ordinance before a permit can be approved. Melissa Sargent stated that Council needs to approve of the ordinance regarding the flood plain (holding standards set by FEMA), and the progression of moving this case forward to the prosecuting attorney office.

LH made motion to insure that the property complies with the floodplain ordinance and the matter be sent to the prosecuting office if necessary, Barbara Reed seconded, Barbara Reed, Leah Higginbotham, Doug Pierson, Terry Parsons voted for, chad Thaxton voted against.

Chief Will Jordan gave the Police Report.

Chief Jordan informed Council that Mr. Conley did clean up his property and that it is up to standards.

Mayor Cain introduced E. L. Robinson who informed Council regarding the DOH Sidewalk Grant (\$75,000). Mr. Robinson mentioned showed Council a plan of various trails, some of which would go along the railroad, up cross creek road, and out by the boat dock. The intension is to help show Council on how to get the most for their grant money regarding detail and designing. Right of way and easement issues will be part of the design and planning phase.

He mentioned that we have the grant for phase 1; he just needs to know our intensions for it so we can proceed to get grant money for the construction phases.

Leah Higginbotham made motion to sign the contract with E.L. Robinson to proceed with planning, Terry Parsons seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Cain opened the bids for the Chevy Impala.

Doug Pierson made motion to sell the vehicle to the highest bidder, \$1505.00 from Amy and Todd Raynes, and fall back on the next highest bid if necessary, Chad Thaxton seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Chad Thaxton made motion to accept the lowest bid of Larry's Tree Service to remove the trees on Dillard street, adjusting the budget in the future if necessary, Doug Pierson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Cain updated Council on the ARPA Grant and that we will receive up to 75% of the budget.

Mayor Cain mentioned to Council that they are still trying to get easements from 2 individuals to move forward with the Krystal Lane Project. Mayor Cain mentioned that he will meet up with both individuals this week to seek resolution.

Andrew Coulson gave the financial report.

Mayor Cain mentioned to Council that Franklin Realty is starting to release property across from Toyota.

Leah Higginbotham presented Council with several estimates for rubber mulch. She also mentioned that the broken glider swing is covered by a 5-year warranty.

Doug Pierson made motion to adjourn, Terry Parsons seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Attendance: Chief Will Jordan, Melissa Sargent, George Atik, Herman Jividen, David Conley, Dave Melton, Amanda Runion, Ronnie Harris.

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