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Buffalo Academy - 1849

Town Council Meeting
September 8, 2020

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Leah Higginbotham made motion to approve the August minutes as read, Doug Pierson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Reed made motion to approve payments from August 1st through present date, Leah Higginbotham seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Chief Will Jordan gave police report.

Deputy Bob Smith Presented Council with a request to proceed with drafting an ordinance to adopt the additions/ revisions to state traffic laws.

Leah Higginbotham made motion to proceed with drafting an ordinance, Barbara Reed seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Andrew Coulson informed Council that there a business in town that we need to have an audit done in order to ensure the returns are accurate and a true representation of the business being done in town.

Leah Higginbotham mentioned to Council to consider getting more Christmas lights.

Chad Thaxton made motion to buy Christmas lights, Terry Parsons seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Chad Thaxton mentioned to Council that he has been in contact with Toyota for quite a while. He mentioned they gave him a list of issues that currently keep them from annexing. That list included B&O Taxes, currently paying too much for sewer services (would need revised). Mr. Thaxton mentioned that limiting B&O Taxes to wholesale, retail, and manufacturing alone or revising our current B&O Tax Ordinance. He maintains that if we did away with the B&O Taxes and they came into town, we could get around \$120,000 a year just from Toyota alone. In

addition, using home rule and could also implement a user fee on each employee (roughly 2000) working at Toyota.

Mayor Cain mentioned to Council that the Town has exceeded the amount of toxic waste in the sewage due to the Toyota plant. This is going to increase the sewer company expenditure because the toxic waste will have to go to a different treatment facility. He is going to work with Toyota to see if they can treat it in house before sending to us to treat.

Mayor Cain mentioned to Council that the resolution was sent to the state and we are awaiting their response.

Mayor Cain mentioned that we have received a response from the federal government that our grant application has been accepted.

Doug Pierson made motion to adjourn, Chad Thaxton seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Attendance: Chief Will Jordan, Deputy Bob Smith, Christina Jumper, Amanda Runion, Ronnie Harris, Sharon Hedrick, Belford Jividen, Paula Reilly, Dave Melton.

Mayor

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