

Regular Meeting
January 5, 2006

Present were Mayor Martin, Councilmembers Callis, Damon, Fike, Learey and Sincell. Also present were Karen Wooddell, Betsey Whittlesey, Richard Haynes, Dan Hauger, Deputy Tim Sanders, Deputy John Dowden, Charles Plauger and Judy Paugh.

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motions are recorded.

Agenda Approval:

Motion by Councilman Sincell to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilman Learey. All approved.

Motion carried.

Public Hearing:

Ordinance 2006-01 - Town Park Ordinance Amendment

No Testimony

Motion by Councilman Learey to accept Ordinance 2006-01 - Town Park Ordinance Amendment. Seconded by Councilman Sincell. All approved. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2006-02 - Abandoned Vehicles Ordinance Amendment

No Testimony

Motion by Councilman Sincell to accept Ordinance 2006-02 - Abandoned Vehicles Ordinance Amendment. Seconded by Councilman Learey. All approved. Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Councilman Callis to approve the minutes for December 1, 2005, meeting. Seconded by Councilman Learey. All approved. Motion carried.

Financial Reports:

Motion by Councilman Damon to approve the financial reports for December 1, 2005. Seconded by Councilwoman Fike. All approved. Motion carried.

Budget Adjustments:

Motion by Council Learey to approved budget adjustments for January 5, 2006. Seconded by Councilman Damon. All approved. Motion carried.

Deputy's Report:

Deputy Sanders updated the Council on the patrol for the month of December 2005. Introduced Deputy Dowden, he will be taking over the patrol in Mountain Lake Park.

Code Enforcement Report:

Mayor Martin introduced Garrett County Municipal Code Enforcement Officer, Dan Hauger. Dan expressed to the Council that he was eager to get started on the cases for Code Enforcement in Mountain Lake Park and the other 7 towns in Garrett County.

Town Administrator's Report:

Richard Haynes updated the Council on several items that he has been working on.

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Resolution # 2006-01 -Resolution to appoint Daniel Hauger Code Enforcement Officer for the Garrett County Municipal Code Enforcement Program:

Motion by Councilman Learey to accept Resolution # 2006-01, Resolution to appoint Daniel Hauger Code Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Councilman Sincell. All approved. Motion carried.

Emergency Ordinance-Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Nonconforming Uses # 2006-01:

Motion by Councilman Learey to adopt Ordinance #2006-01 Zoning Ordinance Amendment for the change of one nonconforming use to another nonconforming use. Seconded by Councilman Callis. This proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance had been reviewed and approved at the regular meeting of the Planning Commission which was held on December 29, 2005. All approved. Motion carried.

Sewer and Garbage Fee Policy:

Due to recent inquiries by property owners requesting waivers of sewer and garbage fees, the Council considered the current policy, which is that the minimum sewer charge is a ready to serve charge and the garbage fee is a flat fee and both must be paid. The Council agreed to keep the current policy in place regarding sewer and garbage fees, noting that these charges must be paid on all properties, regardless of whether or not the owner has had the water meter removed or utility services are connected and active, so long as the property has an otherwise habitable dwelling.

Pleasant Valley Lawn Care:

Motion by Councilman Damon to extend the mowing contract with Pleasant Valley Lawn Care until October 15, 2006. Seconded by Councilman Sincell. All approved. Motion carried.

Adjourned:

Motion by Councilman Damon to adjourn the meeting of January 5, 2006. Seconded by Councilman Learey. All approved. Motion carried.

Adjourned @ 7:25 p.m.