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**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION**

Tuesday, February 6, 2024
6:00 PM
The Anchor

Mayor Chase Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Chase Moore, Carl Randall, Ramzi Malek
Sid Nelson, Sam Pearson, Bobby Rhoads

ABSENT: None

OTHER ATTENDEES: Alex Smith-Attorney
Chief Scott Kon
Tim Moore-Building Inspector
Mary Ann Allen-Town Clerk

1. Lisa Baker

Ms. Baker was not able to attend.

2. Discuss Blount County 911 Service Contract

The Public Safety Committee met and looked over the contract provided by 911, and they were concerned about the lack of definition that it provided. They felt that it was just a simple hold harmless agreement and not protective of the Town. The Committee pulled from several other organizations outside of Blount County and developed a contract that they feel gives great detail and is more protective of the Town. One of the main concerns was with the wording in the contract presented by 911 that read, "The Town agrees to indemnify and hold Harmless Blount County 911 and its agents, servants and employees from any liability it may incur in the performance of or its failure to perform the services outlined in this agreement."

The Committee was prepared to present the new contract to the Council tonight.

- 3. Lady Lakers request to use the Anchor Sunday, March 3, 2024**
The Lady Lakers want to host a craft class open to the community. The participants will make an Easter wreath. They will charge each participant just what it cost for the supplies.
The Lady Lakers purchased and donated a new vacuum for the Anchor. Mayor Moore thanked them for this donation.
- 4. Lady Lakers request to place a Lady Lakers' Memorial Plaque in the Anchor**
The Lady Lakers would like to place a plaque in the Anchor in memory of members that have passed away. Names can be added to the plaque as needed.
- 5. Need to fill 2-year term appointment on Lake Preservation Committee**
Jake Smith has expressed interest in continuing to be on the committee.
- 6. New office chair for clerk**
The one being used now is not good on the clerk's back.
- 7. Recommendation on Maintenance Hours**
Maintenance time sheets have been reviewed, and there is still concern about the number of hours being worked compared to the hours budgeted for this department. There was discussion about what the maintenance job description details and what is being done.
- 8. Other business items as determined by the Council**

March Meeting

It was recommended to change the March meeting from Tuesday, March 5, 2024, to Wednesday, March 6, 2024, due to the use of the Anchor for voting on Tuesday.

The Committees were asked if they had any items to discuss during the Work Session.

Lake Preservation Committee:

The Committee had a meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. Committee Chairman, Bill Rush went over the following items that were discussed:

1. Lights on the buoys – Chief Kon is ordering the lights and will notify the Committee when they come in.
2. Fish Tournament with local high school fishing teams – Possible liabilities to the Town, state limits, study done by the state biologist are just a few items that need to be looked in to further that were discussed.
3. Dredging Update – No decision has been made at this time but the Council is aware that this will need to be addressed in the near future.
4. Dam/Spillway – Work has been done on the back side of the dam and spillway to divert water from eroding the backside road.

5. There was discussion about securing the gate at the Dam by replacing the chain and lock.
6. Water vegetation was discussed and all are in agreement that this needs to be done to control the vegetation and not eradicate it. It was stated that the sprayer on the pontoon boat still works and that a decision needs to be made on the use of it. It was also discussed about allowing the residents to take care of the vegetation that affects them. The Council would like for the Lake Preservation Committee to develop a plan of what to do and not to do if residents are allowed to control the vegetation on their property.
7. The Public Safety Committee would like the Lake Preservation Committee's input in compiling a list of safety information to hand out when boat decals are purchased.
8. The Public Safety Committee would like the Lake Preservation Committee's thoughts on having a Slalom Course.

Public Safety Committee:

Chief Kon stated that he had talked with the Lady Lakers, and as soon as the Reading Series that they are hosting is over, the construction of the evidence locker will begin.

They have discussed information that they feel needs to be included in the packets to be handed out with the decals.

Chief Kon stated that the top priority is to make the lake safe.

They are also going to be coming up with a plan how to prepare for a natural disaster.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

Chase Moore – Mayor