

Town of Hot Springs
Board of Alderman
Regular Morning Meeting
Feb. 15, 2013

Present:

Mayor: Brian Reese
Alderman: Carolyn Ammons
Alderman: Johnny Lawson
Alderman: Vaughn Barnett
Clerk: Nancy Thomas

Mayor Reese called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Alderman Lawson made the motion to approve the minutes.
Alderman Ammons seconded the motion.

Sunny Riggs came to address the Board on the issue of the Community Dinner which is held at the Community Center on Thursdays. She brought letters written by Ann Harold, Elmer Hall, Christine Hepner, and Elizabeth Wenscott. (Attached) All were about how much they enjoyed the Community Dinner and they hoped it would continue. Ms. Riggs also talked about how there had only been one or two instances when there was an issue with garbage or other cleaning issues, and they stated they would be sure the building would be left clean. She asked the Board to try to attend one of the dinners. Ms. Riggs added they had requested assistance in paying for the building rental from the ATC; Mr. Tim Reid was the dinner coordinator; she stressed the dinner was good family time; and wrapped up her presentation by stressing they wanted this dinner to be an asset to the Town. Ms. Riggs presented the Clerk a check to pay building rental for the next three weeks.

The Board expressed that it was never their intention to stop anyone from having the Community Dinner. It was only agreed that the same fee (\$25.00 per usage) should apply to the Community Dinner as it applies to others renting the building. The Board also stressed that the building should always be left clean and the garbage taken out.

The TDA, according to Callie Wellendorf, agreed to assist the Town in paying expenses at the Welcome Center by sending a check in the amount of \$900., and asked that it be kept open in the Winter.

Alderman Ammons made the motion to keep the Welcome Center open year around, with the assistance of the TDA.

Alderman Lawson seconded the motion, adding they needed a coordinator to oversee volunteers manning the Center, and the fountain needed to remain off until the threat of freezing was over.

Alderman Ammons asked about helping the **Fire Department** with their share of the **Grant**.
Alderman Ammons made the motion to donate \$1000.00 to the Fire Department.
Alderman Lawson seconded the motion.

Alderman Ammons made the motion to approve Bill Becker as member of the Zoning/Planning Board.
Alderman Lawson seconded the motion.

Alderman Lawson discussed installing the second fire hydrant. Maintenance employee Larry Ricker stated water service will have to be disturbed on the entire street when the hydrants were installed. When they are equipped and ready to install a hydrant, they will try to inform everyone in the area.

The comment was made that the new hydrant installed in front of the Post Office looked very good. Alderman Lawson agreed they did a good job.

Alderman Barnett said the shale and dirt, with the exception of Mountain Heights, was done, as well as the Fire Department signage and light post has been replaced. He added they would be taking dirt to the cemetery, and street work where the bricks fell off the Iron Horse building is near completion. Alderman Barnett added the Towns Back Hoe is up and running. Mr. Ricker said the hydraulic function needed repair. The Board asked to check and see if the insurance policy would cover that.

As there was no other business,
Alderman Ammons made the motion to adjourn.
Alderman Lawson seconded the motion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 4, at 7:00 pm.