

Town of Hot Springs  
Board of Alderman  
Regular Meeting  
May 6, 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 7:00.  
Alderman Lawson made the motion to approve the minutes and financial statements.  
Alderman Ammons seconded the motion.

**Maintenance Employee Larry Ricker** told the Board **Lonesome Mountain Paving Company** was available to come to Hot Springs to pave designated areas, if the Board approved.  
Alderman Lawson made the motion to approve.  
Alderman Barnett seconded the motion.

Mr. Ricker told the Board that he needed four or five loads of **shale** to do jobs on the agenda. He also suggested obtaining more loads of shale to store in the lot on Hwy. 209, so they would have it when needed.  
Alderman Ammons made the motion to approve the purchase of the shale.  
Alderman Lawson seconded the motion.

Mr. Ricker then told the Board the Town needed at least 5 more **grates** (storm drains) in the Streets.  
Alderman Lawson made the motion to purchase the storm drains from Mr. Shelton.  
Alderman Ammons seconded the motion.

Also regarding Maintenance, Mr. Ricker informed the Board that the **Sewer Line on Park Avenue** and the **Franklin residence** needed replaced ASAP, and recommended hiring extra help for this and a few more jobs on the agenda.

Mayor Reese told the Board he was going to get flowers to put in the **flower boxes throughout Town**, numbering 13.

Fire Chief Josh Norton asked the Board when he could get the **check** they had approved, in the amount of \$1,400.00. This is the ½ of ½ the Department was responsible for when obtaining the grant they used to buy the air packs, bottles, and voice amplifiers.  
The Department also needs turn out gear, brush fire gear, and a new tank. This is what they are pursuing another grant for.  
Mayor Reese said he was trying to get help with a grant to replace **fire hydrants** throughout town also.

Alderman Lawson asked if repair kits could be purchased to rebuild the hydrants at a lower cost.  
Mr. Ricker said they didn't make kits for hydrants as old as the ones here.

**Mr. Norton and the Board** had further discussion regarding the **Department** business, such as non-profit status, fire tax, and charters.

**Cameron Green** asked the Board about the dirt already approved. He added once the dirt was delivered and spread, he could sow the grass and do the upkeep.

Mayor Reese said that they Board could hire someone to do that job, as well as the **Park Avenue** and **Stamey Drive** jobs, and use some of the Powell funds, as they are all jobs involving street repair.

Mr. Ricker added there was a need to replace pipe on **Henderson Drive** also.

**Alderman Lawson** asked the other Board members if they would meet again on Wednesday just to discuss the jobs mentioned, and get the work started as soon as possible.

Mayor Reese suggested asking former employee **Scott or Skip Ricker** if he would be interested in doing these jobs, as he was familiar with this kind of work

**Alderman Barnett** mentioned needing the **fire truck** sometimes to use the water pressure to blow out a sewer line.

**Fire Chief Norton** said he didn't have a problem with the Town using the old fire truck, but not the new one.

They discussed Hot Springs having a fire rating of 8, and they were striving to obtain a 6.

Alderman Barnett said having to call **Roto Rooter** was too expensive, and when the town needed the truck for the water pressure they should be able to use it.

Mr. Ricker said he was told he couldn't drive the fire truck, and they needed someone available to drive it when needed.

They discussed the reasons for the sewer lines being blocked, which included grease, rubber bands, needles, rags, and strands of mop heads. The Board agreed to try to discover where these items originated from, and alert those responsible.

Mayor Reese stated that the Town and the Fire Department needed to get along, and when such problems with the sewer system arose, that it was the ones responsible for flushing the items into the system that they should be angry at, and not each other.

**Mayor Reese asked for a motion to appoint an ABC Board.** There will be a meeting May 14<sup>th</sup>. at Sweet Imaginations, and it should be posted so the public could attend if interested.

Alderman Ammons made the motion to appoint

Kenny Ramsey

Sandy West

Brian Reese

For ABC Board.

Alderman Lawson seconded the motion.

**Laura Lee**, representing ABC will attend the meeting.

The Board discussed a cost of living adjustment for regular employees, which will be reflected in the proposed budget for FY 2013 / 2014.

As there was no other business,

Alderman Lawson made the motion to adjourn.

Alderman Ammons seconded the motion.

