

Town of Hot Spring
Board of
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 12, 2022

Present:

Mayor Abigail Norton
Jeanne Gentry
Vaughn Barnett
Jimmy Moore

Mayor Norton called the meeting to order at 6:04.

Mayor Norton asked to table the approval of December 2021 minutes; the minutes had some areas that needed to be verified. Mayor Norton asked for a motion to table the approval. Alderman Gentry made the motion. Alderman Barnett seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Norton handed out the revised Zoning Ordinance that has been updated with the 160D changes. They did away with conditional use and changed it to special use. Board not able to review to make a decision this evening. Alderman Gentry asked if a decision needed to be made this evening. Mayor advised if a decision was not made during the meeting, the zoning board would not be able to get to the cell tower application until next month.

Alderman Gentry has information from CN Paving. CNT went through the town to look at different street conditions. Serpentine, Meadow Lane, Bridge Street, Berry Wills Road, etc.... Alderman Gentry also mentioned putting speed bumps on Jackson; especially with spring coming. Alderman Moore suggested two speed bumps would probably be needed for Jackson.

Alderman Gentry indicated an amendment may need to be made to the budget to do all the urgent projects at one time. She will get all the figures together. The Board will ask CNT to come back and do a proposal on the urgent projects.

The street repair project was tabled until they have been able to take a closer look at the budget.

Alderman Gentry noted the fence at Silvermine needs to be addressed, again. Every time the river floods, the fence needs to be repaired or replaced. There was discussion of bringing the fence in, closer to the unit, may help, some, in the flooding damage. Alderman Gentry suggested having the engineer look at the situation. There was also a suggestion of placing large rocks or concrete barriers around the unit to help divert the flooding water from damaging the station's fencing.

Alderman Barnett asked if Maintenance had figured anything out about the Octagon House's water. Greg Hicks, City Maintenance Manager, said the water line goes under the highway;

they can't dig across the highway. Mr. Hicks said the Octagon House has 80# of water pressure. The meter to Mr. Moore's place has never been found. Alderman Barnett said with 80# of water pressure, from the street to the meter, there didn't seem to be an issue. It is his opinion that the problem is, more than likely, at the house.

There was mention made that a prior Maintenance worker had indicated he could never find the meter for the Chalet. Mr. Hicks said he felt the line is probably plastic as they could never detect the Chalet's line with a metal detector.

Mayor Norton shared the comprehensive plan survey with the Board. Desire is to have each Town resident complete the survey and return to our office. The survey is also on the website; Town residents can also complete the survey on-line.

7:38pm Mayor Norton asked for a motion to move into a closed session. Alderman Gentry made the motion; Alderman Barnett seconded the motion. All were in favor.

8:10pm Mayor Norton asked for a motion to return from the closed session. Alderman Gentry made the motion to return; Alderman Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Norton as the Board for a motion to accept James & James and Jeremy Trentham as Water and Wastewater operators since Randy Joseph will be retiring at the end of the week. Alderman Gentry made a motion to approve; Alderman Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

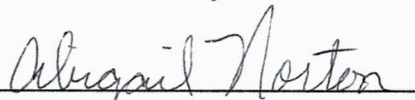
Laura Holloway, Tax Collector asked permission to release 7 accounts in the amount of \$379.71. The balances are due to personal property and the people have moved out of town. Alderman Gentry made a motion to approve; Mayor Norton seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Ms. Holloway told the Board that a property owner of the town had been on a payment plan, to pay outstanding taxes. She said the property owner had faithfully paid their outstanding bill. Ms. Holloway asked the Board if the property owner could, again, make 9 monthly payments to pay off her 2021 taxes. Alderman Gentry told the board the property owner also understood interest will continue to accrue until the taxes have been paid, in full. Alderman Gentry made a motion to approve; Alderman Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

As there was no other business, Alderman Gentry made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Alderman Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approved yes

Date 2-7-2022


Mayor Abigail Norton

Other _____