

Minutes for the Meeting

February 17, 2014

5:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Old Fort Board of Alderman was held in the board room of the Old Fort Town Hall on February 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Governing Board Members present: Mayor Rick Hensley, Alderman Charlie Pyles, Norman Logan, Greg Piercy, Melvin Lytle Jr., and Wayne Stafford.

Staff Members present: Renee' Taylor (Finance Officer/Town Clerk)

Visitors: Harry Carroll, Marsha Tolbert, David Hart, Tonia Hampton, Carol Avery with Lowdermilk Church, Rick and Debbie Acrivos, David Matos, Keith Hall

Meeting was opened by: Mayor Rick Hensley

Prayer: Opening prayer was led by Alderman Norman Logan

Pledge of Allegiance: Alderman Charlie Pyles led the pledge of allegiance.

Approve the Minutes:

Alderman Melvin Lytle made the motion approve the minutes. Alderman Charlie Pyles seconded this motion, and was approved in a 5-0 vote.

Approve the Invoices:

Alderman Wayne Stafford made the motion to approve the invoices. Alderman Norman Logan seconded this motion, and was approved in a 5-0 vote.

Public Comments:

Marsha Tolbert addressed the Board about burning brush on her property. Alderman Melvin Lytle let her know that it is a State Statute that if a Town supplies a service to pick up brush then residents can not burn inside city limits.

David Hart present the Town a plaque from Chapter 124 of the Vietnam Veterans in appreciation for their support to our Veterans and Operation Old Flag. He also gave Chief Melvin Lytle a picture of him leading the procession of the ceremony. Alderman made a motion in support of the Vietnam Veterans. Alderman Wayne Stafford seconded this motion and was approved in a 5-0 vote.

Keith Hall addressed the board with a proposal of replacing the roofs at the Police Department, Town Hall and the old EMS building. They will be removing old existing roof and put new trusses and install tin roof. This does not include replacing any rotten boards.

Police Department \$29,000

Town Hall \$24,000

Old EMS \$31,000

He did not give a price for the old maintenance shop. One year warranty for workmanship with a 40 year warranty on metal.

Old Business:

Mayor Rick Hensley told Marsha Tolbert he had met with DOT about the problem with trucks turning into the Family Dollar store going thru her driveway. DOT has cleaned out the ditch and asked Family Dollar to close the side entrance and they would not agree to doing that. Mayor Hensley is going to meet with David Faw in discussing making some changes to driveway since his the owner of property.

Mayor Rick Hensley also told Marsha Tolbert and David Hart for them to check with the Building inspector to make sure that they can build on back piece of property before the Town starts figuring the cost to move water line to the Senior Citizens Building.

Mayor Rick Hensley informed the board that he had spoken to Chuck Abernathy about making some changes to the dog ordinance that the Town adopted of McDowell County. Chuck said the Town had the right to make any changes to meet the Town's needs. Mayor Rick Hensley said he was looking into other ordinance of McDowell County that would benefit the Town.

Christmas Lighting committee is going to be holding a fund raiser on March 21 at the Old Fort Depot of a poor man's supper. All proceeds will be divided between the cost of Christmas lights and Fireworks. They are asking for any volunteers and any donations to help fund this cause.

New Business:

Carol Avery with Lowdermilk Church Auditing firm presented the board with the audit report of 2012-2013.

Alderman Melvin Lytle made the motion to approve the contract with Lowdermilk Church for the next years audit. Alderman Wayne Stafford seconded this motion, and was approved in a 5-0 vote.

Alderman Wayne Stafford said he would like for the retirement party for Terrell Finely who is retiring from the Gateway Museum to be waved for February 28, 2014.

Alderman Wayne Stafford made a motion to acknowledge the Vietnam Veterans with a proclamation of the Towns support at the next meeting. Alderman Melvin Lytle seconded this motion and was approved in a 5-0 vote.

Alderman Melvin Lytle let the board know that the van used to transport the inmates to and from the prison is not repairable. He is asking what does the board want to do with the van scrape it or sell it? Mayor Rick Hensley is going to check with the Sheriff and DOT to see if they have a van that they may have for sale.

Alderman Charlie Pyles made the motion for the Arts Mart to start paying for renting the Depot on the Saturdays they use the building. Alderman Melvin Lytle seconded this motion and was approved in a 4-1 vote. Alderman Wayne Stafford apposed the motion.

Alderman Norman Logan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Charlie Pyles seconded this motion and was approved in a 5-0 vote at 7:00pm.

Adopted this day _____.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk/Finance Officer