

Minutes for the Meeting

January 16, 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 January 16, 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, Wayne Roland, Kristen Thien

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 Wayne Stafford 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 Charlie Pyles seconded this motion, and was approved in a 5-0 vote.

Public Comments:

Marsha Tolbert who lives at 907 East Main Street addressed the board about a problem with trucks turning into the Family Dollar tearing up the road at Faw Drive. She also asked the board to look into moving the water and sewer that goes across her property to the Senior Center. Mayor Rick Hensley told her they would come down to her house and see what the Town or DOT could do to solve these problems.

David Hart addressed the board as a member of the Vietnam Veterans organization. Their organization wants to know the dates of the events that the Town has each year so they can participate and help promote the events.

Wayne Roland addressed the board of some properties that need to clean up to help the looks of the Town.

Alderman Melvin Lytle made the motion to look at the current ordinance pertaining to vacant and unmaintained property. Alderman Greg Piercy seconded this motion, and was approved in 5-0 vote.

Kristen Thien addressed the board in wanting to know how the Town plans on handling informing people when the water tower on Westerman Street over flows. She is concerned if the Town plans on putting in some pipe to help route the water away from the residences.

Alderman Wayne Stafford made the motion for the Town to make a standard protocol for when the water tower over flows. Alderman Greg Piercy seconded this motion, and was approved in a 5-0 vote.

Old Business:

Alderman Melvin Lytle made the motion to make Renee' Taylor tax collector. Alderman Wayne Stafford seconded this motion, and was approved in a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Rick Hensley informed the board he was working on getting the companies that proposed a bid for installing the water valves to give longer warranties on the valves before they make a decision on which company to go with.

Mayor Rick Hensley informed the board that the Chamber of Commerce had gotten good response from people who want to help with the cost of the firework.

Mayor Rick Hensley informed the board he has not received any bids on replacing the roof on the Rockett building and the Police department. He asked all the alderman if they know anyone that might be interested in the job let him know he would be glad to call them.

Mayor Rick Hensley asked for an update on the Christmas Lighting Committee. The Old Fort Christmas Lighting Committee will be having a meeting on February 6 at 5:30 at Town Hall. This is for anyone that would like to help or has any ideas for making our decorations look better. If anyone has any questions on the meeting they can contact Town Hall.

New Business:

Alderman Melvin Lytle made a motion for the board to look over the McDowell County Animal Ordinance that was adopted by the Town. We need to consider if the Town is going to following the same steps of enforcement for animals running at large. Alderman Greg Piercy seconded this motion, and was approved in a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Rick Hensley asked the board if they all would look at the current Noise Ordinance and have some ideas of how it could be changed to include other noises other than loud cars.

Alderman Melvin Lytle made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Norman Logan seconded this motion, and was approved in a 5-0 vote at 6:57 p.m.

Adopted this day _____.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk/Finance Officer