

TOWN OF PELZER



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MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING

March 10, 2020

COUNCIL PRESENT – MIKE MATHEWS, EDDIE WAITS, WILL RAGLAND

STAFF PRESENT – TOWN OF PELZER CLERK – CHERYL BOUDREAU, TOWN MAINTENANCE – MARK VICKERY, & TOWN ATTORNEY RICHARD THOMPSON

STAN WELCH - WILLIAMSTON JOURNAL

CALL TO ORDER –7:01 PM – WILL RAGLAND

INVOCATION/PRAYER –MIKE MATHEWS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- BRAD WEST ADDRESSED MAYOR, COUNCIL & RESIDENTS ABOUT HIS CONTRACT AS OPERATOR OF RECORD WITH PELZER/WEST PELZER AND THAT WE ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH DHEC, DUE TO SOMEONE REPORTED TO DHEC THAT WE WERE NOT IN COMPLIANCE, HE WANTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT BOTH TOWNS ARE IN COMPLIANCE. THAT HE IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE.
- BILL DAVIS GAVE UPDATE ON REC DEPT. HE STILL HAS 2 NIGHTS OF ADULT BASKETBALL; HE IS CLOSE TO TRAVEL BALL TEAMS COMING BACK TO PRACTICE IN PELZER. STATED THAT HE MET WITH MR BINNICKER OF AC SCHOOLS, ALONG WITH WILL RAGLAND TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITIES OF RE-PURPOSING ITEMS FROM WREN AND PMS FOR THE PELZER GYM.
- SHARON REID ADDRESSED WILL RAGLAND AS TO WHO HE SPOKE WITH IN ANDERSON COUNTY REGARDING THE PROPERTY THEY SPOKE OF.
- DONNA SHIRLEY-SMITH ADVISED MAYOR, COUNCIL & RESIDENTS THAT JAIME GOT HIS LICENSE FOR THE FIREWORKS CELEBRATION ON JULY 4, 2020, SO NOW WE COULD MOVE FORWARD. STATED THAT WE SHOULD HAVE AN DEPUTY AT ALL COMMUNITY MEETINGS, WILL RAGLAND STATED THAT IT WAS REQUESTED AND THAT HE IS HERE BUT ON A CALL AND WILL BE HERE AS SOON AS HE IS ABLE TO.
- OLENE BEAR STATED THAT WE NEED TO CONSIDER THE NEEDS HERE WITHIN OUR OWN TOWN BEFORE WE GO GIVING MONEY TO OTHERS, SHE SAID THAT THE BATHROOMS AT THE MONKEY PARK NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AND SHE HAS TRIED FOR 2 YEARS AND IT HASN'T BEEN DONE.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MIKE MATHEWS MADE MOTION TO APPROVE, WILL RAGLAND 2ND THE MOTION ALL IN FAVOR.

CLERK REPORT

MAINTENANCE REPORT –

- ADVISED COUNCIL/RESIDENTS THAT IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY THERE WERE 54 WORK ORDERS.
- CHANGED OUT METERS FOR FEBRUARY THERE WERE 5
- YEAR TO DATE CHANGE OUTS 11 METERS
- MAINTENANCE DEPT IS DOWN TO 1 METER FOR REPLACEMENTS, THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO ORDER 6-12 METERS TO HAVE ON HAND FOR REPLACEMENTS.
- ACSO – MADE 5 ARREST WITHIN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY ALSO PUT A FEW PEOPLE ON TRESPASS NOTICE.
- AS REQUESTED BY MAYOR PRO-TEMP & COUNCIL THERE WILL BE A DEPUTY AT ALL COUNCIL MTGS.

PRESENTATION – JASON MCCAULEY, PRINCIPAL OF PMS

PRESENTATION – DREW JOHNSON, PALMETTO SOCCER CLUB

NEW BUSINESS –

PMS – REQUEST FOR \$500.00 (HOSPITALITY FUNDS) FOR THEIR EVENT ON MAY 29TH, 5:00 – 10:00. WILL RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO ASSIST BY GIVING THEM \$500.00 FOR THIS EVENT, MIKE MATHEWS 2ND THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR

PALMETTO SOCCER CLUB – PRESENTATION WAS TO LEASE THE PELZER BALLFIELDS FOR THEIR SOCCER CLUB, WITH THE AGREEMENT THAT THEY WILL MAINTAIN BOTH BALLFIELDS YEAR ROUND, REPAIR THE CONCESSION STAND AT THEIR EXPENSE,

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REIMBURSE THE TOWN FOR THE POWER USED, AND ARE NOT ASKING FOR ANY FUNDS FROM THE TOWN AT ALL. THEY ARE A 501C3, THEY ALL VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME, WOULD LIKE TO START WITH A SHORT-TERM LEASE OF 18 MONTHS, AND IF IT IS AN ASSET TO BOTH PARTIES WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND LEASE FOR A LONGER TIME. MIKE MATHEWS ONLY CONCERN WITH THIS AGREEMENT IS THAT THE TOWN CAN USE THE FIELDS WHEN THEY HAVE AN EVENT THAT THEY NEED TO USE IT. WILL RAGLAND MADE A MOTION TO CREATE A LEASE WITH THE PALMETTO SOCCER CLUB, MIKE MATHEWS 2ND THE MOTION, EDDIE WAITS OPPOSED.

LEASING – 100 COURTNEY ST BUILDING – WILL RAGLAND BROUGHT TO COUNCIL THAT NICOLE HIGGINS PHOTO STUDIO WOULD LIKE TO LEASE THIS BUILDING FOR HER STUDIO. WILL RAGLAND STATED THAT THE FEE HARRY MARCHANT WAS CHARGING WAS \$450.00, AND HE THOUGHT THAT WAS A FAIR PRICE AND WAS INTERESTED IN PURSING THIS LEASE FOR THE \$450.00/MONTH. MIKE MATHEWS PROPOSED \$250.00/MONTH, EDDIE WAITS AGREED WITH MIKE MATHEWS AND ALSO PROPOSED A 3 YEAR LEASE. MIKE MATHEWS MADE MOTION TO LEASE BUILDING FOR \$250.00/MONTH, YEAR CONTRACT, EDDIE WAITS 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.

TOWN STREET LIGHT UPGRADE – WILL RAGLAND HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DUKE TO UPGRADE THE 124 STREET LIGHTS WITHIN THE TOWN TO LED. THE COST IS \$496.00, THEY WILL BE PUTTING 6' BRACKETS ON SMYTHE, COURTNEY AND LEBBY STREETS TO GET BETTER LIGHTING ON THE LARGER STREETS. WILL RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO UPGRADE THE LIGHTS, EDDIE WAITS 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.

BIDS – WATER FOUNTAIN/NEW LIGHTING IN THE GYM – MIKE MATHEWS STATED THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO TAKE BIDS ON NEW FOUNTAIN, WILL RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO TAKE BIDS ON THE LIGHTING FOR THE GYM, MIKE MATHEWS 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS –

UPDATES ON SALE OF CELL TOWER – WILL RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO MOVE THIS ITEM TO AFTER THE EXECUTIVE SESSION, EDDIE WAITS 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.

REQUEST BY COUNCIL – MIKE MATHEWS STATED THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO BID OUT FOUNTAINS FOR THE GYM. BRAD WEST ADVISED THAT THEY SHOULD LOOK INTO THE WATER LINES, AND PROBABLY NEED TO INSTALL NEW LINES IN FOR THE FOUNTAIN BECAUSE THEY ORIGINALLY REMOVED THE FOUNTAIN BECAUSE THE LINES WERE RUSTY SO THEREFORE THE WATER WAS ALSO RUSTY. EDDIE WAITS ASKED IF IT WOULD BE BEST TO PUT THE NEW FOUNTAIN BETWEEN THE LADIES/MEN'S RESTROOMS, BRAD WEST ANSWERED THAT WOULD BE A GOOD PLACE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – GET LEGAL ADVICE FOR THE SALE OF THE CELL TOWER. EDDIE WAITS MADE MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, MIKE MATHEWS 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR. COUNCIL & MAYOR WILL PROCEED WITH A SURVEY OF PROPERTY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SALE OF THE TOWER.

ADJOURN – MIKE MATHEWS MADE MOTION @8:12 PM, EDDIE WAITS 2ND , ALL IN FAVOR.