

TOWN OF PELZER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

MAY 11, 2021

COUNCIL PRESENT – WILL RAGLAND, MIKE MATHEWS, EDDIE WAITS, SKIP GOLDSMITH, ALISHA TUTTLE

STAFF PRESENT – TOWN OF PELZER CLERK – CHERYL BOUDREAU -MARK VICKERY – MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

TOWN ATTORNEY – RICHARD THOMPSON

PRESS – STAN WELCH

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MAYOR RAGLAND

INVOCATION/PRAYER – MIKE MATHEWS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS

LINDA FORD – ADDRESSED THE EMERGENCY SIREN AGAIN THAT SHE HAS ASKED ABOUT SEVERAL TIMES AND HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION, SHE SAID THAT ANDERSON COUNTY DOES THE OPERATING OF IT. EXPRESSED HER CONCERN WITH OUR BUILDINGS (COMMUNITY BUILDING & HOSPITAL), THAT THEY ARE NOT RENOVATED AND HAS HEARD NOTHING ABOUT THE RENOVATION OF THEM, CONCERNED THAT THE MONEY THE TOWN RECEIVES FROM THE SALE OF THE CELL TOWER WILL BE SPENT AND OUR BUILDINGS WILL STILL NOT BE REPAIRED. CONCERNED WITH ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TONIGHT (321 SC 20 & 4 BLYTHE), THAT OWNERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO WHAT THEY WANT TO DO WITH THEIR PROPERTY DO TO WE DO NOT HAVE LAND USE OR ZONING AND THE FACT THAT 4 BLYTHE IS OWNED BY MOSES HOLLAND LLC, WHICH IS LEE COLE, WHO IS ALSO A PRESIDENT OF MILL TOWN PLAYERS, FRIEND OF MAYOR RAGLAND. “SOMETHING SOUNDS FISHY TO ME”,

DONNA IDE – ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF CITIZENS COMMENTS AND THAT THEY NEVER RECEIVE ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS, TOOK A POLL OF RESIDENTS AND THEN WANTED TO POLL THE COUNCIL AND MAYOR RAGLAND TOLD HER WE ARE NOT DOING THAT, THIS IS HER TIME TO MAKE A COMMENT.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MIKE MATHEWS MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 13TH COUNCIL MEETING, EDDIE WAITS 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.

CLERK’S REPORT

A. CHERYL BOUDREAU ADVISED THAT THERE WERE 56 WORK ORDERS DONE IN APRIL – 19 WERE MISCELLANEOUS, 21 WERE TO CONNECT SERVICE AND 16 WERE TO DISCONNECT. ADVISED MAYOR, COUNCIL AND RESIDENTS THAT WE HAVE BEEN HAVING ISSUES WITH OUR WATER TANK, A GAUGE GOT STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND WE THOUGHT EVERYTHING WAS WORKING FINE BUT NOW THERE IS A POWER SOURCE SWITCH MARK HAS ONE ORDERED AND IT IS ON ITS WAY, BUT UNTIL WE GET THIS AND GET IT INSTALLED WE NEED FOR EVERYONE TO BE PATIENT WITH US AS WE ARE HAVING TO GO EVERY 2 HOURS AND MANUALLY OPERATING THE TANK, SO EVERYONE IN TOWN CAN HAVE WATER.

POLICE COVERAGE – 97 TRAFFIC STOPS – 88 CONTACTS – 42 CALLS FOR SERVICE AND 14 ARREST FOR MONTH OF APRIL.

B. GREENE FINNEY – FEBRUARY AND MARCH REPORTS WERE PROVIDED.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. ACQUISITION OF 321 SC 20, PELZER – MAYOR EXPLAINED THAT THIS IS CONTINGENT OF THE FINAL STAGES OF CELL TOWER, HAD ATTORNEY THOMPSON GIVE AN UPDATE ON WHERE WE ARE WITH THAT. MAYOR RAGLAND ALSO ADVISED THAT THERE IS A SIGNED PETITION FROM MANY OF THE RESIDENTS THAT LIVE AROUND THAT PROPERTY, HE ALSO HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL COMPLAINTS FROM VARIOUS RESIDENTS ASKING FOR MAYOR TO HELP STOP THE TIRE SHOP FROM GOING ON THAT PROPERTY. HE SAID THIS IS A RESIDENTIAL AREA AND WE DO NOT NEED A TIRE SHOP THERE, WE DEFINITELY WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES JUST NOT WITHIN OUR RESIDENTIAL AREAS. WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON FORMING A PLANNING COMMISSION TO HAVE GUIDANCE WITH ALL THE NEW GROWTH THAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN. MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ACQUIRING THIS PROPERTY, SKIP GOLDSMITH 2ND THE MOTION, ALISHA TUTTLE VOTED IN FAVOR. MIKE MATHEWS AND EDDIE WAITS OPPOSED.

B. 4 BLYTHE ST – MAYOR RAGLAND EXPLAINED THAT YES, THIS PROPERTY IS OWNED BY MOSES HOLLAND, LLC. AND YES IT IS LEE COLE, AND THAT HE IS THE PRESIDENT OF MILL TOWN PLAYERS, AND THEY ARE FRIENDS BUT WITH THAT ALL SAID THIS IS ALSO A VACANT PROPERTY THAT WE RECEIVE COMPLAINTS ON EVERY YEAR WITH THE OVERGROWTH OF KUDZU, AND IT 26.5 ACRES WOULD MAKE A PERFECT POCKET PARK FOR THE RESIDENTS IN THAT AREA. HE SPOKE WITH LEE COLE AND HE WOULD SELL IT TO THE TOWN FOR

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\$3,500.00, BECAUSE IT WILL BE USED FOR PUBLIC USE. MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO PURCHASE THIS PROPERTY, SKIP GOLDSMITH 2ND THE MOTION, ALISHA TUTTLE VOTED IN FAVOR. MIKE MATHEWS AND EDDIE WAITS OPPOSED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

REQUEST BY COUNCIL

MIKE MATHEWS MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, ALISHA TUTTLE 2ND THE MOTION WITH ALL IN FAVOR.