

Town Council Actions September 22, 2020

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- 1) Approved subdivision of lots request for Moccasin Investments, LLC located at Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue identified by Tax Map numbers: 102A4-(1)-10-5, and 6.
- 2) Town Manager mentioned the utility billing system is obsolete and the golf carts need to be replaced. Council authorized the purchase of a new utility billing system in the amount of \$243,635. This is for the hardware, software, training, setup, support, and installation of the retrofit meters and meter replacements. Golf carts will no longer be needed for this new system and it will cut time as well. Transfer funds from Utility CIA Checking Account into the Utility Fund Checking Account.
- 3) Discussed 4 Electronic/Solar Signs to be placed at Town entrances. These signs can be used for COVID-19 messages, Radar to show speed vehicle is traveling and will be 100% **reimbursed** by the CARES ACT. Council authorized the purchase of these 4 Electronic/Solar Signs in the amount of \$59,000 with money being transferred from General CIA Checking Account into the General Fund Checking Account.
- 4) Council discussed needing to obtain another well due to increase of new houses and in case small industry would come into Town. Council authorized payment to Burner Well Drilling in the amount of \$22,450 to drill deeper and install more casing in the Well which was started in 1977 and never completed. Council authorize the payment from the Capital/Outlay Water & Sewer Equipment budgeted line item.
- 5) Council authorized Hensil M. Good Asphalt Paving Inc. to patch roads/streets in Town at a total cost of\$ 15,500 to be paid from the Capital/Outlay Street Improvement budgeted line item.
- 6) Chief Davis thanked Councilman Lowe for help with a situation that happened last week. Chief Davis also thanked Councilman Pierce and Christ United Methodist Church for their assistance on the same situation.
- 7) Town Manager Roudabush informed the Council the tax sale held on September 9th; the Town will collect \$18,013.59 in delinquent real estate taxes when all the properties are closed on by the new owners.
- 8) Councilman Jenkins stated the bank on First Street has weeds. Town Manager Roudabush stated the Town Crew had to remove everything from the triangle since it was a safety hazard because drivers could not see to pull out.
- 9) Councilman Pierce mentioned the Personnel Committee held interviews last week for Town Clerk. Council voted to hire Lora Jenkins as Town Clerk starting October 13th, 2020 with a starting salary of \$25,000 plus full benefits.
- 10) Town Manager Roudabush mentioned Friday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m. there will be Music in the Park at Big Gem with Mountain High Rise performing. October 2nd will be the last Cruz In of 2020 on First Street starting at 6:00 p.m. October 24th & 25th is

Christmas in the Park at Big Gem Park from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. This 2-day event will have live music, arts and craft vendors come on by and get a head start on your shopping. October 31st – Halloween trick or treating – see VDH and/or CDC suggested guidelines.