

Regular Monthly Meeting
September 2, 2004

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Thursday, September 2, 2004 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Aldermen Burrell, Shelton, Cannon, Green and Mayor Higdon.

Motion made by Cannon second by Burrell to approve previous minutes. All present voted yes.

Motion made by Cannon second by Shelton to approve PharmChem as the testing lab as Testnet on longer does drug testing. All present voted yes.

Reports were submitted by the Fire, Street, Library and Police Departments.

Motion made by Shelton second by Cannon to approve a fireworks show as part of the fall festival on Saturday, October 2, 2004. All present voted yes.

Motion made by Shelton second by Cannon to approve 3 city employees working on Saturday October 1st to assist with the fall festival. All present voted yes.

Motion made by Cannon second by Green to approve purchasing a city court docket book. All present voted yes.

Motion made by Cannon second by Green to approve purchasing a plain paper fax machine for the office. All present voted yes.

Motion made by Shelton second by Cannon to approve the police department purchasing patches. All present voted yes.

Motion made by Cannon second by Shelton to approve the police officers attending in-service with the Campbell County Sheriff's Department at the cost of \$50.00 per person. All present voted yes.

Motion made by Cannon second by Shelton to approve purchasing ammunition for the officers as part of the in-service training. All present voted yes.

Motion made by Cannon second by Green to approve the final reading of the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005. Vote: Alderman Burrell Cannon, Green-yes Shelton- pass Mayor Higdon –no. City Attorney explained to Council that according to Roberts Rules of Order a person passing will

be called on to vote at the end of the roll call. Ms. Shelton was called again at which time she voted yes.

Motion made by Higdon second by Shelton to amend the previous motion to include additions to the budget: \$6000.00 for State Planning Office, \$3000.00 for Christmas Dinner, \$5000.00 for Recreation. Vote: Burrell abstain, Cannon and Green no, Mayor Higdon and Shelton yes.

Motion made by Cannon second by Green to approve employees wages retroactive to July 1, 2004 for all employees hired prior to January 1, 2004. All present voted yes.

Upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief motion made by Cannon second by Green to employ Dewey Madison and Benjamin Marlow as full time firemen at \$7.00 per hour due to the resignations of Vernon Young and Travis Shelton. All present voted yes.

Motion made by Cannon second by Shelton to approve increasing Police Officer Jeremy Goins pay rate to \$10.00 per hour as he has gone to full time status and to approve employing Police Officer Tony Rucker as a part time officer at \$8.00 per hour. All present voted yes.

Motion made by Cannon second by Burrell to abolish the Assistant Police Chief position, as this position is no longer needed. Vote: Alderman Burrell, Shelton, Cannon, Green – yes Mayor Higdon – abstain.

Following a discussion of the copy machine in the library Alderman Cannon will inspect the machine and have a recommendation at the next meeting.

Alderman Shelton present to Council a release agreement from Blue Ridge who is to provide a Whopper Hopper at the Fall Festival the Town would be responsible for any injuries or damages that may occur. Motion made by Shelton second by Cannon to approve the agreement if the Town's insurance will cover any claims. Alderman Burrell, Shelton, Cannon, Mayor Higdon – yes Alderman Green – no

Motion made by Cannon second by Burrell to approve the Recorder paying the fees for the City Attorney to file suit against the owner of the property located on Cedar Lane. All present voted yes. (The property is in violation of the Town's Slum Clearance Ordinance)

Motion made by Cannon second by Green to amend Resolution #189 (vehicle use policy) to read emergency vehicles are to be driven by emergency personnel only

with the exception of driving the vehicles to and from being repaired. Alderman Burrell, Cannon, Green –yes Alderwoman Shelton – abstain Mayor Higdon – no

Motion made by Burrell second by Green to request the State Highway Department to clean up gravel on Appalachian Highway. All present voted yes.

Mayor Higdon requested approval for the town to pay the postage to mail a newsletter to the citizens of the town (approximately 400).

Motion made by Green second by Cannon to place a quarterly newsletter in the newspaper, contents of the newsletter to be approved by Council. All present voted yes.

Motion made by Burrell second by Cannon to approve paying expenditures. All present voted yes.

Motion made by Burrell to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor