**Town of Glen Alpine**

**Board of Alderman Regular Meeting Minutes**

**October 17, 2022, 6pm**

**Members Present: Mayor Benfield, Clerk Lalonde, Attorney Denton, J. Miller, M. Lewis, R. Cox, S. Perkins**

**CALL TO ORDER-**Mayor Benfield

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION-**moment of silence

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA-**Motion made by Miller to approve agenda; Pass 4-0

**APPROVAL OF DEPT REPORTS-**Motion made by Lewis to approve dept reports; Pass 4-0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**Motion made by Cox to approve minutes; Pass 4-0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-NONE**

**MAYOR COMMENTS:** Mayor Benfield advised that the dump truck is here, and the generator has been installed and is up and running. Mayor Benfield is asking the Board to consider an ordinance for hard trash, if we have an ordinance in place that would allow the Zoning Officer to warn and issue citations for non-compliance. The town is having issues with residents placing hard trash on the curb the day after Public Works finishes picking up and it sits there all month. (Not a good look in the town). Mayor is also asking the board to revisit the rules for brush pick up. There are multiple properties in the town that have large brush piles weekly, as well as people hiring tree trimming services and leaving the debris for us to clean up.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Vehicles-**Chief Cox has a quote for two new police vehicles; one has been approved already, and the Chief is asking for both since the price is good. Chief Cox stated that if he gets both vehicles, he will put the 2006 Truck and 2012 turbo on Govdeals. Those are the two oldest vehicles in the fleet.

Mayor states that in Helms absence he was asked to let the Board know that he is against the second patrol car.

Lewis stated that she would like to table the vote until everyone is present for the meeting. Cox stated that the board could scrap it and just get one vehicle, he could not keep putting the dealer off. Lewis feels that the board is spending ARP money too fast, and that citizens are still getting over having another officer that they didn’t want, and that the mayor was just speaking about cutting services.

Perkins stated that the Town doesn’t need to cut services, but potentially limit services. Mayor Benfield stated that the Town doesn’t want to cut services, only limit them. If not, then the Town will be looking at adding an extra person in the street department.

**Festival Update-**The festival was a success, and we had a great turnout.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**GovDeals sales-** Chief Marlowe is not present but is asking the board permission to sell a boat motor on Govdeals. The boat & motor (used for water rescue) were donated to the Town. Lewis stated she was unaware of the FD having a boat, Mayor Benfield explained that our fire department works with Brendletown Fire on water rescue. Miller stated that he doesn’t want to purchase a new motor. Mayor explained that our fire department has received several grants and a portion of the grant money would go to replacing the motor, so that tax dollars are not used.

**Zoning/Building Permit Fee:**

Mayor states that our current fee for zoning/building permits are $15, other Towns/Cities around us are anywhere from $50 up to $200. Mayor states that he feels that $50 is reasonable. Perkins agrees that $50 is reasonable, Miller feels that going from $15-$50 is a big jump, and Lewis feels that the amount is too high, she feels that we are spending money we shouldn’t be and charging citizens for things we shouldn’t.

**ITEMS FOR DECISION:**

**Vehicles**-Motion made by Cox to purchase the second vehicle: Pass 3-1 Lewis opposing

**GovDeals sales-** Motion made by Miller to list boat motor of Govdeals; Pass 4-0

**Zoning/Building Permit Fee-** Motion made by Perkins to increase permit fee, Tie vote 2-2 (Cox, Perkins for) (Miller, Lewis against) Mayor breaks tie; approved

Motion made by Cox to enter Closed Session at 6:52pm; Pass 4-0

Motion made by Cox to enter Open Session 7:20pm; Pass 4-0

Motion made by Lewis to adjourn 7:21pm; Pass 4-0

**CLOSED SESSION:**

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