

CEDAR BLUFF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015 AT 5:30 PM

The Town Council of the Town of Cedar Bluff, County of Cherokee, State of Alabama, met in Regular Session in the Council Room at Town Hall, 3420 Spring Street, Cedar Bluff, Alabama on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly posted as prescribed by law. Mayor Tammy Crane presided and called the meeting to order. Members in attendance were as follows:

Tammy Crane
Mayor

Billie Burkhalter
District 1

Jerry Sprayberry
District 3

Norman Burton
District 4

Leatha Harp
District 5

Councilmember Dewayne Agan was absent.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Leatha Harp
Mayor Crane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Approval of Council Minutes from February 9,2015

The motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting was made by Councilmember Norman Burton and seconded by Councilmember Jerry Sprayberry.

Motion Carried (5-0)

AYE: Burton, Burkhalter, Harp, Sprayberry, Crane

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. New Business

a. Financial Report for February

The financial reports were distributed to the council for their review.

b. Approval of Firefighter Jason Stewart

Councilmember Norman Burton made the motion to approve Jason Stewart as a firefighter and Councilmember Leatha Harp seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (5-0)

AYE: Burton, Burkhalter, Harp, Sprayberry, Crane

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

At this time Mayor Tammy Crane asked to go into Executive Session to discuss purchasing property for the Town.

Time out: 5:38

Time returned: 5:58

c. Discussion of Purchasing Property from the Cedar Bluff Utility Board

Councilmember Jerry Sprayberry made the motion to offer the Cedar Bluff Utility Board \$7,500.00 for the property they have for sale located on Martha Vera Lane between Town Hall and Parkside Music School. Councilmember Leatha Harp seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (4-0)

AYE: Burkhalter, Harp, Sprayberry, Crane

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Burton

d. Discussion of Applying for Grants for the year 2015

Mayor Tammy Crane stated the Council needed to decide about applying for the CDBG Road Grant again this year. Councilmember Norman Burton stated that he recommended not applying and he felt the Town could do more with the match money that has to be set aside for over a year. Councilmember Billie Burkhalter stated she felt the Town should talk with the County Engineer to see what he could do with the \$70,000 match money as far as paving roads. No vote was made, but all members agreed to not reapply for the CDBG Road Grant this year. Mayor Crane asked about going forward with getting some roads paved and it was decided to address the issue at the next meeting.

Councilmember Burton stated the Town is in the process of looking into applying for a Park Grant, but more would be determined on it after the ADECA workshop.

3. Police Department Report for February 2015

The report was read by Police Chief Steve Walden as follows:

Reports:

Theft: 5

Accident: 2

Other: 1

Traffic Citations:

Speeding: 28
Run stop sign: 1
No insurance: 2
No license: 1
Equipment Violations: 1
Improper passing: 1

Traffic Accidents: 2

4. Fire Department Report for February 2015

The fire department report for February 2015 was read as follows:

Grass/Brush Fires: 3
Medical: 6
Vehicle Accidents: 5
Other: 1
Total: 15

5. Building Inspector Report for February 2015

Council was presented with the building inspector report for February 2015 as follows:

1 Building Permit
1 Electrical Permit

6. Citizen Comments

a. Sean Buntin – Options for Paving Town Streets

Mr. Buntin addressed the Mayor and Council with the issue of the condition of Rocky Ford Point Road. Mr. Buntin stated he would like to go on record and the minutes to reflect he feels the road is a danger and he is especially concerned with the school bus having to travel on the road daily. He stated the bus has to drive on the wrong side of the road to avoid the rough areas. He asked about the gas tax money the town receives from the state.

b. Gloria Thacker – International Property Maintenance Code

Mrs. Thacker addressed the Council concerning the International Property Maintenance Code stating she felt that new residents and businesses are not attracted to the area due to the fact that Maintenance Codes are not being enforced by the Town.

Mrs. Thacker also asked about the donation made several years ago of \$5,000.00 by the Utility Board to the Town for the construction of a restroom in the park.

7. Other Comments

Mayor Crane stated at this time she would like to address Liberty Day this year. Councilmember Jerry Sprayberry made the motion to have Liberty Day on June 27th and Councilmember Leatha Harp seconded.

Motion Carried (5-0)

AYE: Burkhalter, Burton, Harp, Sprayberry, Crane

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

8. Adjourn

Councilmember Leatha Harp made the motion to Adjourn.

Motion Carried

Approved April 13, 2015

Tammy Crane, Mayor

ATTEST

Susie Surrent, Town Clerk