



TOWN OF GREENBACK

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Aldermen

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**March 9, 2021
MINUTES**

The Town of Greenback Board of Mayor and Aldermen held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at the Greenback Community Center in Greenback, TN.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dewayne Birchfield at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon Roll Call, the following Board members were PRESENT: Tina Baker, Delmar Davis, Dewayne Birchfield, Linda Black and Kristi Munsey (5)

Thereupon Mayor Dewayne Birchfield announced the presence of a quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Black made a motion to adopt the March 9, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Alderman Baker.

Upon Voice Vote, the motion PASSED unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Davis made the motion that the February 9, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes be accepted and approved as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Munsey.

Upon Voice Vote, the motion PASSED unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements for the month of February 2021 were presented to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for review of monthly revenue and expenditures. Alderman Black made the motion that the February 2021 Financial Statements be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Munsey.

**Upon Roll Call Vote the following Board members voted AYE:
Baker, Davis, Birchfield, Black and Munsey (5)**

The motion PASSED: (5/0/0)

BOARD COMMENTS

Alderman Munsey pointed out to the Board the speed bumps downtown are not visible at night. There needs to be a reflection agent applied.

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OLD BUSINESS

The lawsuit with Tom Peeler and GVFD is on hold pending courts resuming operations. We are waiting Ms. Davis's guidance.

Hardware Store Update: Mayor Birchfield met with Helton Associates concerning the asbestos in the ceiling on February 15, 2021. We are awaiting the bids for removal of the roof.

The swing set was removed from the downtown park due to the hazard it posed. Our insurance company has provided us with Playground Safety Guidelines. Mayor Birchfield has reached out to City of Loudon Parks and Recreation Superintendent and waiting a return call. Alderman Black contacted Lenoir City about their used playground equipment, but they plan to reuse it. We will need to solicit bids.

NEW BUSINESS

The walking trail is in disrepair. Bids are to be solicited to repair the trail. Mayor Birchfield suggested a walking trail around the downtown park. Bids are to be solicited for a new downtown walking trail. Area around walking trail could also be used to plant trees or place benches as a memorial for loved ones

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Heather Jolliff reiterated liability of Hardware Store to the Town, but she wants the project to be considered in light of cost. She understands health issues. Heather presented possibilities for restoration and demolition. Her final concern was the investment in the property and return on investment for the Town.

Janet McKnight owner of The Home Décor Resale Store has a vision for the Hardware Store to house a new business perhaps similar to a general store. A new business would help all the existing businesses. It would generate revenue for the Town.

Bob Ragain told the history of the Hardware Store which was in his family from 1918 until the family donated it to the Museum through the Town. Bob explained the issue with the property in that it will not perk therefore septic is an issue that any business would have to contend with.

Cindy Benefield presented an overview of the museum highlighting the many artifacts and comments from outside curators and activities the museum adds to the community. She continued to inform the Board of the various groups that visit and the activities available to them. The museum has plans to add a genealogy aspect to the museum. The historical society has \$25,000 to contribute to the project and boasts more than 100 people involved.

Jake Tenn is a new resident to our community and expressed an interest in helping with the Town's projects. He informed the Board he has prior experience in establishing a park/playground and has worked at various town projects at his former hometown.

Angie Valpatic stated she is working on fund raising for the park/playground. She also would like to work with Jake Tenn.

Larry Baer would like the Board to consider paving Tennessee Ave to Deer Cove Dr which is 1.5 mile. Several residents reside drive that stretch of the road.

Wendy Tittsworth thanked Mayor and citizens for participating in forum to discuss Town's use of funds. She stated she would like to see activities held at the museum for the citizens to bring life to the Town and also museum contribute financially to restoring the hardware store for museum use.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Mayor Birchfield and seconded by Alderman Munsey. The March 9, 2021 Town of Greenback Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting stood adjourned.