

Membership Meeting of CGCC

Tuesday October 18, 2016

President Jane Hatchet called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Jane Darr introduced Roland Morris, alderman on the City Council of Cotter.

Program: Roland stated that he has served on the City Council for the last four years and will be serving another two years. He talked about the resurfacing of the city streets at a cost of \$200,000.00. Roland told the membership about the cleaning and painting of the water tower on hwy 62, at a cost of \$120,000.00. He explained that the city is in the process of upgrading city equipment. He mentioned the many events such as the Trout Festival, Shawnee Boat Tournament and the Bridge Bash that take place in our beautiful Park. He talked about the Butterfly Garden and the work of the Saturday Club in park beautification.

Roland introduced Clint Tilton, newly appointed Chief of Police for the City of Cotter, to the membership. Chief Tilton talked about the future of the police department in Cotter and stated that one of our biggest problems was drugs in our town. He talked about the speed limits around the area and answered questions from the membership. There was a discussion about the cost of a stop light at the intersection of 62 Business and 62. Roland Morris stated that the cost would be \$300,000.00, of which the city would have to pay half.

Old Business:

Marcia Taylor stated that the Chamber is requested to set up and man two water stations along the route during the White River Marathon that takes place on November 19, 2016. We would be serving snacks and drinks to the runners. We are also asked to provide watcher golf carts to patrol the route. Marcia requested twelve volunteers for the marathon and asked that volunteers call her at 901-490-4828 to sign up.

Jim Terrell reported that the trip to visit Leslie will be either November 2nd or 9th. He stated that an informational e-mail will be going out to the membership shortly. If anyone wishes to join the tour and see what the citizens of Leslie have accomplished, they are to call Jim at 870-656-0557.

Jane Hatchet gave a report on the progress of the project to refurbish the metal fish on the utility poles around Cotter.

New Business: Jane Hatchet reported that she needs a volunteer to head up the nominating committee to help find new officers of the Chamber for next year. Jane called for volunteers for this committee.

Olivia Terrell announced that there would be a Soup Supper at Hopkinswoode on Sunday, October 23rd starting at 5:00 pm. There are limited tickets available and should you wish to purchase one please contact Olivia at 870-656-6605. The Supper includes wine, hearty soups, homemade breads and a special dessert. The price of a ticket is \$15.00.

Whitney Aleshire-Embrey thanked the Chamber for their support of the Food Bank Bridge Bash event and stated that they had reached their fund raising goals.

Debbie Wamock passed out information on the upcoming Golden Gala Prom giving as a fund raiser by Kindness, Inc. The event will take place on November 12, 2016, from 1 o'clock until 4 at Elmcroft of Mountain Home. An informational email will be going out about the event.

Marilyn Morris reported on a new group of people called the River City Circle is forming and wants to aid the Chamber in projects to beautify our city. She stated that this group would be bringing ideas and funding budgets for projects in the near future.

There being no further business the president called for a motion to adjourn the meeting a motion was made by Debbie Gamble and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Dates of interest:

Soup Supper at Hopkinswoode October 23, 2016

Golden Gala Prom November 12, 2016

White River Marathon November 19, 2016

November 7th Board Meeting at Gassville Library

Tour to Leslie Wednesday November 9th

General Meeting November 15th at 7:30 pm at the White Sands

Respectfully submitted,
Olivia Terrell