

**TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2008
MINUTES**

Members Present: Mayor Roger McElroy, Aldermen: Saralyn Price, Phil Aldridge, and Colin Edwards
Members Absent: Alderman Mark DeMeola
Staff Present: Manager Tim Barth, Police Chief Scott Sutton, Public Works Director Mike Mehaffey, and Town Clerk Vickie Best
Others Present: Approximately 14 people

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor McElroy called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm in the Flossy White Room of Town Hall. The purpose of the special called meeting is to hear a presentation from Mark Scyphers of Angel City Apparel that wants to bring a motorcycle rally to Maggie Valley in June 2008.

The Parks, Recreation, Festival Advisory Committee recommended approval after they were provided a presentation at the last PRFAC meeting.

Smokie Mountain Motor Classics Motorcycle Rally

The meeting consisted of questions and answers between Council and Mr. Scyphers.

There are three promoters doing the event. The merchandise sold by Angel City Trading Company caters to ages 35 to 65. The intent is not to have a big party but rather the Festival Grounds being the place to visit for vendors and entertainment. Riding the mountain ranges is the draw for motorcycle enthusiast.

Angel City has access to several regular musicians that play during their events. A majority of the performers sing ballads/ soft rock, rather than hard rock-n-roll. There will be extreme jumpers performing. Due to the entertainment, these rallies will attract people walking down the street.

Mr. Scyphers stated that he plans to set up two mock bars next to the stage. Girls from previous ventures will come to sell beer.

When questioned about nudity, drugs, colors, and "bike games", Mr. Scyphers assured Council that there would be no drugs, colors, and nudity or bike games allowed. The girls selling beer will be wearing "Daisy Duke" shorts and tops. Even Christian Bikers will not be allowed to wear their colors. Everyone is treated equally.

There will be minimal parking inside the grounds. No more than 100 bikes (at the most) will be allowed inside the gates. The promoters want people, not bikes, inside the gate buying apparel. Mr. Scyphers expects 4,000 to 7,000 people to attend.

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Council still had reservations about allowing a new rally to come to Town. The two current rallies, held annually, do not cause a lot of disturbance other than the noisy of the Harley's going up and down the road late into the night after the festival grounds has closed.

Council receives more complaints from people living outside the corporate limits than residents due to the noise carrying up the mountainsides.

The Gene Lummus Spring Rally was discontinued several years ago due to the unpredictable weather in April. Therefore, there were previously four rallies per year, which went to three rallies. If approved, again there would be four annual rallies in Maggie Valley.

This rally will be held the same weekend that the car show was held on Jonathan Creek that has now relocated to Asheville. A majority of the motel owners say this weekend was a slow weekend after the loss of the car show.

Alderman Edwards had concerns about one of the promoters. Mr. Motley has one of the largest motorcycle bars in the United States. The bikers do "burn outs" inside the bar in South Carolina.

The promoters will hire security. Chief Sutton stated that he found no real problems when checking the history of events conducted by these promoters.

Mr. Scyphers is familiar with the area and its people. Being in the Mountains is a lot different from being at the beach with girls wearing bikinis everywhere.

Alderman Edwards warned Mr. Scyphers that the rally would be shut down if Council has been misled by the presentation.

**ALDERMAN EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW MARK SCYPHERS
WITH ANGEL CITY TO HAVE A MOTORCYCLE RALLY JUNE 26 THROUGH
JUNE 29, 2008 ON THE MAGGIE VALLEY FESTIVAL GROUNDS.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ALDERMAN EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:55 PM.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Roger McElroy

Vickie Best, Town Clerk, CMC

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