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Church Hill BMA strikes down ordinance

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After a contentious meeting and lots of back-and-forth between Mayor Dennis Deal and several Aldermen, the Church Hill BMA voted 5-2 on June 20 to remain governed by a strong mayor rather than hire a city administrator.

Church Hill currently has a strong mayor form of government, which means that Deal handles the day-to-day personnel and business matters of the town. He also has the authority to hire and fire city department heads.

However, Alderman Kathy Christian proposed an ordinance at the town's June 15 meeting that would have transitioned the town to a weak mayor form of government and hire a City Administrator to handle the day-to-day town business and personnel matters.

Because Christian's ordinance was not on the June agenda, and the board did not vote to add it to the 'new business' section of the agenda, it could not be discussed or voted on at that meeting. It

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Hale Springs Inn

Grant could cover repairs to Hale Springs Inn

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Rogersville's Hale Springs Inn is set to receive much-needed repairs, thanks to a new grant through the Tennessee Main Street and Downtowns Program.

Hawkins Co. Chamber of Commerce Director Nancy Barker recently told the Rogersville Board of Mayor and Alderman on July 13 that this program recently introduced a Facade Grant of up to \$150,000 that can be used for brick repair, windows and doors, safety improvements, and improving the visible entrances of downtown buildings. Barker requested permission for the Rogersville Main Street

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EQUUSEARCH

EquuSearch team uncover a buried vehicle in past case.

EquuSearch aiding search for Summer this weekend

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ROGERSVILLE – A search and recovery team from EquuSearch Midwest will be in the area this weekend aiding in the efforts to find Summer Wells, the five-year-old child who was reported missing from her Beech Creek home on the evening of June 15.

"As this is an ongoing investigation, if you see any of our teams out and about, please do not convey via social media or other outlets where you may have seen our searches taking place," EquuSearch Midwest stated on Facebook.

"It is very important for the integrity of the case."

As the name indicates, the organization conducts ground searches via horseback. However, their volunteers also search on foot, utilize ATV's, as well as drones and remote-control boats outfitted with sonar equipment.

"We also have many resources available that help assist us in achieving our goals of locating the missing," the EquuSearch Midwest website states. "We specialize in searches that involve small and large groups of people. We manage

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TBI PHOTO (ADJUSTED TO CORRECT BEARING)

The last known image of Summer Wells, reportedly on the trip home from Kingsport June 15.

Great Ball of Fire



PHOTO BY JIM BELLER

Goodness gracious, a great ball of fire appeared in the sky Tuesday evening as the sun set over this scenic, southwest Hawkins County landscape. The great ball of fire will be out in full force this weekend, as Weather Underground forecasts sunny skies and temperatures in the low 90s in Rogersville Saturday and Sunday.

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