

Village Board of Aldermen
**Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes**

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, November 19, 2009
6:00pm

Members present: Merle Stalcup, Stephen Peters, Danney McCort, Carol Walls, Bryan Fritch

Members Absent: Susan Terry

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Jack Hensley – Chief of Police, Alan Bojorquez - Village Attorney, citizens: 5

Mayor Stalcup called the meeting to order at 6:00, quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance were recited. Mayor Stalcup gave the invocation.

Citizen Comments: None

Alderman Walls made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated November 5th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Peters, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report: Chief Hensley reported 131 total calls for service during October, 97% inside the city limits, a 4:18 average response time. The COPS logged 113 hours of service.

Report from Tourism Chair: Director Charbonneau reported that Founders Day went really well and thanks everyone who helped with the event. The Tourism Council has voted to do this event every year.

Bill Shepperd, Yellow Rose Ln. - Mr. Shepperd stated that he felt Founders Day had good leadership, the preparation for the event was good, and feels like more residents participated than visitors.

Unfinished Business:

1. 2009-2010 General Fund Budget Amendment (First Reading)

Alderman Peters stated that the revised numbers stated at the last meeting were done off the cuff but the items needing amending were the same as those listed in the ordinance to amend the budget presented. Alderman Peters went over the suggested changes. There were no objections.

Motion was made by Alderman Peters to move forward with a second reading of the ordinance to amend the 2009-2010 General Fund Budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman McCort; motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

2. Year-to-Date Financials

Alderman Peters went over the financials for the month of October. There were no objections.

3. Review of Current Employee Health Plan

Alderman Peters stated that Scott & White has gone up on premiums by about 80%. TML has provided the Village with a proposal. Alderman Peters suggested three options to help offset the increase. Option 1: continue to pay employee premiums in full requiring the Board to find \$14,760 in the budget to cover the increase; Option 2: Switch to TML insurance, continue to pay the employee health premiums in full requiring the Board to find \$3,300 in the budget to cover the increase; Option 3: the Village pay a fixed amount for each employee insurance premium and the employee must pay the difference between what the Village pays and the actual amount of the premium.

Motion was made by Alderman McCort to accept option 2, switching over to TML medical insurance program and continue to pick up the total cost of the employees premium with the plan that next budget year health insurance program will be put out for bid. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls; motion carried unanimously.

4. New Legislation on Cities Collecting Contractor Registration Fees

Alan Bojorquez stated that this new law allows cities to require plumbers register with the Village but cannot charge them a contractor registration fee. The following changes were recommended: Fee Schedule, change plumber fee to \$0; change General Contractor to \$100; all other fields of contractors listed change to \$50. These fee changes are to become effective January 1, 2011.

Amend the ordinance to state the Mayor is the default Building Official in the absence of a Board appointed or hired Building Official.

Village Attorney will amend ordinance and update ordinance and bring back to the board for readings.

5. Sign Variance Request for Brookshire Brothers Grocery

Brookshire Brothers request for signage on their new store was denied by the municipal inspector due to the size of the sign being larger than the ordinance allows. Brookshire's has asked for a variance. Lighted signs will be on timers and only on the front of the building.

Motion was made by Alderman McCort to approve the sign variance request from Brookshire Brothers. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried unanimously.

6. Proposal of Ordinance Allowing Golf Cart's to be Driven on Public Streets (First Reading)

Draft C was presented. The following changes were recommended:

Page 2, Fee: - remove section entirely

Page 3, License: - remove section entirely

Page 3, A(1) - add "Drivers" before the word License

Page 3, B - remove entirely

Page 4, #10 - change to read "10:00PM to midnight and midnight to 5:00AM"

Page 4, Sec 4 - remove entirely

Page 5, - add a section D authorizing the Mayor to have signs erected naming the area as golf cart community.

Village Attorney will amend and bring back for a second reading.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is December 9, 2009 at 6:00PM. There will be a Mayor's Reception prior to the meeting at 4:00PM.

Motion was made by Alderman McCort to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary

Merle Stalcup
Mayor