

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

Municipal Building  
Thursday, December 7, 2006  
6:30pm

Members present: Michael Cooper, Jackie Mills, Rick Ashe, Merle Stalcup (7:12), Curt Strong, Suzi Epps

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Eldon Miller – Village Treasurer, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice, citizens: Darlene Walsh, Jerry Johns, Nathan Pringle, Danney McCort, John Anderson, Dave Apachino, Gene Williams

Mayor Ashe called the meeting to order at 6:30, quorum present.

**Citizen Comments:** Danney McCort stated that he thought the political sign left up on Thomas Arnold Rd. by a county candidate looks bad. Mr. McCort also inquired as to whether the Board has considered asking a local organization for a donation to purchase tables and chairs at the park.

*Alderman Mills made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated November 16th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.*

**Proclamations and/or Resolution:** None

**Chief of Police Report:** No Report

**Report from Tourism Chair:** No Report

**Unfinished Business:**

1. City Limit Signs

Alderman Strong presented three options from Price Traffic Signs on city limit signs to be placed at eight strategic places on the boarder of the Village limits. The information is for Board members to consider. The budget would need to be amended to do this project during this fiscal year. This issue will be put on a future agenda.

**New Business:**

2. Audit Report

Nathan Pringle with Williams, Cunningham, Shavers, & Christensen has completed the Village's annual audit and gave a report on his findings. There were no problems found. Mr. Pringle stated that the financials are in great shape and made no administrative recommendations to the Board.

3. Recommendation from P&Z on Windmill Estates Road Width Variance

P&Z representative Jerry Johns informed the Board that the P&Z has considered a request from Billy Pipes to allow him to build a 31' foot paved road in his new subdivision, Windmill Estates, instead of a 60' road as per the Village's subdivision ordinance. The P&Z approved of Mr. Pipes' request as long as he dedicated the entire 60 feet for widening of that road in the future if need be. The P&Z recommend approval of Mr. Pipe's request to the Board of Aldermen as agreed upon and discussed above.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to grant Mr. Pipe's road variance request and allow him to build a 31 foot road in his proposed subdivision, Windmill Estates, but to dedicate the full 60 feet for future road widening. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.*

Jerry Johns left at this point, 7:00

4. Recommendation from P&Z on Zoning Ordinance Amendment Request to Add Auction Business to Use Chart *Public Hearing Item*

Darlene Walsh explained to the Board that she would like the Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance Use Chart by adding "Auction Business" as allowable in Local Retail districts. The P&Z has considered this request and make a recommendation to the Board to approve Mrs. Walsh's request. The recommendation also stipulates that Auction Business's can only be held once a month and must be an indoor auction (this was due to citizen concerns during the P&Z meeting about excessive traffic in their housing area). Several comments were made by citizens present on this issue concerning regulating how often a person can operate their business.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to add Auction Business to the Zoning Ordinance Use Chart as allowable in Local Retail but to not regulate how often a month the auctions can be held. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.*

Darlene Walsh left at this time, 7:12

5. Accepting Credit Card Payments

Alderman Strong presented the Board with information from several companies that would allow citizens to make their payments to the Village by credit card. The Board agreed that accepting credit cards would be beneficial to the Village and offer another convenience to the citizens. Mayor Ashe instructed Alderman Strong to go ahead and get more information to bring back to the Board.

6. Amending Zoning Ordinance to Include a Fee for Requests to Amend Zoning Ordinance

The current zoning ordinance fee schedule does not stipulate a fee for requesting a zoning ordinance amendment. It costs the Village approximately \$70.00 in public notices to accommodate such a request.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to amend the Zoning Ordinance Fee Schedule by adding a \$75.00 fee for requesting a Zoning Ordinance Amendment. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.*

7. Report on Central Texas Council of Governments Strategic Plan

Alderman Strong drew a diagram of a sample strategic plan and suggested that the Board consider working on a strategic plan for the Village to determine future financial needs. CTCOG is available to guide the Village through creating a plan at an estimated cost of about \$10,000.00. The Board directed Alderman Strong to have CTCOG prepare a Power Point presentation on creating a strategic plan.

8. Purchase of Tables and Chairs for Pace Park

The tables and chairs stored at Pace Park that are available to those who rent the pavilion are in bad shape. Secretary Zulauf requested permission to use the \$2,800.00 budgeted to paint the municipal building to purchase new tables and chairs for the park. Alderman Stalcup suggested that we wait till February or March to make such a purchase and that the Board take a look at the tables and chairs currently being used. It was also suggested that the Village look into receiving donations to make the purchase.

Dave Apachino left at 7:50

9. TXU Underground Wires Along Main Street

Alderman Mills stated that she has spoken with John Toone with TXU about their "Underground Tariff" that will become effective in January 2007. This tariff will allow cities to place current electrical lines underground. The cost for this conversion would be paid by TXU wire users (citizens in the Village limits) over a 2 to 4 year period and is estimated to cost one million dollars. This is not something the Village is currently looking to do, but needs to be noted for future development along Main Street.

10. Report on Economic Development Seminar

Alderman Stalcup requested this issue be postponed until a January meeting.

**Announcements:**

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is January 4, 2007 at 6:30PM.

**Adjourned into Executive Session at 8:00PM**

1. Personnel Matters – Part Time Village Assistant

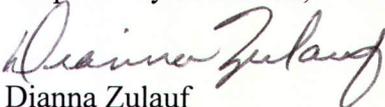
**Reconvene into Regular Session at 8:20PM**

No action taken from executive session.

*Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.*

For copies of all handouts, please contact the Village office at 947-5060.

Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf  
Village Secretary



Rick Ashe  
Mayor

