



**Minutes**  
**Special Called City Council Meeting**  
Village of Volente, TX  
Thursday, August 14, 2014  
7 p.m.

**Council Members Present**

Frederick Graber, Mayor  
Mark Scott, Mayor Pro Tem  
Judy Graci, Council Member  
Jan Yenawine, Council Member  
Ken Beck, Council Member

**Absent**

**Others Present**

Tom Buckle, Attorney

**A. ITEMS OPENING MEETING**

1. Call to Order.  
The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call City Secretary.  
Joan Jackson, City Secretary, called roll. All members present.
3. Citizen Comments.
  - a. No citizen comments at this time.

4. Consideration of Applicants for the Vacant City Council Position.

a. Presentation by applicant.

Babs Yarbrough is willing to be a public servant. She will work for the residents. She gave her background history and employment history. She started 3 business companies before she began working in real estate. She has been on Planning and Zoning for the last 4.5 years. She wants to be an advocate for the citizens. She has worked and lived in the City of Austin. While she was there, she had experience with working with zoning changes. She wants to serve the Village. As a realtor, she knows she may have to recuse herself at times while conducting City business.

Kit Hopkins bought her home in Volente in 2010. She moved here full time a few months ago. She believes in the democratic process. As a property owner, she believes all property owners should have protection. She is open minded and has a long history with one business company. After many years in the corporate world, she retired here and feels she can serve this community well.

The applicants answered questions from citizens and the Council:

Public Comments:

1. Judy Barrick, 15907 Booth Circle, believes Babs Yarbrough is the best candidate for the position.
2. Bob Steichen, FM 2769, spoke in favor for Babs Yarbrough.

3. Cheryl Long, 16512 Jackson, spoke against the Village rules and regulations and she stated her support for Babs Yarbrough.
4. Nancy Carufel, 8138 Joy Rd., spoke for Babs Yarbrough.
5. Sean Ryan, 16416 Sherman Street, stated representation of a Council member who does not live on Booth Circle is badly needed.
6. Caleb McClain asked how he can find information about Volente and know about things that are happening here.
7. Linda Olson, 15936 Booth Circle, spoke in favor of Babs Yarbrough.
8. David Gordon, 15761 Booth Circle, spoke to Council and asked them to choose on the candidates merits and not their addresses.
9. Allison Thrash, 15100 FM 2769, stated questions for the applicants.
10. Mark Metro, 8116 Beauregard, state questions for the applicants.

Barbara Wilson, City Administrator, read written statements from residents and registered voters here. Rich and Judy Barrick, 15907 Booth Circle; Linda Olson, 15936 Booth Circle; John and Judy Schotzhauer, 16415 Jackson Street; Mark and Cindy Metro, 8116 Beauregard Dr.; Janae Rapps, 8114 Joy Rd.; Christopher Wilder, 8104 Beauregard; Michael and Cheryl Long, 16512 Jackson Street; Ann and Bob Steichen, 15807 FM 2769; Dorothy Wilhelm, 8104 Joy Rd.; Rick and Becky Yeater, 8412 Lime Creek Rd.; Terri Caldwell, 8118 Sharon Rd.; Richard Roucloux, 8129 Joy Rd.; Bill Blocker, 8129 Joy Rd.; David Springer, 8504 Lime Creek Rd; Sean Ryan, 16416 Sherman St.; Pat Sablatura, 8118 Joy Rd.; Ed Ruegg, 16605 Jackson Street; David and Gina Woodward, 16321 Jackson Street; Michael, Mary, and Robert Trojan, 8244 Lime Creek Rd.; Kristi Belote, 15805 Buddy Lane; Terry Spurlin, 15716 Booth Circle; Tony Vacca, 15935 Booth Circle; Rick and Jill Redmond, Volente Beach Club; David and Janie Gavenda, 7317 Blue Heron Cove; Megan Lott, 8133 Beauregard Dr.; Frank Baffi, 8124 Beauregard Dr.; Gary Frame, 7609 Davy Dr.; Guy Groomer, 15947 Booth Circle; Cecilia Garza-Trevino, 15907 FM 2769; Jeannan Barber, 8104 Sharon; Linda Attwood, 16515 Jackson Street; Connie Curtiss, 7910 Lakeview Street; Curits and Jennifer Ratica, 8012 Bernard Street; Linda Carter, 16003 Dodd Street; Daniel Garrison, 8508 Lime Creek Road; Denice Yeagin, 8113 Sharon Rd.; Debbie and Brad Donaldson, 16417 Sherman Street; Sheila Dziersk, 8001 Sharon Rd.; Suellen Jordan, 8124 Beauregard Dr.; Mike Nitz, Acquaholics Watercraf Rental; and Ed Ruegg, 16605 Jackson Street; all of which sent in letters of support for Babs Yarbrough.

Jack and Michelle Hirschhorn, 7316 Reed Dr.; Brian Nasky, 8300 Lime Creek Rd.; Shannon Scoville, 15844 Ray Vista; Sheri Knesek, 15844 Ray Vista; Gary Cowsert, 8136 Joy Rd.; Andy, Susan, and Leah Fogarasi, 8306 Lime Creek Rd.; Clayton and Karen Raven, 7306 Reed Dr.; Louie and Joyce Raven, 7304 Reed Dr.; Juan Carlos Popoca, 7304 Reed Dr.; and Allison Thrash, 15100 FM 2769; all sent in letters of support for Kit Hopkins.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott wanted to thank former Council Member Chris Wilder for his work, volunteering, and the time he has given. Scott thanked both applicants for applying for the vacated seat. He thanked Kit Hopkins for her work on the finance committee. He encouraged participation in the Council from residents.

#### 4. Consideration and Possible Action on Applicant to Replace Vacant Seat on Council.

Council Member Graci made a motion to appoint Kit Hopkins to the vacated City Council Seat. Council Member Yenawine seconded the motion. Council Members Yenawine and Graci voting for the motion. Council Member Beck and Mayor Pro Tem were opposed. Mayor Graber said former Council Member

Wilder has a legal right to vote. At 8:46 p.m., Mr. Wilder joined the Council Members and voted against the motion. The motion failed and did not pass.

Council Member Beck made a motion to have Babs Yarbrough take Chris Wilder's position on Council and fill the vacated seat. Council Member Yenawine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Adjourn.**

Council Member Beck made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Graci seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

Signed

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Frederick Graber, Mayor

Attest

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Julia Vicars, Acting City Secretary