



MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY CALLED MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE VILLAGE OF VOLENTE, TEXAS
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.
16100 Wharf Cove, Volente, Texas 78641

Present

Mayor Ken Beck
Mayor Pro Tem Steve Baker
Council Member Kit Hopkins
Council Member Andy Fogarasi
Council Member Bill Connors

Absent

Council Member Kristi Belote

Also in Attendance

A. ITEMS OPENING THE MEETING

1. Call to Order.
Mayor Beck calls the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Call Roll and Establish Quorum.
Julia Vicars, City Secretary, calls roll. A quorum is established.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Approval of the minutes from January 19th, January 28th, February 2nd, February 16th, and February 25th of 2016.
Council Member Hopkins makes a motion to approve the minutes, excluding January 19th, 2016 which will be edited and presented back to Council at the next meeting. Seconded by Council Member Fogarasi. The motion carries unanimously.
5. Village Reports.
 - a. Financial Reports
Council Member Hopkins presents the financial reports for the Village, including a detailed breakdown of the costs and expenses incurred related to the Eagle Scout project at Friendship Park. Council Member Hopkins states for the record that the BCRUA should be billed for their time with the City Engineer immediately. A February 2016 Budget Analysis that projects spending for the remainder of the fiscal year is reviewed.
 - b. Construction Update
Julia Vicars, City Secretary, briefly updates Council on the ongoing construction projects throughout the Village.
 - c. Crime & Complaints Report
Crime and Complaints are reviewed, and Council makes note of an increase in possible drug related incidents on Lime Creek Road.
 - d. City Secretary's Report

Julia Vicars, City Secretary, reports to Council the progress made on projects and tasks assigned.

e. Committee Reports

Public Safety – New members are needed and welcomed. The Public Safety Committee is to work on a recommendation to Council on how to address and solve the issues at Wharf Cove.

Environmental – New members are needed and welcomed. A commemoration of Friendship Park will take place during the Fish Fry and a certificate will be provided to Ryan Murphy thanking him for his hard work.
Budget, Finance, Administrative – more members are needed. The Financial Controls and Spending Policy is almost finished as well as new job descriptions. A Request for Qualifications is also being drafted for the outside services professionals.

f. Mayor's Report

Mayor Beck updates Council on the progress of the zoning ordinance. A meeting with Travis County will take place soon to discuss Mollberg Park.

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS.

Nancy Carufel, Joy Rd, is opposed to any more money being spent on Friendship Park. She suggests Council put the attorney on retainer instead of hourly and says that applicants spend too much money on their development project.

Babs Yarbrough, Joy Rd, speaks about Mollberg Park and voices her concern about Council pursuing ownership.

Mattie Adams, Booth Circle, thanks Council for their brief committee reports. Voices concern about Council members individually researching specific topics without direction from Council for a cap on spending. Also states that the striping on Lime Creek Road is a major safety concern and should be repainted as soon as viable.

C. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action to direct the Mayor to enter into an agreement with HVJ & Associates for the creation of a long-term road maintenance plan. (Mayor Beck)
Council Members Connors and Hopkins ask for clarification about the recurring price to update the plan. The cost of inspecting completed projects and assisting in the procurement of bids for the work to be done is also requested.

Citizen Comments:

Babs Yarbrough, Joy Rd, states that the \$15,000 cost of the report seem high for what is to be included. She also feels that Council should not authorize this contract with so many unanswered questions and so few details in the proposal.

Mattie Adams, Booth Circle, is opposed to a twenty year plan.

Julia Vicars, City Secretary, reminds the Mayor to notify HVJ that a Form 1295 will have to be submitted to the State Ethics Commission by HVJ and verified by the City Secretary before the contract can be signed.

Council agrees to table this item until the next Special Called Meeting, with the Mayor to present answers to Council's questions by the 24th of March.

2. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution No. 2016-R-1, a Resolution of the Village of Volente establishing guidelines and routine procedures for the amendment and/or creation of ordinances.
Council Member Fogarasi makes a motion to approve the resolution. Council Member Connors seconds.
Council Member Hopkins asks for clarity as to how work with the Planning and Zoning Commission is outlined in the document.
Council Member Fogarasi withdraws his motion.
Mayor Pro Tem Baker makes a motion to defer this resolution until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. Council Member Hopkins seconds, requesting that the motion be amended to include the request that Council provide feedback and edits to Council Member Fogarasi before the next Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Baker accepts the amendment to his motion. The motion carries unanimously.
3. Update on the progress of Resolution No. 2016-R-2, a Resolution of the Village of Volente formally establishing a Park Land Fund. (Council Member Fogarasi)
Council Member Fogarasi makes a motion to defer this item to allow for legal opinion and guidance. Council Member Hopkins seconds. The motion carries unanimously.
4. Presentation by the Public Works Committee and recommendation for action on responses to solicitation for bids for mowing of right-of-ways in the Village.
Mayor Beck presents the bids that were requested by the Public Works Committee for mowing throughout the Village. Mayor Beck also summarizes the bid request and the information that was provided to the vendors.
Nancy Carufel, Joy Rd, asks that Council wait until the wildflowers are gone before mowing.
Babs Yarbrough, Joy Rd, also asks that Council wait until the wildflowers are gone.
Mattie Adams, Booth Circle, also requests that Council wait until the wildflowers are gone.
5. Discussion and Possible Action directing the Mayor to sign a service agreement for the mowing of the Village's right-of-ways.
Council Member Connors makes a motion to engage Landscape Ranch Services for a one time mowing of Lime Creek Road and FM 2769/Wharf Cove, with a cost not to exceed \$695.00. Council Member Fogarasi seconds. The motion carries unanimously.
6. Discussion and possible action on updating the financial policy to allow the Mayor to execute contracts up to \$1,000.00 for budgeted items. (Mayor Beck)
Mayor Beck presents the item. Council Member Hopkins states that the Budget, Finance, and Administration Committee is working on revisions to the Financial Controls and Spending Policy and will be bringing a recommendation to Council soon.
No action was taken on this item.
7. Update and discussion on the potential future locations of City Hall. (Mayor Beck)
Mayor Beck updates Council on the discussions with the ESD and the new additions to the estimated costs and timeline. Council discusses the need for more information, the need for legal opinion on the proposal of a multiple decade lease, and opinion and comments from the public. Further research is to be done by Mayor Beck. No action was taken.
8. Discussion and review of assigned tasks.

Mayor Pro Tem Baker runs through the items added to the task list from this meeting.

9. Adjourn.
The meeting adjourns at 10:05 p.m.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Signed:

Ken Beck, Mayor

Attest:

Julia Vicars, City Secretary