



**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY CALLED MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE VILLAGE OF VOLENTE
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.
Council Chambers, 16100 Wharf Cove, Volente, TX 78641**

Present

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

Absent

Also in Attendance

A. ITEMS OPENING MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ken Beck called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Beck called roll. All were present. A quorum was established.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. VILLAGE REPORTS

a. Financial Reports

Councilmember Kit Hopkins delivered the financial reports for August and reported that overall the Village is ahead of budget.

b. Committee Reports

- Public Works - The committee is waiting for the budget to be approved to re-activate and move forward with the HVJ bid.
- Public Safety - The committee is working on the Fire Wise renewal. There was some discussion as to setting a date for a boat party. Dealing with the golf carts driving on the sidewalks. Councilmember Steve Baker requested striping on the crosswalks when roads are redone.
- Public Relations and Communications - Councilmember Kristi Belote will work on the Town Hall postcards.
- Environmental Department – The Village is in charge of having Friendship Park mowed.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

C. GENERAL BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of Ordinance 2016-O-XXX, an ordinance to establish a Committed Fund for the maintenance and repair of municipal streets and a Special Revenue Fund for the segregation of municipal sales and use tax revenue for street maintenance and expenditures in accordance with Tax Code, Chapter 327.

Councilmember Hopkins motioned to adopt the ordinance as written and presented in the backup materials. Councilmember Andy Fogarasi seconded.

Councilmember Bill Connors renewed his preference for a separate fund which he believes would present financial facts more clearly.

Vote: 4 ayes – 1 nay, Councilmember Bill Connors – 0 abstentions

2. Consideration and action to amend the budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 to designate funds appropriated for maintenance and repair of municipal streets committed funds and to consider and act to segregate such committed funds in a special account for such purpose.

Councilmember Bill Connors motioned to commit \$118,000 and approve this ordinance. Councilmember Andy Fogarasi seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

3. Public Hearing on proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Councilmember Hopkins gave an overview of the proposed Budget.
Each Councilmember expressed their views.

Mayor Beck opened the Public Hearing for citizen comments.

Resident Jan Yenawine applauded Council's effort and work, and agreed with the increase.

Resident Nancy Carufel expressed her concerns as to the increase.

Resident Joyce Beck expressed her gratitude for Council's effort.

Mayor Beck closed the Public Hearing.

4. Adoption of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Councilmember Andy Fogarasi motioned to approve the Budget, as presented, for the fiscal year of 2016-17. Councilmember Kit Hopkins seconded the motion.

Councilmember Hopkins proposed a wording change to section 4 of the ordinance.

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Steve Baker, Councilmember Kit Hopkins, Councilmember Andy Fogarasi, Councilmember Kristi Belote

Nays: Councilmember Bill Connors

Abstentions: None

5. Vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the FY 2016-2017 budget.

Councilmember Kit Hopkins motioned to ratify the property tax increases reflected in the budget for FY 2016-2017. Mayor Pro Tem Steve Baker seconded. Vote: 4 ayes – 1 nay, Councilmember Bill Connors – 0 abstentions

6. Village Council Elections – Discussion and possible action on Candidate Forums.

Council agreed that there should be two Candidate Forums, but should not be involved in any way. No action taken.

7. Discussion and possible action on a proposed schedule to pass a new Zoning Ordinance in October 2016.

Discussion ensued as to a proposed schedule and the ordinance. Council agreed to a target date of October 10th for the proposed ordinance to go up on the website; October 29th for Town Hall meeting at the Fire House; October 31st deadline to publish the Notice of Public Hearing; and Public Hearing on November 15th followed by a vote on the new ordinance.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved this 18th day of October, 2016

Signed:

Attest:

Ken Beck, Mayor

Nicole Vicuña, Acting City Secretary