

**Village of Volente Regular Council Meeting,  
Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 7:00 P.M.  
At VVFD and Community Center, 15406 FM 2769, Volente, Texas.**

**MINUTES**

**A. ITEMS OPENING MEETING**

**1. Call to order.**

Mayor Justine Blackmore-Hlista called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**2. Roll Call**

Those present were Mayor Blackmore-Hlista, Mayor Pro Tem Graber, Councilmember's Wilder, Scott, Graci and Hammond. Engineer David Simons and Attorney Jeff Tippens were also present.

**3. Pledge to the Flag and reading of the Village Vision Statement:**

Mayor Blackmore-Hlista led the pledge and read the Vision Statement.

**B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Nancy Carufel, Joy RD, stated that she now has drainage down her driveway and into her garage and she has never had it in her garage. She also asked who was complaining about noise.

**C. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**4. Pedernales representative to give update on new communication program.**

Jamie Smith, communications representative from PEC will meet with Council twice a year and the City Secretary in between. He passed out post cards listing the upcoming events that PEC is sponsoring.

**5. Discussion and recommendations from May 11, 2011 P&Z meeting.** Commissioner Lourens update Council on the P&Z meeting and gave recommendations:

**a. Recommendation on seven variance request from applicant Ron Murray.**

Commissioner Lourens gave the recommendation to Council to approve the seven variances requested stating that the vote in the P&Z was three for and one against approval. Much discussion ensued.

**b. Recommendation on Replat and site plan for lot 13 C Lake Travis Subdivision No 2, Volente.**

Commissioner Lourens gave P&Z recommendation to approve the replat application stating that the vote in P&Z was three for and one against. Again much discussion ensued.

**c. Recommendation regarding conflict in Site Development Sec. 33.344 B7.**

Commissioner Lourens gave the Council recommendation to remove the conflict with this section of the ordinance.

**6. Discussion on replat application and variances requested by Ron Murray for Lot 13C, Lake Travis Subdivision No. 2, Volente.**

Ron Murray presented his application to Council and answered questions. Public hearing will be at next month's Council meeting.

Councilmember Scott left the meeting. 8:45 PM

7. **Discussion and possible action on recommendation of conflict in Site Development Sec. 33.344 B 7. Storm water Detention Waiver Eligibility.**  
Councilmember Wilder made a motion to remove the Site Development Sec. 33.344 B 7. Matthew Hammonds seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  
8. Consideration and possible approval of:
  - a. **4/25/11 minutes**  
Mayor Pro Tem Graber made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Councilmember Wilder seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. **Financial reports for April**  
Tabled
  - c. **Renewal of lease agreement with VVFD & VOV**  
Mayor Pro Tem Graber made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease between VVFD and VOV. Councilmember Hammond seconded. Motion passed
  
9. **Update on coordination with Travis County for Debbie Drive overlay.**  
Councilmember Hammond and Mayor Pro Tem Graber reported that the overlay work on Debbie Drive could be done the first week in June. It was discussed of having Davy Drive done at the same time and a cost will be sent from Travis County.
  
10. **Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution urging the LCRA to ban floating habitable structures on Lake Travis.**  
Mayor Blackmore-Hlista read the resolution to Council. Mayor Pro Tem Graber made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilmember Wilder seconded. All agreed. Councilmember Scott was absent.
  
11. **Discussion and possible action regarding investigation of alternate route for PEC's electric feeder upgrade.**  
Councilmember Wilder and Councilmember Graci reported to Council the meeting they had with Greg Hammonds and PEC representatives. After the meeting the village received a letter stating that PEC will be moving forward with the upgrade on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Blackmore-Hlista wrote a letter to PEC Board of Directors stating that the Village is beginning a study of the additional costs, benefits and viability of the alternate route. Councilmember Wilder will work on getting the study completed.
  
12. **Discussion and possible action on WTP4 presentation held at the Volente fire hall.**  
Councilmember Graci and Mayor Blackmore-Hlista reported an update from the meeting they attended with WTP4. There will be an open house Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Volente Fire Hall sponsored by WTP4.
  
13. **Discussion of speed reduction options along Booth Circle between the entrance of FM 2769 and street curve in front of Bob & Isabelle Evans' house. (Lake Travis Subdivision 1 lot 100)** This item was taken out of order.  
Mayor Pro Tem Graber stated concern for the safety of the children on Booth Circle due to the speeding vehicles. Several concerned citizens from the neighborhood voiced concerns and gave suggestions such as installing speed bumps and signage of children at play and suggested to lower the speed limit. Councilmember Wilder stated speeding vehicles was an issue all over Volente. It was decided that signage would be installed on

Booth, Sherman and Jackson streets, improving the line of site at intersections, consideration of adding speed bumps and outreach to the citizens.

**14. Discussion and possible action regarding purchase of sound meter to support enforcement of noise ordinance.**

Councilmember Graber reported after meeting with the two volunteers and the sound expert that the village sound meter does not record the information that is required in the noise ordinance. Commissioner Lourens stated it was simpler to buy a new machine then change the ordinance. He estimated the cost to be approximately \$2500.00 plus the calibrator. The process of how the enforcement will work was discussed.

Councilmember Graber made a motion to approve up to \$2500.00 to purchase a new sound measuring meter. Councilmember Graci seconded. Councilmember Wilder stated he wanted to see the process in place first. The motion passed with Councilmember Hammond, Graci and Graber for and Councilmember Wilder opposed. Councilmember Scott was absent.

**15. Update from staff regarding pending and active permits within the Village.**

Council reviewed the report and Mayor Blackmore-Hlista stated this would be a standing item along with a complaint report on the monthly agenda.

**16. Discussion regarding the May Farmers Market.**

Councilmember Hammond will have full report at next month's meeting.

**17. Administer oaths of office and election certificates to elected officials.**

Statements were signed and oaths given to Councilmember Hammond and Wilder. Councilmember Scott was absent

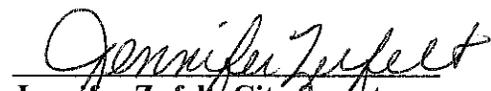
**D. Adjourn.**

Councilmember Hammond made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Wilder seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2011

  
Justine Blackmore-Hlista, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jennifer Zufelt, City Secretary