

**Village of Volente Regular Council Meeting,
Tuesday, January 18, 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 7:02 PM

2. Roll Call

The following members were present: Mayor Blackmore-Hlista, Councilmember Hammond, Councilmember Graber, Councilmember Wilder, Councilmember Graci and Councilmember Scott.

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

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

4. Presentation of plans for an electrical and communications duct bank, that must be constructed within the Bullick Hollow Road Right-of-Way between RR 620 and Oasis Bluff Drive to supply power to the raw water pump station for Water Treatment Plant # 4. This construction may impact traffic on Bullick Hollow Road. A question and answer session will follow with Jason Byble, City of Austin Representative.

City of Austin Representative, Jason Byble presented Council a presentation of the proposed work to be done on Bullick Hollow in the fall of 2011. (See attached Presentation)

Four options were presented:

* Duct bank (underground electrical conduit) running down Bullick Hollow Road ROW.

* Electrical and communications line in tunnel

*Overhead electrical lines over Comanche Canyon Preserve and through RWPS Site.

* Overhead electrical lines over Comanche Canyon Preserve and duct bank in Bullick Hollow Road ROW

With each option there were constraints. Also presented were the daytime construction options and the nighttime construction options.

Daytime Construction:

*Time 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

*Lane Closures

*Approximate 6-8 Months construction period

*Heavy Construction traffic

*Construction duration could extend into beginning of peak season

Nighttime Construction:

- *Construction time 8PM to 6AM
- *Nighttime full road closure from RR 620 to Oasis Bluff
- *Alternate routes provided
- *Approximate 4-6 month construction period
- *Full use of Bullick Hollow RD in daytime & weekends
- *Increased safety for daytime commuters/traffic

Some suggestions that Council had were to start construction at night at a later time. Put more crews on to get finished sooner

. * Concerns voiced were that Bullick Hollow is a primary route to schools and business for Volente residents.

*Plates that are being proposed to cover cuts in the roads during the day are not safe.

*Will cause additional traffic on an already burdened road

*Construction on the pumping station and tunnel will cause impact both day and night

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: (this item was taken out of order) ESD 14 Board President, Tom Stevenson, informed Council of the ESD meeting scheduled for Wednesday January 19th at 7:00PM and that they would be discussing a change in the coverage of Volente.

C. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

1. **Consideration and possible action on Planning and Zoning recommendation to amend the zoning ordinance to define and regulate mobile homes regarding the location and/or use of temporary, manufactured and/or mobile homes on residentially zoned lots.**

P&Z Commissioner Babs Yarbrough presented recommendations to Council. (see attached) Council member Mark Scott made a motion to adopt the amendment to the zoning to define and regulate mobile homes and Recreational Vehicles. Council member Matthew Hammond seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible approval of:

- a. **Minutes December 21, 2010.**

Councilmember Wilder made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Graber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Financial Statement and balance sheet for December 2010**

Council member Graber made a motion to accept the financial report. Councilmember Wilder seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. **Call General Election for May 14, 2011**

Councilmember Wilder made a motion to adopt the resolution to call the May 14, 2011 General election. Councilmember Hammond seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Mayors Report:

Mayor Blackmore-Hlista spoke to Council about the goals she has set for the future and one is to administer and facilitate as the Mayor by streamlining operations, meetings, actions and communications. Examples referred to were Roads, PEC upgrade, parks, website, electronic notification, capturing and documenting, infrastructure long and short term. Councilmember Hammond suggested that the Mayor do an open letter on a regular basis.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the LCRA and the Village of Volente.

Council reviewed and discussed the MOU which is the agreement between Volente and LCRA regarding regulations for On Site Sewage Facilities. Councilmember Wilder made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Scott seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Discussion of developing a strategic plan for the Village for 1, 3 and 5 years.

Councilmember Wilder would like to work with Mayor Blackmore-Hlista on planning for Volente's future as was referred to in the Mayors report such as roads, finances, business and communications.

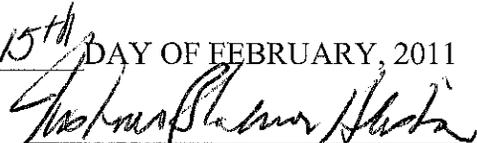
6. Consideration and possible action finalizing the winter festival/farmer's market.

(this item was taken out of order) Councilmember Hammond introduced Austin Cameron, from the VIP Marina. He and Rick Redmond are offering the property where the water park is located for use by the Village to have the Farmers Market. A contract will be drawn up for both parties to sign. Councilmember Hammond made a motion to lease the facility for \$1 for the use during the Farmers Market event. Councilmember Graci seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Adjourn

Councilmember Hammond made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Graci seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011


Justine Blackmore-Hlista, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Zufelt, City Secretary