



MINUTES

Of the City Council

Village of Volente, TX

16100 Wharf Cove, Volente, Texas 78641

Tuesday, August 19, 2014 7pm

Council Members Present

Frederick Graber, Mayor
Member

Mark Scott, Mayor Pro Tem

Judy Graci, Council Member

Ken Beck, Council Member

Absent

Jan Yenawine, Council

Others Present

Tom Buckle, City Attorney

1. Call to Order of the City Council.

Mayor Graber called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

City Secretary, Joan Jackson, called roll. A quorum was present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance/Reading of the Village Vision Statement.

Mayor Graber led the Pledge and read the Village Vision Statement.

4. Citizens/Public Communications.

a. Allison Thrash, 15100 FM 2769, commented on Next Door Volente.

b. Judy Barrick, 15907 Booth Circle, commented on Next Door Volente.

c. Ann Steichen, 15807 FM 2769 commented on community support of Volente.

d. Nancy Carufel, 8138 Joy Road, commented on the monthly reports on the agendas and budget items of mileage reimbursement and office and staff costs.

5. Mayor's Report.

The Mayor is excited about the Council's changing with the November election. Change is good for the community. He thanked the volunteers who have worked hard on the pending community survey and the correction of the ordinances. Planning & Zoning Commission is working now on a short term rental ordinance.

6. Finance Committee Report. (Mayor Pro Tem Scott)

Mayor Pro Tem Scott said the Village will be looking for a bookkeeping service and he thanked Kit Hopkins for her work on the books and the budget. He updated the Council and the public on the financial report for July, 2014 and the year to date budget.

7. Master Water Plan Ad Hoc Committee Report.

Council Member Graci gave options the committee is looking at. There is not an operating cost for this at this point. The committee hopes to get the cost soon to see if the residents are interested in a public water system.

8. BCRUA report update.

Council Member Graci said Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority did acquire the pump station by the Cedar Park Water Plant. There are new reports available on their website.

9. Staff reports.

a. City Administrator/City Secretary Project Report.

City Administrator Barbara Wilson thanked Kit Hopkins for her work on the financial records. She also thanked Nancy Carufel for her help on the site plans organization and her work volunteering in the Village office. There have been 11 advisory meetings since the last Council meeting. This report is included in the packet.

b. Financial Report was given by Mayor Pro Tem Mark Scott.

c. Construction Report.

City Administrator Barbara Wilson gave this report on building activity in the Village.

Public Comments

David Springer, 8504 Lime Creek Rd., asked about the recovery of sales tax that were sent to Leander instead of Volente.

10. Swearing in of Barbara Yarbrough as Council Member.

Judge Thrash administered the oath to swear in Barbara Yarbrough as a Council Member. She was seated at the Council table after being sworn in.

11. Approval of the minutes from June 17, 2014 and July 22, 2014.

Council Member Judy Graci asked for the names of Babs Yarbrough and Linda Olson to be added to the public comment section on the June 17, 2014, not attached to the back and having their emails made public. Mayor Pro Tem Mark Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from June 17, 2014 and July 22, 2014 with the correction from Council Member Graci. Council Member Graci seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Council Members voting except for Babs Yarbrough since she was not a Council Member at that time.

12. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Inter-local contract with Austin/Travis County Health to provide inspection services.

Council Member Graci made a motion to approve the contract presented. Council Member Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance No. 2014-O-12, amending the Village's Zoning Ordinance 2004-O-24, regarding the Organizational Rules governing the Planning and Zoning Commission.

City Administrator, Barbara Wilson, defined Ordinance 2014-O-12 to Council and public.

The Council discussed it was a clarification of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Allison Thrash, Chair of Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the approval of this Ordinance to the Council.

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:13 p.m.

Citizen Comments:

Terry Spurlin, Volente, asked why Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations are not final but Board of Adjustments recommendations are. Barbara Wilson explained it is set up this way in the Local Texas Government Code.

Mike Gold, Volente, asked for clarification of what issues the Board of Adjustments hears. He believes all zoning issues should be before the Board of Adjustments.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:21 p.m.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 2014-O-12, amending the Village's Zoning Ordinance 2004-O-24, regarding the Organizational Rules governing the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Council Member Graci made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2014-O-14. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with Council Member Yarbrough and Graci and Mayor Pro Tem Scott voting for it and Council Member Beck opposed.

15. Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance No. 2014-O-9, amending the Village's Zoning Ordinance 2004-O-32 and 2006-O-59, Regarding the Correction of Misnumbered and Unclear Numbering.

Barbara Wilson explained this was a correction of three sections receiving the same number.

The Public Hearing began at 8:45 p.m.

No Public Comments were received.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:46 p.m.

Council Discussion:

Council Member Beck asked that misnumbering be spelled correctly.

16. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 2014-O-9, amending the Village's Zoning Ordinances 2004-O-32 and 2006-O-59, regarding the Correction of Misnumbered and Unclear Numbering.

Council Member Beck made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2014-O-9, correcting the misnumbering with the spelling correction above. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2014-O-10, amending the Village's Zoning Ordinances 2004-O-32 and 2007-O-78, regarding the Correction of Misnumbered and Unclear Numbering.

Barbara Wilson explained the correction that was needed.

The Public Hearing opened at 8:44 p.m.

There were not any comments.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:44 p.m.

Allison Thrash, Chair of Planning and Zoning Commission, recommended the adoption of this Ordinance to the Council.

18. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 2014-O-10, amending the Village's Zoning Ordinances 2004-O-32 and 2007-O-78, regarding the Correction of Misnumbered and Unclear Numbering.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-O-10. Council Member Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance No. 2014-O-8, amending the Village's Ordinance 2004-O-32, regarding the Definition of Pumping Plant, Pumping Station, and Public Water System of the Village's Zoning Ordinance by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Barbara Wilson explained the Ordinance defining the Pumping Plant and Pumping Station.

Allison Thrash, Chair of Planning and Zoning, recommended the adoption of the Ordinance to Council.

The Public Hearing began at 8:48 p.m.

There were not any citizens comments.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:49 p.m.

20. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 2014-O-8, regarding the Definition of Pumping Plant, Pumping Station, and Public Water System of the Village's Zoning Ordinance by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Council Member Beck commented Planning and Zoning had previously approved this definition. He asked that corrections be made to line 75, changing use to used and on line 102 adding verbiage of heavy industrial.

Council Member Beck made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-O-8 with the spelling corrections and additions. Council Member Graci seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Discussion and Possible Action authorizing funding for the 2014 Community Survey, not to exceed \$2,500.

Allison Thrash, Planning and Zoning Chair, said the Commission has been working on the Comprehensive Plan and cleaning up the Ordinances. The recommendation from Planning and Zoning is to approve the funding for the pending survey not to exceed \$2,500.

Citizens comments:

There were not any comments.

Council Member Beck asked about the Survey Monkey and if we had a level yet. Planning and Zoning Commission is asking for Platinum level of Survey Monkey. Barbara Wilson gave the benefits of the platinum level of Survey Monkey. Council Member Yarbrough made a motion to authorize the funding not to exceed \$2,500.00 for the 2014 Community Survey. Council Member Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A 5 minute break was taken at 9:03 p.m. Council called back into session at 9:09 p.m.

22. Discussion and Possible Action on Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget.

Mark Scott, Chair of Financial Committee and Kit Hopkins, member of the Finance Committee, explained the proposed budget that was presented. Kit Hopkins went over revenue and expenses. Council asked questions regarding budget items of Council training and road work. Mark Scott gave an example of the difference between the tax rate of .1300 and tax rate of .1346. He and the Council would like to see the tax rate stay the same next year at .1300. Mayor Pro Tem Scott made a motion to have a proposed tax rate of .1300 for the fiscal year 2014-15. Council Member Graci seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen's Comments:

Nancy Carufel, 8138 Joy Rd., asked the Council to look at a senior tax freeze. She also would like the Village to set a budget and live in that amount.

23. Adjourn

Council Member Beck made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Yarbrough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved this 18th day of November, 2014.

Signed

Frederick Graber, Mayor

Attest

Julia Vicars, Acting City Secretary