



Notice of a Meeting of the
City Council
Of Village of Volente, TX
16100 Wharf Cove
Volente, Texas 78641
Tuesday, May 20, 2014
7 pm.

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Volente, TX will hold a meeting of the City Council on Tuesday the 20th of May, 2014, 16100 Wharf Cove, Volente, TX, at which time the following items will be discussed, to wit:

1. Call to Order of the City Council.
Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call.
All members were present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance/Reading of the Village Vision Statement.
Mayor Graber read the Vision Statement.
4. Citizens/Public Communications.
Libby Davis, Volente, TX read a statement about incorporation. She and her husband voted for incorporation thinking they would not pay taxes after 65 and water would be brought to the Village. She has waited and that has not happened. She has two out of three wells on her property and they are dry. She feels that we are living in the 19th century with electricity. Council has the authority to ask residents to sacrifice with no swimming pools and one day watering. Property is hard to sell with wells on it. Volente is a ghost town and she is not Selling or giving her place away. Wants the Council to set restrictions.

Diana Gonzales is invited residents to Cedar Park PEC members meeting Sat. June 21 at 8:00 a.m. 8:30 – 10 is exhibits and voting begins at 10:30 a.m. Members are owners of the cooperative. District 2 and District 3 positions are open.

Allison Thrash, 15100 FM 2769, Volente, TX said

Carmen , was told she needs information on clearing lots that she owns. She was told to contact the City Staff.

Nancy Carufel, 8138 Joy Street, Volente, TX thanked for the trash pickup. She did not have problems with it. Two complaints still pending: regarding the floodlights and Christmas lights still on. She is concerned with cars in front on the Village City Hall blocking the view and wanted it on record that it is a concern.



5. Mayor's Report. (Mayor Graber)

Mayor Graber's report included the TX Disposal trash day. 3 trucks were sent out and some items that are out cannot be picked up such as tires. The rest will be picked up this Thursday. The volume of trash goes down each year. We have lost one of our residents, Wynn Estes, who has served on P&Z, and BOA. He was active in the Village. Council will need to bring nominations to the next meeting to replace him.

6. Finance Report (Mayor Pro Tem Scott)

a. Staff Presentation.

Mark Scott gave the monthly report. Tax revenues are in. Mixed beverage and city sales and use tax are running fairly normal. Expense side there is a quick recurring expenses sheet which gives a brief overview. Printing expenses were up a little. Office expenses up because of the printing. Roads were up because of the clearing of the brush and road work that has been accomplished.

Ken Beck, Council Member, thanked Mark and staff for the financial reports. It is exactly what he was wanting and is very pleased with the report. He attended the financial meeting with Mark and staff and appreciates the accomplishments.

6. Public Works Report (Council Member Yenawine)

Road work has been taking place. Shoulder repair, ditching and brush cleaning. Drainage work on Jackson Street. The report is included in the packet. Survey was completed on Booth Circle. Property lines in the road are showing in the survey. The City needs to work with these people anyway they can. We have extended our budget for the tax year. Enough for small jobs and emergency repairs. Potholes can be repaired. Time left to get figures together so the budget committee can have real figures to work with and not estimated figures.

7. Public Relations Report (Council Member Beck)

Report to the Council and public given by Council Member Beck. The committee has met 4 times with a goal to do a survey. It is time to do a new survey. A draft survey is included in the packets. They wanted to do comparables and asking specifics around some ordinances. How they are serving the residents now. Worked on how to execute the survey now. Surprised that they are having to take the survey to P&Z now. Wants to meet with Chairman of the P&Z now.

J Graci says it goes to P&Z, to Council and then a town hall meeting. Judy says it is a beginning but not a final. She appreciates the start and it will go through the process.

J Yenawine said the Village did not put the survey together the first time. ??? & Nichols did the first survey and if we are looking for a comparison, then the exact survey would need to be redone. Freese and Nichols. He suggested using the same survey again.

C. Wilder said the first survey was 11 years ago. We should be able to do a survey easier and this is a hard process. Should be able to get to our constituents every other year.



Jan said this survey was done at an early stage. It is not fault of the Council that survey was not done more often.

Chris said it is important for people to give us feedback.

BW said Ken is working on this and going through the process.

Judy Graci said the surveys are close and it is going to go through the process.

Judy Barrick, Booth Circle, said the old survey has changed tremendously. It was what the Village should look like, impervious cover, etc. This current survey is very yes and no. It is a simple survey. Doing the old survey is redunctant. The new one will tell what people want to see now eleven years later. Please take a look at it.

Allison Thrash, 15100 FM 2769, Volente was chair of P&Z for 6 years. The issue goes back to what the PR was supposed to do. She thought Public Relations was working on questions . She understood the Public Relations Committee was going to improve the relations between our citizens and ????? Promote public relations and support civic events. Way to get information Out. Historically and by ordinance, the survey is ????? Issue is what is the public relations committee doing and are you staying true to what the Council has charged you to do? She thought Public Relations would improve communications. It is on the agenda for P&Z and it will be reviewed.

Nancy Carufel, Joy Rd, Volente, TX is saddened by what is happening here. The Public Relations COmitte meetins have been opend and anyone could have come and see what was happening.

Mark Scott said the Council is supportive. He does not agree with yes or no questions. He said the Council does not make hardly any ordinances. The format of the survey is not positive for the answers we need. He is all for communications.

Judy Barrick said there goal was to do something to bring the community together. That is what Public Relations Committee is. She does not see in the comprehensive plan that any survey must go thru the P&Z. Mark said he was not shocked that there is a survey but at the format of it.

9. Staff reports.

a. City Administrator/City Secretary Project Report.

Barbara Wilson gave the report. It is included in the packet. She is hoping to bring code enforcement back to the Village in June. Includes smaller cities working together. Worked with Water Master Plan ad hoc committee. Hopes to have some good figures soon to bring back to Council. She is trying to gather up grant packages and not just bond issues. Clarifying the position of BOA and P&Z. Complaints on property tax appraisals. We still have property taxes in protest. Repaired street signs . Let us know if you know who is destroying any of the signs. Met with Jonestown chief. Met with Mr. Redmond. Met with VIP representatives on sign permit. Met with partyboat people. Met with Travis



County SO and Charles Williams for law enforcement. Joan received her record training classes certifications. Meeting with bank officers . Subdivision replat on Joy and Sharon Street.

b. Construction and Building Fees Report.

Projects are getting finished. Landscaping and screening is allowed for 90 days after final. So they will stay on the list until that is done and the silt fencing also stays up.

10. Approval of the Minutes.

- a. March 11, 2014 City Council
- b. March 12, 2014 City Council
- c. April 2, 2014 City Council
- d. April 4, 2014 City Council
- e. April 15, 2014 City Council
- f. May 12, 2014 City Council Special Called Meeting

Council Member Graci asked to move all of them to the end of the agenda.

Council Member Yenawine motion to postpone to a certain date.

Graci said what if we can approve in a special meeting.

Table for 2 weeks.

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Regular Agenda Items.

11. Close Public Meeting. 8:33 p.m.

12. Open Executive Session: 8:34 p.m.

The City Council of the Village of Volente will announce that it will go into executive session, if necessary, pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, to consult with the Village of Volente's attorney regarding Mollberg Park on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Village under the Texas Disciplinary Rule of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the other provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

13. Close Executive Session. 8:50 p.m.

14. Open Public Meeting. 8:55 p.m.



15. Discussion and Possible Action on items from executive session.
 - a. Discussion and possible action on Bruce C. Mollberg Park Ordinance.

Council Member Yenawine made a motion to accept ordinance 2014-0-6 Village of Volente as a public park dedication . (Define the Ordinance and the definition)
Councilmember Wilder seconded the motion. Graci amends to Lot 23 instead of Lot 24.

Nancy Carufel Joy Rd, Volente, asked what the Council plans to do with the park. She is against this and would like to see interest in something closer to the center of town. Council Member Yenawine said there is interest from the bike club, and that it is walkable and a perfect bird habitat.

Councilmember Beck said the land had never been accepted before. We can accept it without any Obligation to it. If approached we can be open to doing something else with it.

Nancy asked if there would be maintenance of it.

TB said maintained as in not doing anything to do it but maintained in its natural state.

Joyce Beck asked about liability to the City and will the City be responsible for maintaining, controlling. TB said the City cannot be sued by sovereign liberty. ????? TB said if we keep it as a natural area we do not have to provide signage for curves, drop offs. If Volente converts it, then we will have to be liable for it. The City has no responsibility of it we are just accepting it.

The motion passed unanimously.

16. Discussion and possible Action on adding stop sign on Lime Creek and Wharf Cove.
 - a. Staff Presentation

BW met with party boat owner, marina owners. Suggestion to turn it into a 3 way stop. Signage like the City of Lakeway has. Signage with arrows on it pointing the direction of the marinas and the businesses. Wanted a larger pole for the stop sign and signage that could move with directional arrows. Set up a town hall meeting that this is the only topic. Do you want a series of public hearings? Traffic devices make an impact and some are opposed and others will like it. She suggest polling for public opinions.

Jan Yenawine said he has always been opposed to this but he thinks it is in the citizens best interest to do this. If we have signage hopefully it will help. Suggest that we have 3 open meetings to discuss this. Ken Beck agrees with having the meetings. There will be feedback from Jackson, Sherman and the streets on that side of Volente .



Mayor Graber suggested working with Travis County engineers where the sign should go and how high it should be. We need to reach out to them and have the information available at the townhall or open meetings.

BW has found 3 sign companies that can help with this and tell us what to do.

Jan Yenawine disagrees with that. The signage should be back from the corner. He wants the signage even if we don't have the stop sign.

Mark Scott suggested meetings.

Mayor Graber asked if it was public safety.

BW said it was several meetings.

Ken suggested public safety to do it and work with staff.

There will be a special called meetings with Council Member Yenawine and Chris Wilder to work on this.

Public safety will come up with dates for the meetings.

17. Discussion and possible Action on Proposed Changes to the Village Administrative Ordinance. (Council Member Beck and Council Member Wilder)

Beck explained the purpose is two fold. Administrative staff is working. Hoping to tighten up the administrative ordinance. Recommends a modification that a form be used and completed for sending agenda items. All reports be submitted in the package. Eleven days before hand. All packets assembled and ready 5 days before the meeting. Summary of all committee reports.

Mayor Graber asked for the background material. He said Council has been running efficiently for the last 10 years without this.

Judy Graci said staff is limited. She said there was micro managing now. She asked if there were examples from other cities.

Council Member Graci and Beck entered into a discussion on when the packet are ready, delivered, and agendas ready. TML told her the only requirement is the 72 hr posting . She is opposed to the Mayor Graber

Report being included in the packet.

MS likes the forms. He wonders about the reports in 11 days ahead. He likes the consistency. Hopes to find common grounds in these requests.

Council Member Yenawine said we have discussed this before and it is difficult to have all the information in .

Council Member Beck suggested meeting with staff and coming back next month.

Joyce Beck asked what the Administrative Ordinance was. She stated the Ordinance is similar and what was the difference. Jan said it was moving the time line up. The Ordinance states when the agenda is due but not the packet .

Council Member Graci said the Mayor Graber's report is not to be included. She asked who would Complete the form. Council Member Beck said the submitter of the council agenda would complete it.



Allison Thrash, FM 2769, Volente, TX said for two better that want less govt this isn't it. She was told it was better and more efficient govt. She said this is more paperwork, more deadlines, . This is an attempt for business work into a city framework. She said to remember the Village door is open 8 to 5 and everyone who enters expects to be served immediately.

He is pulling it.

18. Discussion and Possible Action on Adding Citizens' Public Works Request Form to the Village of Volente website. (Council Member Beck and Council Member Wilder)

Councilmember Wilder said he, Jan and Barbara have been talking about when a resident sees something that there could be a way to post requests for Public Works. He is offering to create this application on the website. No costs are involved.

Council Member Yenawine supports this. It should be set up for every committee. He asked if there was a way to feed back to these people.

Judy Graci said most people would just call the office. It is another thing that BW is going to have to look at. It was explained that it would show up as an email. She said the website is still an issue.

Nancy Carufel, Joy Rd. says It would be a great idea. She likes the tracking idea of it.

Council Member Yenawine asked if we have this, this information has to be stored? BW said yes, for 6 years. BW would like additional customization.

No action at this time. Councilmember Wilder will bring back more information or a example of it next meeting.

19. Discussion and Possible Action on a Village of Volente Complaint Registry. (Council Member Beck and Council Member Wilder)

Wants to know how many complaints and what are they. Statistical standpoint: how many complaints and what are.

Judy Barrick, Booth Circle, said her suggestion would put out a volunteer list to help streamline complaints and packets assembly.

Allison Thrash, 2769, Volente, TX said Volente next door is in comparison to the Village website. Don't just focus on complaints, focus on what is working. The Village website is where everything should go.



Mark Scott said we don't need volunteer to work 5 complaints a month.

Councilmember Wilder made a motion to table and bring it back better defined at the next meeting.

20. Adjourn.

MS

Council Member Graci

AIF June 16th

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at Village of Volente on the 15th day of May 2014.

Joan Jackson, City Secretary.

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A Quorum of the Board of Adjustment, and Planning and Zoning Commission may be present.