



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE VILLAGE OF VOLENTE, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 2, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.
At 16100 Wharf Cove, Volente, TX 78641

1. Open Special Called Meeting
Meeting opened at 6:30 pm.
2. Call Roll.
City Secretary Julia Vicars calls roll. Present are Council Member Bill Connors, Council Member Kit Hopkins, Mayor Pro Tem Steve Baker, Mayor Ken Beck, Council Member Andy Fogarasi, Council Member Kristi Belote.
3. Citizen Comments.
None.
4. Presentation from experts solicited by the Public Works Committee to assist with the road maintenance long term plan and inventory of roads. (Mayor Beck)
Tim Haynie, Jr. from Haynie Consulting presents on behalf of his company and the nearby cities he has worked with.
Frank Carmichael & Ruben James from HVJ & Associates present their proposal.
Yitkin Yidirim presents on behalf of Terra Pave and talks about establishing a Pavement Management System.
5. Discussion, update, and possible action relating to the future location of City Hall.
Council Member Kristi Belote makes a motion to authorize Mayor Ken Beck and Babs Yarbrough to discuss with Linda Carter the viability of extending the lease or purchasing this property; to discuss with the ESD the viability of the two lots proposed this evening; and to discuss with the VFD the viability of the Lot 16B; and for the Public Relations and Communications Committee to create a subsequent communication plan. Council Member Andy Fogarasi seconded the motion. Motion carries.
6. Discussion and Possible Action on a bill for a legal opinion received from Leonard Smith.
(Council Member Hopkins)

Council Members Hopkins and Fogarasi state they are both surprised by the amount and contend the question Council asked for opinion on was not clearly answered by Mr. Smith. Council Member Belote questions the correlation between the billable hours listed and the work product supplied to the Village. **Council directs the Mayor to challenge the amount of hours Mr. Smith has billed, citing the recycled work product as justification for a reduction in those hours.**

7. Presentation and Update on the 2016 Prioritized Goals of Council, as discussed in their Council Retreat. (Council Members Fogarasi and Connors)
Council Member Fogarasi updates Council on this item. No action was taken.
8. Discussion on the legislative changes to Open Carry Laws and Gun Laws in the State of Texas and possible direction to Staff. Mayor Ken Beck presents the item and discusses how neighboring cities have handled this topic.
Mayor Pro Tem Baker makes a motion for the Village to not act at this time. Council Member Andy Fogarasi seconds, carries unanimously.
9. Discussion and Update from the Budget, Finance, and Administration Committee on their work relating to budgets for fiscal years and their implementation into QuickBooks, as well as corrective actions necessary to rectify discrepancies in QuickBooks for fiscal year 2014-2015. (Council Member Hopkins)
Council discusses how the amount thought to be set aside for “reserves” in the operating budget would be used. An assignment of general fund for Public Works reserves is agreed upon, with line item adjustments taking place as needed for Public Works related expenditures. The remaining balance at the end of the fiscal year could then be transferred to a reserve account designated specifically for use on street and right-of-way maintenance.
Council Member Hopkins makes a motion to repeal the budget amendment for fiscal year 2014-15 approved in May of 2015 and to approve line item adjustments to the fiscal year 2014-15 budget as presented below and to direct staff to prepare an ordinance to adopt and enact as the municipal budget for the Fiscal Year 2014-15 for council approval to the next available meeting; and to insure that all the filings with the county clerk for the adoption of this budget have been made. Council Member Bill Connors seconds. The motion carries unanimously.
Council Member Kit Hopkins makes a motion to approve line item budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget as presented in backup material. Council Member Connors seconds. The motion carries unanimously.
10. Discussion, Update, and Possible Action on the progress of codification of our Ordinances. (Mayor Beck and Staff)
Staff and Mayor give Council an update on the codification process, including an expected date of completion. Council agrees to direct staff to try out workflow scanning and report back any issues or requests for assistance. No action was taken.

11. Discussion and Review of the proposed Utility District for the revised Zoning Ordinance. Council reviews the proposed Utility District with edits made thus far by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Discussion ensues about the differences between pumping plant and pumping stations as well as the process for conditional use approval for uses listed in the category. Council directs staff to get clarification from a professional vendor as to the terms “pumping station” and “pumping plant”.

12. Adjourn.
Meeting adjourns at 10:30 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signed:

Mayor Ken Beck

Attest:

Julia Vicars, City Secretary