



**VILLAGE OF VOLENTE, TEXAS  
MINUTES**

City Council Regular Meeting  
6:35 P.M., Tuesday, May 15, 2018  
Fire Hall, 15406 FM 2769, Volente, TX 78641

**I. ITEMS OPENING THE MEETING**

1. Call to Order  
Mayor Beck called the meeting to order at
2. Call Roll and Establish Quorum  
Present: Beck, Thost, Connors, Mokry, Wilder (running late)  
Absent: Ryan (excused)  
Staff: Assistant City Attorney Erin Selvera  
A quorum was present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance  
All stood for the pledge.
4. Volente Vision Statement read by Council member Wilder.

**II. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

James Griffin from Texas Disposal Systems about Waste Wizard text message alert software (512) 791-8393.

**III. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

Council determined that there was no need for executive session.

**B. Discussion of Ordinance No. 2018-0-01**

Relinquishing village's right to claim right of way in Molberg St. and Courier Street in exchange for acquiring formal right of way along Line Creek Rd.

**Council member Connors motioned to pass the ordinance. Council member Wilder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**C. Discussion of Municipal Court Bailiff**

Senate Bill 42 Implications. (1) Requirement of Court Bailiff or Security Officer must be trained within a year of being appointed. Cerberus Security Company in Austin for an on demand Bailiff or Security Officer.

Council member Thost engaged in further discussion about necessity of security measures. City attorney Erin Selvera was asked for guidance on the matter. Left it to Council Member Thost to do further research on this issue.

**Council member Thost motioned to postpone decision on this issue until the next council meeting or the meeting after that. Motion carried unanimously.**

D. Discussion of City's Municipal Judge (*Hon. Denise Thrash*) for Court in Session

No action taken.

E. Discussion on Adjustments to Village's Financial Controls and Spending Policy

Council member Connors noted that Council had agreed by previous formal resolution that new projects would be brought to Council for approval. Noted that there needs to be better oversight as to how this money is being spent and better budget awareness.

Mayor Beck noted that the City is in a good financial position. Need to be aware of budget used towards legal fees. Council discussion on how City Council should move forward on spending and budgetary decisions before going forward.

Possible controls: Annual budget, monthly report, spending on professional services, legal bill allocated against projects, budget reallocation,

Discussion on this item occurred without any formal action. Council discussed list of ongoing projects by engineer. City attorney weighed in on current projects/upcoming legal services.

**Citizen Comments:**

Joyce Beck: Discussed how pendulum has swung. There was criticism against prior council for not including legal. Now there is criticism for this Council utilizing legal. Must keep it in perspective. Wants more attention to consistency.

Steve Baker, West Drive, : Suggested establish gate keeper. Get estimate for projects

David Springer, Lime Creek : Suggested using TML. Wait until council meeting to ask questions, order agenda so that legal issues at front then send them off. Make \$1,000 per month pre project.

F. Consideration and action on employment of new City Secretary

Consideration and possible action on finding a permanent or interim City Secretary and when. Council member Connors asked what role the new City Secretary will play, whether full-time or part-time. Council member Thost volunteered herself to assist in the meantime. Proposal of David Springer as interim City Secretary. Council will wait to move forward on this until formal research is done on temp agencies and until they hear back from Nicole. Will revisit at special meeting next Thursday.

Mayor Beck noted additional issue that the current City Secretary is also the Court Clerk. Need to get a temporary Court Clerk for upcoming court date.

No action taken. Mayor Beck will confer with Council on Friday for final decision on this item.

G. Discussion and possible action on scope of BOV Road Project for Summer 2018

Mayor Beck expressed concern that the road project is not moving quickly enough. The City has budget reserves to pay for these four segments.

Council member Connors proposed moving forward with the roads despite budget deficit to the extent that the City has excess budget. Mayor Beck was in agreement with proposal by Council Member Connors.

**Council member Connors motioned to authorize HVJ to proceed with the planned maintenance and approve the costs of repairs. Council member Wilder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

H. Discussion and possible action on strategy for pursuing interlocal agreement with Varsity Creek Regional Utility Authority

Council member Chris Wilder discussed project details. Will be meeting with BCRUA to discuss early plans of developing ILA.

I. Discussion and possible action on retaining the park land fund.

Mayor Beck discussed adjusted City ordinance in last year that stated that, if you had a piece of land and were going to divide into 5 or fewer lots, you did not have to pay a park land fee. Two years ago City charged citizen \$2500.00 for splitting one lot into 2 lots. Citizen requested refund of this fee.

Council member Connors added that this refund is reasonable and that Council may want to reconsider the ordinance. Council member Thost proposed refunding this to everyone who was charged lawfully under the ordinance.

Council decided to report and vote on this item at the next meeting.

No formal action taken.

J. Discussion and possible action on survey regarding parks

Mayor Beck discussed that next step on this item is to present this item to Travis County Commissioner's Court. Goal is to gather lease agreements/specifications to facilitate approval for the park.

**Citizen Comments:**

Nancy Carufel: Does not do surveys on Next Door. Does not think survey was legit. If we do get park, how will we maintain? Would make sense to answer question before negotiating. Expressed concern for prior

Bill Connors: Must have something to take to community. Discussed spectrum of support for park expressed at town hall and survey results.

Robert Mokry: Lago Vista has parks only for residents, not fond of next door surveys. Must have agreement on council for survey questions

**K. and L. Council member Bill Connors moved to table items K and L and moved to adjourn. Councilmember Missy Thost seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Beck reviewed the Village's prioritized goals as part of discussion

1. Comprehensive Plan
2. PDD Volente Peak -going away

3. BCRUA
4. Land Use Ordinances
5. Administrative - City Hall Location - Done
6. Plan to enforce ordinances -
7. Committee Structure

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Council motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Approved this 27<sup>th</sup> June day of June, 2018

Signed:

  
Ken Beck, Mayor

Attest:

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\_\_\_\_\_, City Secretary