

**VILLAGE OF VOLENTE COUNCIL MEETING**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2014 8:00 A.M.**

**RIVER BEND COUNTRY CLUB**

**4207 River Place Blvd., Austin, TX 78730**

**A. Items Opening Meeting**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Frederick Graber called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

2. Roll Call

City Administrator Barbara Wilson called roll. Council members present were: Mark Scott, Judy Graci, Frederick Graber, Jan Yenawine and Ken Beck.

Chris Wilder arrived at 8:14 AM.

**B. Retreat Work Session**

- 1. Staff presented TML Package for council members with legal updates.
- 2. The Mayor Frederick Graber present a summary of the goals and priorities that he had gathered from residents, past experience and other elected officials.
- 3. The Mayor then solicited from each council members what they thought should be to the goals and priorities for the Village of Volente. Each Council Member presented additional goals and priorities. All the Council then discussed and gave their opinions of goals and priorities that might be looked at in the future and this fiscal year.

Goals and Priorities for Further Discussion were as follows:

Surface Water Annexation

Master Water Plan

Updated Community Survey and Comprehensive Plan

Clear definition of the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning

Explore possibility of the Village of Volente becoming an internet provider.

Re inspect Ordinances and Update them

Codify Ordinances

Emergency Management Program

Town Hall Meetings run by someone beside the Council

Increased and Improved Communications with residents, i.e. Web Site, Electronic Bulletin Board, Volente Community Directory.

Noise and Nuisance Ordinances

3. Council Member Wilder had to leave at 10:09 AM.
4. Council adjourned at 11:38 AM. Mayor Pro Tem Mark Scott made the motion. Council Member Jan Yenawine seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF February, 2014.

Frederick Graber, Mayor

Attest:

Barbara Wilson, Acting City Secretary



**Minutes  
City Council  
Village of Volente, TX  
Tuesday, January 21, 2014  
7 pm.**

**Council Members Present**

Frederick Graber, Mayor  
Mark Scott, Mayor Pro Tem  
Judy Graci, Council Member  
Chris Wilder, Council Member  
Jan Yenawine, Council Member  
Ken Beck, Council Member

**Others Present**

Tom Buckle, City Attn.

**1. Call to Order of the City Council.**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Graber at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call.**

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

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

Mayor Graber led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Vision Statement.

**4. Mayor's Report.**

Mayor Graber reported on the success of the Christmas Open House at the new City Office and he would like to see more community events. Council did have their retreat in January. He stated the Austin Statesman shows record lows on water intake at Lake Travis. This is a major concern here in Volente.

**5. Finance Committee Report. (Mayor Pro Tem Scott)**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott report the first meeting of the Budget, Finance, and Administration was held Dec. 23, 2013. New members were welcomed. The members did set up their meetings for next year. Their first task is reviewing information on ESD #14. On January 28, 2014, there will be a presentation by ESD #14 to show possible funding ideas that will affect the Volente fire department. Mayor Pro Tem Scott and the City Administrator have met with Danny Hobby, Director of Emergency Services for Travis County, regarding funding ideas for a county wide fire department and how the taxing revenues will affect the our community. These ideas will be presented at the next finance meeting.



## **6. Staff reports/Financial reports/Construction report**

City Administrator gave an date regarding staff projects including putting together the retreat for Council members. Handicap parking and striping is done in front of City Hall. We are receiving final bids on a ramp. We are tracing BCRUCA Memorandum of Understanding to see the status of it. The staff prepared agendas and minutes for the new budget, finance committee and administration committee. Volunteers have been solicited for the additional committees. The server is up and operational in City Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott gave the financial report for December. He answered questions from the public regarding finance spending and income. He would like to see a smaller more condensed report that gives the general expenses and income in two sections.

Nancy Carufel, Joy Rd. Volente, TX asked about mileage reimbursement.

Ken Beck, Booth Circle, Volente, TX asked about Sales and Use Tax.

Allison Thrash, FM 2769, Volente, TX asked if it was time to clarify our zip code from Leander.

Mark Metro, Beauregard, Volente, TX asked about attorney fees.

Joan Jackson, City Secretary, gave the construction report and the changes on it.

## **7. Approval of the minutes from the December 17, 2013 meeting.**

Council Member Beck made a motion to approve the December 17, 2013 minutes.

Council Member Wilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously for approval.

## **8. Discussion and possible approval of one time purchase of road base at discounted price.**

Council Member Yenawine explained the Village has an opportunity to buy prime road flex base for the cost of hauling only. Robert Nelson led us to this possible purchase of road material. The price is \$75.00 per load for a cost of \$750.00. Mayor Pro Scott made a motion to approve the purchase of the road base at \$750.00. Council Member Yenawine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously for approval.

## **9. Council Member Yenawine made a motion to move to executive session at this time.**

Council Member Wilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously for approval.

Open session was closed at 7:37 p.m.

Executive session began at 7:38 p.m. and closed at 8:25 p.m.

Council was called back into open session at 8:26 p.m.



**10. Action on items from executive session.**

Council Member Yenawine made a motion to move forward with the dismissal on the suit in Travis County District Court: Beaches, Ltd. And Nola, Ltd. Vs. Village of Volente, Texas and Jan Yenawine, in his official capacity as the Mayor of the Village of Volente, and to authorize Scanlon and Buckle to argue the motion to dismiss. Council Member Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously for approval.

Council Member Graci made a motion to authorize staff to deny all pending applications of Aquaholics Watercraft Rental, Inc. Council Member Yenawine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously for approval.

Council Member Yenawine made a motion to authorize the Mayor and staff to reach an agreement with Volente Home Owner's Association, Inc. to file an application for a tree permit, get a tree survey that includes removal of hardwood trees over 6" and cedar trees over 12" and then agree to mediate. Council Member Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously for approval.

Mike Long, stated the ordinance is not clear and it was not violated.

Tom Buckle, City Attorney, explained this was an offer to settle.

Mark Metro, asked for clarification on the settlement.

**11. Discussion, nominations, and possible appointment of Planning and Zoning Commission nominees.**

Council Member Yenawine made a motion to nominate Babs Yarbrough for Place 1, Allison Thrash for Place 2, Kit Hopkins for Place 4, and Rett Scudder for Place 6. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with Council Member Wilder voting against it.

**12. Discussion, nominations and possible appointment of Board of Adjustment nominees.**

Council Member Graci made a motion to nominate James Jordan for Place 4, Gary Cowser for Place 3, Roe Fleenor for Place 2, and Wynn Estes for Place 6 alternate. Councilmember Wilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously for approval.

**13. Discussion, nominations and possible appointment of Public Safety Committee nominees.**

Council Member Wilder made a motion to nominate Jan Yenawine, Robert Nelson, Walter Groman and Rett Scudder for the Public Safety Committee. Council Member Graci seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously for approval.



- 14. Discussion, nominations and possible appointment of Public Works Committee nominees.**  
Council Member Yenawine made a motion to nominate Robert Nelson, David Woodward, and Gary Frame for the Public Works Committee. Council Member Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously for approval.
- 15. Discussion, nominations and possible appointment of Governmental Relations Committee nominees.**  
Council Member Graci made a motion to nominate Roger Shull and Mark Metro for the Governmental Relations Committee. Council Member Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously for approval.
- 16. Discussion, nominations and possible appointment of Public Relations Committee Nominees.**  
Council Member Beck made a motion to nominate Judy Barrick to the Public Relations Committee. Council Member Yenawine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously for approval.
- 17. Discussion, nominations and possible appointment of Environmental Committee nominees.**  
Mayor Pro Tem Scott made a motion to nominate Rolando Osorio, Andy Fogarasi, Curtis Ratica and Ann Steichen to the Environmental Committee. Council Member Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously for approval.
- 18. Discussion and Presentation and Possible action on road culvert projects in Volente.**  
Council Member Yenawine made a motion to have approved budgetary funds up to a \$5000.00 limit for engineering services for design of repair on Wharf Cove/ Booth Circle Culvert. Council Member Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously for approval.  
Discussion: Mark Metro asked if LCRA was going to be involved.
- 19. Discussion and Possible action on Amendment to Ordinance 2013-O-4.**  
This clears up if appointment or election is necessary for a vacancy. Council Member Beck made a motion that we approve the amendment made to the Ordinance by our Staff Attorney regarding the terms for election vs. appointment. Council Member Yenawine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously for approval.
- 20. Adjourn.**  
Council Member Yenawine made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Approved this 18th day of February, 2014.

Frederick Graber,  
Mayor

Attest:

Joan Jackson,  
City Secretary