



**VILLAGE OF VOLENTE, TEXAS
MINUTES**

Public Works Committee Meeting
May 26, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.

Call to Order: 10:31am

Roll Call: Claudia Wilson, Jan Yenawine, Judy Graci, Bill Wilson and Ben Peterson present

1. Review/Discuss City Limit Signs:

Both Travis County and TxDOT emailed requirements for the installation of a City Limit Sign on Lime Creek Road (Travis County) and FM 2769 (TxDOT). Emails from both entities have been forwarded to Volente City Hall.

2. Review/Discuss Replacement of Signage in the Village:

Discussion revolved around the purchase of one street sign (Beauregard St.) and one No Outlet Sign for Beauregard St. Both signs will be placed on the existing pole. Questions arose whether or not an agenda item had to be placed on the 6/15/21 Council Meeting for Council to approve. In the future, the PWC agreed that residents should call City Hall to replace street signs and other signage that affect the health and safety of our community. There is money budgeted for sign replacement and no need for Council to approve. The type of pole (round or square) is important to note. Square poles require two signs. Beauregard, for example, has a round pole and will require only one sign. Two Beauregard St. signs would have been necessary to order if the pole had been square.

3. Review/Discuss Ideas for Long-Term Management of Volente Roads:

The management of Public Works in three cities located in Travis County were compared to Volente's management. Both Jonestown and Sunset Valley have a Public Works Director and staff. One (Pt. Venture) has a Councilmember serve as a Public Works Liaison. Discussion revolved around the need for Volente to have a road engineer working on a contract basis to provide recommendations for road maintenance and to inspect road work being done. New Councils and PWC members require professional guidance and recommendations for road maintenance and repairs in order to present the best options for Council to consider.

In addition, a professional road engineer could direct City Staff to prepare bids, explore unit costs, inspect road maintenance and repairs from Travis County and/or paving companies as well as from companies hired to do routine road maintenance work.

The PWC will gather information regarding the scope of work a road engineer might offer Volente in both maintaining and repairing our roads. Jan, Bill and Ben plan to meet one road engineer on June 14, 2021, to discuss scope of work.

4. Review/Discuss Herbicide Drive-Through with Emerald Lawns:

Judy and Claudia met with Chris, the owner of Emerald Lawns on May 24, 2021, to review sections of Lime Creek Road and FM 2769 that had not been sprayed. We also reviewed homes of residents that had lodged complaints. Chris acknowledged that the spray is difficult to contain within a 1' margin when the ROWs are sloped or bordering gravel. Ranger Pro, the herbicide used, is Round Up. Chris indicated that this product is the only one that does the job properly. Chris was asked to give Volente more time to alert residents before the next visit. He will call the City Secretary on the Friday before a Monday Spray. It will also be posted on the website and on the sign located on FM 2769.

5. Review/Discuss Drainage, Shoulder Repair and Edge of Road Repair:

PWC members did not feel they had the expertise to assess the above repairs to submit to Travis County (which will not do this type of assessment). Jan did feel, however, that he could pinpoint specific drainage issues on Lime Creek Road to report to Travis County.

6. Review/Discuss Road Resurfacing Bids:

Travis County has been asked to update the bid for chip sealing all the roads in Volente. Travis County will also be asked to bid chip sealing the arterial roads only. Judy will get estimates from several paving companies for the application of overlay on local roads.

7. Review/Discuss "1st Amendment and Your City's Sign Code" presented by Bojorquez Law Firm:

Jan will represent the PWC at the 6/3/21 seminar.

Adjourned at 12:21 pm