

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 4, 2008

Present: Mayor Guy Barriger

Mayor Pro Tempore, George Holleman

Comm. Bob Phillips, Comm. Jack Lerner, & Comm. Ronnie Robinette

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Barriger at 5:30 p.m.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Holleman. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Robinette to approve the following changes to the agenda. Passed unanimously.

Addition of Item 12A – Consideration and action for Police Department Grant Application.

Motion by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Robinette to adopt the agenda. Passed unanimously.

Motion by Comm. Holleman, seconded by Comm. Lerner to approve the minutes from the February 26th, 2008 regular meeting.

Open Forum:

Ms. Gwen Jenkins is having issues with storm water on her property located on 6th St. NW. There is a storm drain that runs from underneath 6th St NW and empties onto her property. She stated that it was causing her back yard to wash out and flood. She stated that the issue had been going on ever since the town put in the culvert 28 years ago and that she has been trying to get them to fix the problem ever since. She hasn't been able to get anything done and she wanted to bring it before the town board again since the town was in the process of possibly fixing the water line on 6th St. NW. She would like for the town to plug the culvert so that the water will not go into her yard. She stated that if the Town wouldn't do something about it, she would.

Comm. Holleman told Ms. Jenkins that she wasn't the only one having issues with storm water, there are issues throughout the entire town just like hers.

Town Planner, Jon Pilkenton told the board that the town itself couldn't do anything about the culvert, because it was put in by the State. It is illegal for anyone to block or tamper with storm water control installed by the state. He suggested that we get an engineer to look at the storm drain and tell us what to do to fix the issue.

Comm. Robinette told Ms. Jenkins that he has the same issue that she has. He has a culvert that runs under the road and empties into the corner of his property. He has a 4 foot ditch to carry the water through his property. He told her that even with this ditch it still comes up to the door of

his house. He also stated that he knows of several other citizens with the same issue, and that she wasn't the only one with this problem and that he would like to see all the storm water issues taken care of.

Town Manager, David Odom told Ms. Jenkins that they had moved the waterline project from her side of the road to the other side of the road so that they could look into helping her with this problem while they are digging and installing the new water line. He told Ms. Jenkins that her problem wasn't being overlooked that it takes time to fix issues like this one.

Karen Bowles stated that she is still having issues with loud music from vehicles during the very early morning hours. All of the loud traffic seems to be going to McDonalds. She has called the police department on many occasions unfortunately by the time they get there the vehicle is typically gone.

Comm. Holleman stated that Dennis James is riding a bicycle in a fundraiser for crime stoppers. It is a 24 hour ride in which people pledge money toward the miles that he rides. He encouraged everyone to help support Dennis and make a pledge.

Mayor Barriger opened the Public Hearing for the rezoning request of the YMCA.

Town Planner, Jon Pilkenton stated he had received a letter from the YMCA requesting their property be rezoned from M-2 Heavy Industrial to R-2 General Residential which is zoned for a Non-Profit Organization. He took the request before the planning board and they okayed the request pending the town board's approval. The request fits the zoning of the surrounding location.

With no more comments Mayor Barriger closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Comm. Phillips, seconded by Comm. Robinette to approve the request for the rezoning of the property owned by the YMCA from M-2 Heavy Industrial to R-2 General Residential. Passed unanimously. See Attachment A

Motion by Comm. Lerner, seconded by Comm. Phillips to approve a budget amendment from Powell Bill Fund Balance to the Powell Bill Account in the amount of \$20,000 due to right of way work hazard limb removal, tractor repairs, and replacement of the transmission in the town dump truck. Passed unanimously. See Attachment B

Motion by Comm Phillips, seconded by Comm. Lerner to approve the pursuance of a grant to purchase digital camera, radar units, and mobile data terminals for 4 police units. The matching funds the town will be responsible for are \$14,652.25 if the grant is approved. Passed unanimously.

In celebration of Arbor Day there will be a tree planting ceremony held on March 11, at 1pm in the island in front of Jerry Campbell's office building.

Motion by Comm. Lerner, seconded by Comm. Phillips to set the next regular town board meeting for Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 5:30 pm. Passed unanimously.

With no more business, a motion was made by Comm. Lerner, seconded by Comm. Phillips to adjourn meeting. Passed unanimously

Adjourned at 6:45pm.

Mayor

Commissioner

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Attest

Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk