



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 update 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 Cowsert 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