

## MINUTES - Town Board Meeting

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 1996

**Location:** Town Hall

**Attendance:** Janet Riggs, President; Ted Miller, Mike Receuver, Ray Gibson, Town Board Members; Junie Gesenhues, Attorney; Gary Getrost, Water Company Superintendent; Citizens - Libs, ???(Wind Dance Farm); Leroy Terwilliger, Papeno's Restaurant; Ed O'Brien, Greenville Mini Mart; Steve Pearce.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00. We dispensed with the reading of the minutes for January and Ted Miller Approved them as written, Mike Receuver 2nd it.

### **Old Business**

**Lake Sale** - Attorney Junie Gesenhues updated the council on the progress of the closing for the sale of the lake. The latest problem is with title insurance and not being able to provide warranty deed due to the location of the Driveway right-of-way not coinciding with the survey. Can't say one or the other, must identify which one or sign off on a lawsuit should there ever be one on this issue (which is highly unlikely).

Ed Adams has requested holding off on the closing until March (it is assumed this is due to the taxes). Ted Miller questioned how long the original bid was good for, Junie Gesenhues advised that since both parties have been in agreement with the delays, delay of closing has not been an issue. According to the original auction documents, closing should have taken place within 30 days.

**No Parking Signs** - Leroy Terwilliger of Papeno's expressed concern and extreme dissatisfaction with the Boards handling of the No Parking Signs. He felt the board should have come to him to discuss before just having the state come in and put up signs. He thought something else could have been worked out to improve visibility such as having "No Truck Parking" or "Temporary Parking" rather than "No Parking" for all. He felt his business was down 50% the previous Friday night due to the signs. He said he was telling his customers not to park there since the signs were so poorly placed and located so high up, a person parking there would have to look up to even see them. He also expressed a best solution would be a stop light, of which the board agreed.

Mr. O'Brien also expressed concern for his business, especially since he has very limited parking as it is. Steve Pearce also expressed that parking in front of his property is the best way to access his basement as the exterior entrance is in the front.

Mr. Terwilliger demanded some immediate answers as he felt waiting a month would severely hurt his business. The board conferred with legal council and then advised that it could not Not enforce the State placed signs, but we would contact the state the very next day to have them investigate the distance of the no parking signs (possibly make them only 100' from the intersection); have them lower the signs so they are more readily visible to people parking there; and check into the possibility of a stop light here. It was suggested that letters be written to the state in reference to the stop light to show support for it, Mr. Terwilliger didn't feel he needed to do that. It was also suggested that contact be made to the State Representative and Congressman, especially since this is an election year.

**Harl Property - Attorney, Junie Gesenhaus,** gave us an update. He received contact from Harl's attorney, which acknowledged the problem. He said the cars will be towed away. Motsinger did not receive the original letter that was sent, but he did make contact with town hall, and was faxed the letter, which he forwarded to his attorney. His attorney acknowledged receipt and advised that his client plans to do something, but no time frame has been applied. It was the consensus of the board that a letter be sent stating something must be done before our next board meeting. Junie was to send this letter.

**Building Permits - Attorney, Junie Gesenhaus,** explained what has transpired up to this point to update the new council members. He explained that the county has not given us any "official" response and it was still hanging. His last discussion was they wanted the document in their format, so Junie was going to redraft the document for their review. It was discussed that the town wanted to retain some control over the issuance of permits and at a previous meeting it was discussed that the inspections should only be for new construction of homes and not on small buildings, sheds, etc. Georgetown has their own inspector, but there was concern for the liability and also for the expense, which would be alot more then if the county did it.

The lawsuit the town received in reference to Sook Pruit on Maple Drive in Parkland Heights was discussed. Attorney advised it was a "Tarc Claim Notice" and that we fall under the Government immunity in regards to inspections... We are not liable for failure to make inspections. He also mentioned that it should be turned over to our Liability Insurance Carrier.

**Street Signs - Marshall** has turned in a list of signs that either need repair or replacement. This includes some Stop signs and regulatory signs as well as street name signs. We will have Janice contact the state about their responsibility on their signs and we will order the street name signs. Mike Receuver has graciously said he will help install them.

A copy of the letter sent to David Grant, Highlander Village was given to the board, in response to last months meeting request on water settlement problems.

Compliments on snow removal were passed along.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Salary Ordinance - Figures** didn't jive, the increase was not the same across the board on all employees. Will discuss with Jack, but went ahead and signed.

**Annexation - Junie** gave information on what is involved in annexing areas into the town. This is just general information and is not in reference to any specific annexation. There also was concern that only a percentage of the town could be annexed in a certain year, which could effect several annexations already in progress. Apparently this will not be a problem.

**Executive Meeting advertisement - Sunshine Law** and how it pertains to the meetings we have been having was discussed. We also discussed changing the monthly meeting to 7:30 in lieu of 8:00. This was unanimously agreed to. We will ask Jack to put notice in the paper for both the time change and the executive meetings that are being held weekly on Wednesdays.

**River Hills** - They have requested to meet with us about 1/2 hour before our next meeting to fill us in on what their group is and how they can help us.

**Security Light** - Alex Taylor, whose property backs up to the water tower requested a security light be placed at the water tower due to kids hanging out there and drinking. Since we now have a full time marshall, he will patrol the area more. There is no electric at the tower, so it would be very costly to put up a light there.

**Office Equipment** - The yearly contract on the typewriter of \$75.00/yr is to be cancelled. The contract for the copier of \$200.00 was approved. The purchase of a printer was tabled until the printer breaks down and they can't locate the parts to fix, then we will look at buying a new one. The computer people advised there would be a seminar in the spring on the computer system. It was suggested that Roberta and Jack also go as well as Janice. Also Janice needs to check into the Accounts Payable package for the computer.

**Other Business** - Wind Dance farms advised that they were moving along on plans for a private sewer system and wanted to know if we are interested. We advised we would not be able to seriously look at for some time, our top priority is getting more water into the system at this time.

There was discussion on making the office a "Smoke Free" office. There was concerns of providing an area for the smokers and what we legally needed to provide and enforcement. This was to be discussed with Junie.

Hiring another person was discussed, there was some discussion about having them work weekends. Gary was to write up a job description for the position and start interviewing. When he has it narrowed down, the board may want to interview the final candidate. The amount of pay will be \$8.00, \$8.50 and \$9.00 depending upon the level of responsibility and learning they reach. (It will be a 3 level tier).

**Claims** - Bill from Alpha systems was not approved, maximum to pay is \$350.00 for a total of \$1,000. Cancel typewriter contract for \$75.00

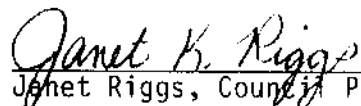
Meeting Adjourned.

Merit Board meeting with Town Marshall, David Moore.

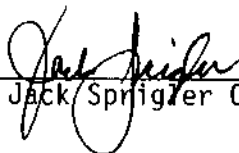
Approval to purchase more uniforms was given.

Meeting w/churches for youth involvement was set up for Saturday, March 9, at 11:00am. Ray and David and any other board member that wishes may attend.

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Janet Riggs, Council President

ATTEST:

  
Jack Sprigler Clerk Treasurer