

The Town of
Fountain Lake, Arkansas
7148 Park Avenue
Fountain Lake, Arkansas 71910

Minutes of the 70th Council Meeting
July 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Frank Phenenger. Members present included Donna Belote, Carl Rader, Jack Fields, Jane Tuma, Kathy Raab and Tracie Taylor. Also present was a representative for the Sentinel-Record, The Election Committee and members of the community. The minutes were postponed and approved to be voted on later by the board so the Election Committee could address the board because of obligations elsewhere for that evening.

Special New Business:

Donna Belote introduced the Election Committee and they went on to inform the board and the community of the cost and voting choices for the Town of Fountain Lake. The Election Committee did not realize that the town was having their general election for aldermen's, treasurer and Mayor in November and advised to go ahead and have the election for the removal of properties at that time at Fountain Lake School on the same ballot as the other items to be voted on for the town and that there will be absentee ballots available. The board agreed to keep it in November as voted on in a previous council meeting.

The mayor informed the board that we will go back to the scheduled agenda.

A motion was made by Carl Rader to approve the minutes as written and 2nd by Donna Belote all were in favor none opposed.

Budget and Finance Committee:

The financial report was read by Tracie Taylor and a balance report was given out on all accounts. A motion was made by Jack Fields to accept the financials and 2nd by Carl Rader all were in favor none opposed.

Road Committee:

Jack Fields informed the board that he put up signs on Hillvale Road where the mower rolled over at a drop off and that the culvert needed to be fixed as soon as funds are available. He also informed the board that the mowing was completed and maybe some more chip and seal work can be done at a future date when money is available.

Activities Committee: No report given.

Old Business:

Donna Belote brought up the old business of some citizens of the Town of Fountain Lake who have a petition of detachment for removal she believes of 25th and 26th section of the Town of Fountain Lake. She informed the board that the petition has 71 signatures gathered for presentation to the board and at this time if anyone from the board or community had any questions or information they would like to ask or share with the board. A citizen of the town asked why these citizens are seeking to be removed from the town. Her understanding was that these citizens live down each side of the highway and gain nothing in return for their tax dollars from the town. That all tax revenue is being used for roads off the highway and they wish to be removed for this reason. Roy Hickman asked to address the board to why he wants out of the city. He said that they were throwing their tax money down the toilet because they received no benefits from living in the city and would like to be let out of the city which was basically what Donna said. More discussion was made about other citizens who did not know about the petition and that might not want out of the city and Mr. Jerry Vaughn addressed these concerns and informed the board that these citizens didn't vote to be allowed into this city and that many didn't even know that they were annexed in until after it was done and that now they would like out. Donna Belote asked one more question and wanted to know what the town was going to do for these citizens if the board voted no for them not to be let out. The board informed her that as of right now that it was to close to elections for them to promise to try to do anything at this time and that the city would keep trying to progress forward and try to do what the community as a whole wants. A motion was made by Donna Belote to let these citizens out of the Town of Fountain Lake it was 2nd by Jack Fields Donna Belote and Jane Tuma were for and Jack Fields, Carl Rader and Kathy Raab were opposed. Motion did not pass.

Old Business Cont.:

The board is still waiting on Tim Jackson to address the city about the letter that was sent to him about the overpayment.

New Business:

Tracie Taylor informed the board that we would need to move \$ 3,100.00 from the general account to the street fund account and that there were two bills that needed to be paid. One was for street signs and the other for mowing. A motion was made by Donna Belote and 2nd by Carl Rader all were in favor none opposed.

Donna Belote brought before the board that Judge Larry Williams received letters from the Town of Fountain Lake that weren't on official letterhead and that the city clerk did not have copies of them. Donna Belote made a motion that all official town business is done on town letterhead and that a copy is given to the town clerk for record keeping and brought before the board or Mayor and 2nd by Carl Rader all were in favor none opposed.

The mayor brought before the board a handout with an ordinance creating and establishing for the Town of Fountain Lake a Marshal and Deputy Town Marshal and that this has been in discussion since November. Mr. House who is interested in becoming the town marshal addressed the board giving great detail about what the ordinance would contain. The board had discussion on this matter and decided that a committee would be appointed to look into the pros and cons of the city having a marshal and deputy. A motion was made by Donna Belote and 2nd by Kathy Raab all were in favor none opposed.

The Mayor appointed Jack Fields to head the committee and Mr. House to be on the committee and whoever else was interested in attending.

Jack Fields made a motion to adjourn 2nd by Kathy Raab all were in favor none opposed.

Tracie Taylor
Town Clerk

Jack P. Fields
Mayor

