

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

Minutes of the 60th Council Meeting
March 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Tim Stockdale. Members present included Frank Pfenenger, Carl Sheets, Jane Tuma, Margaret Bushong and Donna Belote. Absent was Clyde Vaughn. Also present from the community were Don Nobles and Kathy Raab. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Opening Comments – Tim reported that a member of Congressman Mike Ross's staff held a town meeting at the Mill Creek Baptist Church. He was there to listen to comments and questions but was not able to answer any questions. Questions will be passed on to the Congressman.

Tim received a letter from the Garland County Office of Emergency Management concerning the naming of streets in a new subdivision off Highway 128. It was decided to offer three names to Emergency Management. The three names suggested were Bearden Rd., Arthur Rd and Fountain Lake Trail.

Tim was notified that the Town could apply for Grant money through the Arkansas portion of the Stimulus money. Garland County has received monies from FEMA for recent disaster damage but Fountain Lake has not received any money. Frank questioned whether we should report any future disasters to FEMA if we are not going to be compensated on completion of the involved paperwork. Margaret will contact Mt. Pine to see if they have received any money. Tim also spoke with Murl Curtis of the Fire Department and said that we could apply for Stimulus money for the Fire Department.

Per a conversation with Basil Julian of the Governor's Grants Division the Town is not eligible for Grant monies under this program.

Committee Reports

Road Committee – Tim was notified by Judge Williams that the County will pave the driveway to the Fire Department building at Station #1. Tim will notify Tim Jackson not to proceed with that project. Monies to reimburse the Town for disaster recovery are still pending.

Tim has no further information on Grant application for flood mitigation.

Budget and Finance committee – Margaret read the financial report of fund balances.

A Motion to approve the reports as read was introduced by Tim and seconded by Frank. The reports were unanimously approved as read.

Old Business – Tim proposed a Motion that we accept the resignation of Donna Belote as Chairman of the Road Committee. Donna will remain a member of the Road Committee. The Motion was seconded by Donna and passed unanimously. Margaret suggested that in the future other member of the Council assist Tim Stockdale in the time consuming process of assessing property damage after any disaster.

New Business – Tim made a Motion to amend the GARLAND COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN to read the FOUNTAIN LAKE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN as written. The Motion was seconded by Frank and passed unanimously.

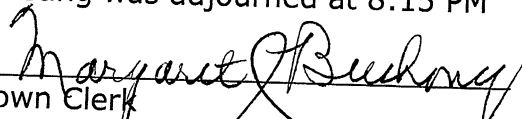
Tim proposed three other Motions - #1 That we apply for a Grant to prepare and blacktop all the roads in Fountain Lake #2 That we apply for a Grant to establish Broadband infrastructure into the Town of Fountain Lake and #3 That we apply for a Grant to purchase the old 3 Star Construction Company to be used as City Hall an for other purposes for the Town of Fountain Lake. All three Motions were tabled pending a decision by the Council to accept government Stimulus monies.

Carl Sheets requested that a copy of the proposed Meeting Agenda be mailed to the Council members prior to the next meeting. He also requested an individual copy of the minutes of the previous meeting be distributed to all Council members prior to the meeting. Tim and Margaret will facilitate this request.

Frank referred back to the issue of buying or building a City Hall/general purpose building for the Town. At Tim's request he had reviewed the 3 Star Construction building as well as two buildings for rent or sale in a shopping area east of the 5/7 junction. General discussion about the feasibility of these sites ensued. Frank also requested that Jane Tuma review her previous offers to sell/donate land adjacent to the Fire Department Station #1 and be prepared to respond to the Council at the next meeting. Jane will consult a real estate person for assistance in developing her offer.

Tim requested comments form the community. Don Nobles again referred to the possible annexation of land between the present Town boundaries and the 5/7 Junction and warned that the Council not purchase any property until the boundaries of the Town are firm pending possible annexation although no proposals as pending at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM


Town Clerk


Mayor

