

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

Minutes of the 63rd Council Meeting
September 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Tim Stockdale. Members present included Frank Pfenenger, Carl Sheets, Jane Tuma, Kathy Raab and Margaret Bushong. Absent was Donna Belote. Also present from the community were Jerry Wright, Don and Pat Ray, John and Marge Malloy, Rick Qualls and Tom Qualls. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Road Committee – Kathy Raab reported on her recent assessment of all the town roads. Her conclusion was that all the towns' roads had had very little maintenance done since originally paved. It was noted that the roads that were paved in the early years after the town was formed are in better condition than the roads most recently paved. Jerry Wright added that the older roads had two heavy coats of oil and are holding up better than roads done in the last few years since they had comparatively less base.

Kathy also noted that the roads were in need of mowing and tree limb removal. She recommended that we establish a schedule to have the roads mowed and bush hogged on a regular basis. Since Tim Jackson has been our go to man for several years she suggested that we establish a contract with him for the mowing etc.

Don Ray requested that the Council address a dangerous curve on Bud McKinley by widening and removing a cliff that creates a curve with very poor visibility. There is also a question of widening the entrance to Bud McKinley where it meets Highway 5. Since the State has right of way we will need to contact the State.

Kathy reiterated that she had been in contact with several paving companies and was still waiting for bids from Tim Jackson and D&L Paving as well as Mike Dodson Paving. Several methods of repair were suggested such as chip and seal which might be done by the county, cold patch which could be obtained from Martin Marietta in Hot Springs or asphalt which is still prohibitive in cost. Kathy will contact the county concerning the possibility for road repairs. Rick Qualls suggested that we contact Spa City Construction directly to have all the roads repaved.

Many good suggestions were offered by Mr. Malloy and Mr. Ray as well as their generously offering support for the Council. Mr. Malloy asked if the town had specifications for road paving and repairs. The town has specifications but they were not always adhered to by the county workers.

Mr. Ray suggested that the town consider super pave as an inexpensive way to repair. The problem is that super pave requires a good foundation which eliminates many of the roads in the town. Cold patch, which can be purchased from Lowes', was also suggested as a method to fill pot holes.

The name of Wayne Brown of Don Nobles Trail was also mentioned as a resource for the town projects.

The final consensus was that the Council negotiates with a vendor to fill the potholes and repair the roads and then begin to pave them one at a time.

The mowing and tree trimming would be referred to Tim Jackson to coordinate the work with the trimming crew from Mt. Pine.

Tim Stockdale closed the discussion with the comment that we have learned from the past and will move forward.

Tim made a motion to properly prepare and fill all existing pot holes and damaged areas on the roads and begin the process of paving roads one at a time. Motion seconded by Carl and passed unanimously.

Budget and Finance Committee – Financial report was read by Margaret. Margaret also reported that she received a check from FEMA for hurricane damage in the amount of almost \$6900.00

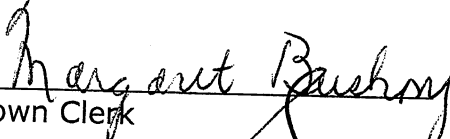
A Motion to approve the reports as read was introduced by Frank and seconded by Jane. The reports were unanimously approved as read.

Old Business – concerning the possible purchase of land for a Town Hall/ Civic Center was tabled indefinitely pending the issue of road repairs.

New Business – Jerry Wright requested that the Council fund the purchase of new maps of the town for use by Council members. Tim Stockdale reported that the Census Bureau is supplying him with appropriate maps that he would be willing to share with the Council members.

Comments from Guests – Tom Qualls reported that he contacted Resort Cable concerning the possibility of getting cable TV and internet service in Fountain Lake. He was told that the cost of obtaining an estimate of cost was prohibitive. He also suggested several Federal grants for such a project in the future. Frank is aware of a firm in Hot Springs that assist in grant writing and will pursue the matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM


Town Clerk


Mayor

