

Minutes of the 11th Meeting of Town Council of Fountain Lake, Arkansas February 21, 2002

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Mayor Roy Hickman. Don Nobles gave the invocation. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Roll was called and a quorum was found to be in attendance. The financial report was given.

Larry Williams, County Judge, was introduced and a discussion followed concerning the role that the county might play in maintenance and improvement of the towns roads. He reiterated his previous statements to the effect that the only services that the county would be interested in furnishing would be paving unpaved roads and resurfacing previously paved roads. In both cases the county would replace culverts as required prior to paving. He specifically itemized work which the county had performed in the town last year, which included the replacement of 2 culverts, a road sign and addition of gravel in a couple areas. He stated that he had recently driven Hillvale Garden Trail and Old Stagecoach roads and examined them as prospects for paving. He felt that Hillvale Garden Trail would present a problem, mostly due to undercutting from the South Fork. Old Stagecoach Road seemed like less of a problem, but it would require widening in addition to base gravel.

Larry said that he had also driven the paved roads and found that non of them were in desperate need of resealing at this time.

Roy brought up that he had consulted with the county clerk and found that non of the city roads were in fact dedicated roads. Larry offered that Danville Road was a State Aid Road, but allowed that the Town was not entitled to State Aid funds for their part of the road unless the county certified that it was going to be responsible for the city sections of that road. He said that to the best of his knowledge, county charges for paving and resurfacing would be in the neighborhood of \$3.50 per linear foot. He said that right of way issues were often hindering factors in getting roads paved, and often roads that did not have right of way issues were able to be handled ahead of roads that did, regardless of when the original requests for paving were submitted.

He said that the county did have a history of paving roads on a "Paving as is" basis. He referred to Locket Mountain Road as an example. He said that the Town could request that its roads be paved under this stipulation.

Larry also suggested that we contact local contractors for routine maintenance of the roads.

Roy brought up an article in the Sentinel Record suggesting that Fountain Lake be billed for services that are furnished by the county, particularly the Sheriffs department. Roy felt that he paid county taxes, and that they should be enough. Ivan suggested that the Town should volunteer to pay the Sheriffs department what ever amount of its previous budget was now going to Fountain Lake as State Turnback Funds.

Jerry brought in a copy of Hot Springs Subdivision rules. We discussed what, if any action Fountain Lake should take to legislate new subdivisions being built in the Town. The discussion was to continue at future meetings.

Ivan suggested that we renew our membership in the Arkansas Municipal League and that we also participate in their Legal Defense Program. Lou Ann made it a motion and it was passed. Ivan also suggested that we join the Arkansas City Clerks, Recorders and Treasurers Association. Jerry moved that that happen, and it was passed.

Roy mentioned that he and Ivan were not considering running for reelection this year, and notified the council that by law, we would have to have an audit of the books at the change of office.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16


Ivan Lopes, Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer


Roy Hickman, Mayor