

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

Minutes of the 56th Council Meeting
July 14, 2008

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

Street Lights - Tim has not been able to contact the Electric Coop of Benton to arrange for a street light at Highway 5 and Goose Pond Rd.

Roads - The Mayor has been working closely with the FEMA representative concerning compensation for the flood damage to the streets of the Town. He is awaiting invoices from Tim Jackson re debris removal. Tim Stockdale will then meet with the FEMA representative for a final assessment of the repair costs. Some work, as we already know will not be reimbursed but were necessary repairs to prevent future problems. Case in point is Hillvale Garden Trail and the rock placement to prevent future mudslides. This action by the Town has prompted another inquiry by the Army Corp of Engineers. The Mayor has submitted a form describing the repairs and attesting that the south fork of the Saline River was in no way altered by the repairs. Needham Rd and Forest Wood Rd have not been completed but will be assessed by FEMA and we will receive payment for necessary repairs. The Council /Road Committee expressed satisfaction at the work that Tim Jackson has done and continues to do for the community. Road Committee member Donna asked about proposed repairs to Needham Rd, specifically the repairs to the culvert. This cannot be covered by FEMA and will not be done now but other repairs should be handled by Tim Jackson

Municipal League Conference - This was attended by several members of the Council. As a result of inquiries made at the conference the Mayor was contacted by Resort Cable concerning future service to the Town. Resort cable will do a cost study to provide cable service to the Town. Sudden link Cable is allegedly doing the same but they did not attend this meeting as previously arranged with the Mayor.

Committee Reports:

Emergency Planning Committee - No report from Jane Tuma

Road Committee - Donna reported that Baltzell Rd has finally been paved with asphalt. Stagecoach Rd is completed up to Phillip Martin's driveway. Cemetery Rd. has a cable across the road plus a security camera placed by Ken's Marine to prevent future burglaries to the business.

Tim Stockdale has been in contact with the Road crew from the county concerning future work to the Town roads. Since the flood damage county recourses are strained and private company costs are prohibitive. The Town may want to consider using asphalt for smaller repairs until the county is again available to pave the roads with chip and seal.

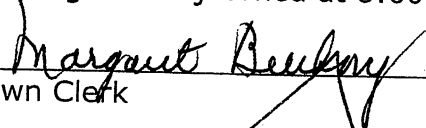
Budget and Finance committee – Tim Stockdale read the semi-annual financial report. Tim also reported briefly on the result of the Legislative audit that occurred a few weeks ago. There were no substantial negative findings and Margaret will present the complete report at the next meeting. A motion to accept the committee reports was made by Tim Stockdale and seconded by Carl Sheets. The reports were unanimously approved as read.

Old Business – Tim addressed the issue of the FUN grant. The land in question has been deemed out of the flood plane but may already have been committed to the Fire Department. The issue was tabled for another year to consider other land sites for the project.

Centerhill Missionary Baptist Church – sent a letter stating that they would not be able to attend the meeting but are requesting inclusion in the Town of Fountain Lake specifically concerning paving and maintenance of their road and parking lot. The Council decided to accept the road but not the parking lot and Tim Stockdale will so advise the Church. No motion was necessary wince the road had already been included in the roads of the Town.

New business - Tim Stockdale introduced a proposal for an ordinance to develop a Planning Commission for the Town of Fountain Lake. The idea was prompted by a discussion with members of the Municipal League who have encountered encroachment on there boundaries by larger communities. These larger cities have evoked zoning laws to levy fees on property outside their city limit. Don Nobles has done some research and explained that the process for development of a Commission would take several months. He proposed a Commission made up of people from the town and surrounding area. This Commission would be independent of the Council. Frank expressed concern that an Ordinance was premature since the Council had not had adequate time to review the information and determine how best to approach the issue. Don Nobels did add that there was no information to indicate that the city of Hot Springs would be enforcing zoning laws in our area in the near future. The issue was tabled until the next meeting. By a vote of four yeas' and one nay.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM



Town Clerk



Mayor