

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

Minutes of the 64th Council Meeting
November 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Tim Stockdale. Members present included Frank Pfenenger, Donna Belote, Jane Tuma, Kathy Raab and Margaret Bushong. Also present were members of the community.

Committee Reports

Road Committee – Kathy Raab reported that low brush hogging has been completed on all roads. All roads have had small pot holes repaired. Tim Jackson will complete the work but the remaining pot holes need to be dug out and then filled. Emergency repairs have been done to a bridge on Peterson Trail that is in Saline County but is used by the Fountain Lake school buses. Saline County did not respond to the concerns of the citizens so the Town Council acted to begin repairs. Since the repairs, Tim has been in contact with the County Judge of Saline County who is willing to discuss jurisdiction of the roads. Future road maintenance includes replacing a culvert on Vaughn Rd. The majority of the roads need repaving and we are awaiting bids from several companies for the work. The paving will begin in the spring.

Kathy reports the Town has contracted with Tim Jackson to do routine maintenance on the roads. High brush hogging will start early November 2009 and all roads will have ditches pulled this month, weather permitting. Kathy also added that work has been delayed by the nineteen inches of rain in October and the twenty two inches of rain in September.

Budget and Finance Committee – Financial report was read by Margaret. No additional comments from Frank.

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

Tim Stockdale made a motion that Jerry Wright be appointed as Position 4 Alderman effective November 9, 2009 to fill the remaining term vacated by Carl Sheets. The motion was seconded by Kathy. The vote was one yes and three no. The motion was defeated and the position remains open.

New Business

Kathy reported that she has been in discussion with the Town of Mt. Pine concerning their use of part time police officers and have offered to share this service with the Town of Fountain Lake. The attorneys for Mt. Pine will review the possibilities for sharing the officers. She also stated that the Garland County Sheriff's office will still respond to criminal calls.

Tim introduced the Arkansas Municipal League winter conference. Frank requested that attendees have hotel rooms provided. Margaret requested that applications be to her by December 1st. The motion was seconded by Donna and passed unanimously.

Tim made a motion announcing that the proposed dates for the 2010 meetings are - January 11, March 8th, May 10th, July 12th, Sept.13 and Nov 8th. The motion was seconded by Kathy and passed unanimously.

Donna asked to read a statement. Tim granted that request. She stated that she had planned on resigning tonight but has changed her mind and will be remaining on the council. She expressed dismay over the condition of the roads and the need for better police protection. She also expressed the feeling that if the town continued on as is it would be better that the town not exist.

Based on comments from the visitors and references in her letter Donna made a motion to dissolve the Town. There was no second and the motion failed.


Frank made a motion to establish an activities Committee to develop plans for seasonal activities such as Easter, Memorial Day, July 4th and Christmas. The motion was seconded by Kathy and approved unanimously.

Mayor Tim Stockdale then tendered his resignation stating that he felt that he could not do the job as he would like to do due to his full time job in Little Rock. Margaret was appointed interim Mayor. Frank allowed that he would accept the position of Mayor since Margaret acknowledged her dual position and chose to remain Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer. The motion was made by Jane and seconded by Donna. The vote was unanimous.

Frank stated that the Council will consider any new members. Carl Rader offered to be a candidate for one position. The Council will consider all the information gleaned from this meeting. Margaret requested that Jane accept the responsibility of coordinating calls from people interested in serving on the Council. Jane accepted the position.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM


Town Clerk


Mayor

