

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN LAKE,

7059 PARK AVENUE, FOUNTAIN LAKE, AR 71901

MINUTES FROM THE 231ST TOWN COUNCIL MEETING. THIS WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE MAYOR JACK FIELDS, KARL LOWRY, HAROLD JAMES, AND NICK LOWRY. JIMMY ATTEBURY WAS ABSENT. ATTORNEY JUSTIN HURST WAS PRESENT AND MEMBERS FROM THE COMMUNITY WERE PRESENT ALSO.

THE MINUTES WERE HANDED OUT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY NICK LOWRY TO ACCEPT THEM AS WRITTEN AND IT WAS 2ND BY HAROLD JAMES. ALL WERE IN FAVOR NONE OPPOSED.

THE FINANCIAL TOTALS WERE GIVEN OUT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY KARL LOWRY AND 2ND BY NICK LOWRY TO ACCEPT THEM AS WRITTEN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR NONE OPPOSED.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE: NONE

ROAD COMMITTEE: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: THE MAYOR BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD THE ISSUE WITH ELK MEADOWS TRAIL THAT HAS THE PRIVATE GATE BLOCKING ACCESS. ATTORNEY JUSTIN HURST STATED MRS. KEENER HAD NO INSURANCE TO COVER ANY ISSUES BUT IF THE GATE REMAINED OPEN THEN THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE NO ISSUE GOING FORWARD. DISCUSSION WAS HELD BY THE BOARD MEMBERS AND THE MAYOR ASKED MR. RIGSBY IF HE WOULD SIGN A DOCUMENT STATING THE GATE WILL REMAIN OPEN AND HE STATED YES HE WOULD. MAYOR JACK FIELDS ASKED MR. HURST TO PREPARE THE SAID DOCUMENT FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING FOR MR. RIGSBY TO SIGN.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED WHAT WOULD TAKE PLACE AT THE FALL FESTIVAL THAT WAS ON OCTOBER 5TH FROM 4:00 TO 8:00. THERE WILL BE A PETTING ZOO, PONY RIDES, JUMPY HOUSES, FACE PAINTING, FIRE TRUCK, TRUNK AND TREAT VEHICLES, CANDY, HAY RIDES, BBQ, BEANS, CHIPS, HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, COTTON CANDY, WATER, SODAS, TROPICAL PUNCH AND KOOL AID.

RESOLUTION #03-2024 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TOWN CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN LAKE WAS READ. A MOTION WAS MADE BY HAROLD JAMES TO ACCEPT THE CODE OF CONDUCT RESOLUTION AND IT WAS 2ND BY NICK LOWRY. ALL WERE IN FAVOR NONE OPPOSED.

NEW BUSINESS: MR. LOWRY BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD THE ISSUE WITH THE REMOVAL OF ALDERMAN JOE REPICCI WHO CONTINUES TO MAKE ALLIGATIONS ON THE INTERNET THAT THE MAYOR KICKED HIM OFF THE BOARD AND HE WANTED TO STATE THAT WAS NOT TRUE THAT THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT THERE IS

A REASON THAT MR. REPICI IS NOT ON THE BOARD AND THE MAYOR WILL CONTINUE WITH THAT BUT WE NEED TO BE ACTIVE AND UNDERSTANDING AND THE MAYOR STATED HE IS WELCOME TO COME TO EVERY MEETING. MR. LOWRY STATED HE IS NOT HELPING OUR COMMUNITY BY DOING THIS TYPE OF STUFF BUT THAT IS NOT WHY HE WAS REMOVED THAT THERE IS NOTHING PERSONAL AND THAT THE REASON WHY THE MEETING WAS CANCELLED TWO WEEKS AGO IS BECAUSE THERE WAS A DEATH IN THE FAMILY OF SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS AND THE MEETING PROBABLY SHOULD OF BEEN CANCELLED SOONER.

MAYOR JACK FIELDS STATED THAT IT WAS BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION THAT MR. REPICI WAS NOT A REGISTERED VOTER AND HE VERIFIED THIS WITH SARAH SMITH AND THEN SENT MR. REPICI AND EMAIL THAT HE WAS GOING TO DECLARE HIS SEAT #5 ON THE FOUNTAIN LAKE BOARD VACANT AND A COPY OF THE LAW STATING THAT YOU HAD TO BE A REGISTERED VOTER IN ORDER TO BE AN ALDERMAN.

MAYOR JACK FIELDS SAID THAT A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY SHAWNA BOWEN IS HERE TONIGHT AND THAT SHE IS ON THE UPCOMING BALLOT SO MAYOR JACK FIELDS ASKED IF SHE WOULD LIKE TO GO AHEAD AND BE SWORN IN NOW. MS. BOWEN SAID YES SO MAYOR JACK FIELDS HAD HER RAISE HER RIGHT HAND AND SHE READ THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR SEAT #5.

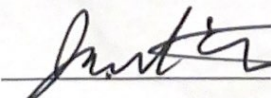
ORDINANCE # 02-2024 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND ADOPTING FOR THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN LAKE, ARKANSAS FOR THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH AND EVERY ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR; AND OTHER PURPOSES: WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD AND READ ONCE.

MR. KARL LOWRY STATED THAT HE WAS APPROACHED BY A CITIZEN ABOUT USING THE PARK ON NOV. 3RD FOR A BIRTHDAY PARTY. SHE ASKED IF SHE COULD RENT THE PAVILION AND MR. LOWRY STATED IT WAS A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS AND THAT IT COULD NOT BE RESERVED SHE STATED THAT SHE NEEDED TO USE THE TOWNS WATER FOR HER PARTY AND COULD SHE MAKE A DONATION TO THE PARK AND MR. LOWRY STATED YES.

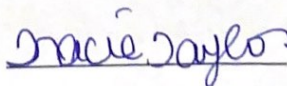
MR. LOWRY ALSO STATED THAT AFTER THE FALL FESTIVAL THE TOWN WILL ELIMINATE ONE OF THE PORTAPOTTYS.

NEXT MONTHS MEETING WILL BE ON OCTOBER THE 17TH.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HAROLD JAMES TO ADJOURN AND IT WAS 2ND BY NICK LOWRY. ALL WERE IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED.


MAYOR JACK FIELDS




CLERK/TREASURER TRACIE TAYLOR