

Council Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2020

Lone Oak Town Hall

4945 Lone Oak Road

Present: Mayor Phillip Dow, Councilmember Kody Forbus, Councilmember Susan Banks, Councilmember Jon Ivester, and CSR Debbie Watson.

Not Present: Councilmember Jennifer Lamb and Water Superintendent Chris Wheelus

Call to Order – Mayor Dow called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Invocation: Councilmember Kody Forbus

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Approval of Agenda

PUBLIC HEARING: 4 items that need to be discussed with the Council.

Start of Public Hearing: 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debbie Nelson advised that she had 4 items on the agenda that she wanted to discuss with the council.

1. The RFP that was sent to the county for the ballfield project.
The town of Lone Oak sent an RFP to the county on the Lone Oak Project (ballfields) and beside the town there were only two other bids that were turned into the county. The other two bids came from the Industrial Development Authority and Mack Reynolds. These bids are being reviewed by the county commissioners for a decision. In our RFP we proposed to have the ballfield remain as a recreational facility, add educational facilities, have internet installed, using it for a senior center and eventually moving the offices of city hall to that location.
2. The USDA Grant. I met with a gentleman to discuss the grant that we are applying for and he said that we should be able to get the grant we need. This grant would give us the money we need for an environmental study. This gentleman said that he had talked to Mayor Ferrell and city clerk Betty Daniel in the past but nothing was done toward obtaining the grant. I want to ask the board to consider to move forward with this grant. The time line is for next year but if the grant is not applied for and the study not done there is a possibility of the city being fined. If we have proof of the grant being filled then we may not be fined for not being in compliance. The survey that was done by Crawford Pipeline does not meet the recommendations for this study nor does he have the license required for the environmental study to be approved for the grant.
3. Annexation. Mrs. Nelson talked about annexing property outside the city limits of Lone Oak. She advised that we had about 15 different properties that could be annexed but we would need about 60% to move forward. We would need about 22 people to agree to the annexation for the city to move forward. We are looking to annex people that already have our water but is not inside the city.
4. Mileage rates and water rate increases. It was brought to the attention of the council that Lone Oak had the smallest mileage rate from the other cities in the county. Most of the cities have a mileage rate of 14%

and Lone Oak is at 1.76%. The town of Luthersville has a mileage rate of 10.33% and the Mayor wants to propose an increase to match the city of Luthersville. The Town of Lone Oak needs to contact the Department of Revenue to see how much and how often we need to increase the rate over a period of five years to bring it close to the other cities. We need to have the mileage rate into the county so that a five-year proposal can be run in the paper projecting the increase. The council was advised that we need to have a public hearing for this to happen so the community will be informed about what is happening. The public hearing has to be ran in the paper for 10 days announcing the meeting to discuss these items. The public meeting was set to occur on October 29th 2020 at 12 noon and 6:30 p.m. and on October 30th 2020 at 10 a.m. in the morning.

Council took a vote on these 4 items and agreed to move forward with the suggestions. Councilmember Banks made the motion that the city should move forward and Councilmember Forbus seconded the motion. Vote: All were in favor of moving forward. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Debbie Nelson.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: the public hearing was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Dow opened the regular meeting and asked if there were any changes or additions to the August minutes and there being none asked for a motion to accept the minutes as read. Councilmember Banks made the motion to accept, Councilmember Forbus seconded the motion. Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS: Mayor Dow asked if there were any question concerning the July financials for the Town and Water System, copies of which will be attached and made a part of these minutes. Mayor Dow asked for a motion to approve financials as read. Motion was made by Councilmember Banks to accept the financials and Councilmember Forbus seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE: Water system has been quite this month. There is a leak at the community building and Chris and Crawford are working to get prices and getting the leak fixed. Chris advised that Crawford could bore under the concrete and replace the lines without cracking the concrete. Crawford came and fixed the leak at the community building.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Pollard told us that they would offer cans for the community for \$54 every three months and they would place two cans behind the fire department and country store for the city to receive the cans free of charge. Pollard advised that if someone comes on in the middle of the month that Pollard would pro-rate their bill so that everyone would have the same billing date. The Mayor and Council decided to table the trash discussion with Pollard.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Please moved another \$10,000 from the Money Market to the General Funds. The Mayor got a phone call on Thursday from Theron Gay and wants to know about the county or cities to run water lines. Need to have this meeting to talk about the water lines with the county or do we need to run our own lines. The council just needs to find out what ideas that Theron Gay has about our water and he also agreed to bring James Stephens from the Water Authority to talk with us about the counties plans for the water system.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business, Mayor Dow asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

Councilmember Forbus made the motion to adjourn and Councilmember Banks seconded the motion. Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

The council dismissed the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Mayor and Council.

Minutes approved this _____ day of _____ 2020.

Attest by

Debbie Watson, CSR