

Council Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2020

Lone Oak Town Hall

4945 Lone Oak Road

Present: Mayor Phillip Dow, Councilmember Kody Forbus, Councilmember Jennifer Lamb, Councilmember Susan Banks, Councilmember Jon Ivester, Water Superintendent Chris Wheelus, and CSR Debbie Watson.

Call to Order – Mayor Dow called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation: Chris Wheelus

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Approval of Agenda

PUBLIC HEARING:

Start of Public Hearing: 6:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Willis Briggs started off saying that he would like to thank the council for getting the agenda's and minutes on the internet for the public so they can be informed.

Mr. Briggs also suggested that a letter be placed in the next water bills letting the citizens of Lone Oak know that the Town of Lone Oak has a web page and how to access it so they can be informed of what the council votes on at the meeting.

Mr. Briggs asked about the ordinances and subdivision rules that he had mention about six months ago to the council. The Mayor introduced Catherine Jenkins, who is and attorney and working for the Town of Lone Oak, and informed Mr. Briggs that she was working on our ordinances and subdivision rules at this time. Mr. Briggs said he would be willing to help with the ordinances.

Mr. Warren Gray, father of Councilmember Kody Forbus, said he was a land surveyor, and that he lives in Coweta County, he still owns property on Forrest Road in Lone Oak. He said that since he was from this area and was familiar with it that he too would be willing to help Attorney Jenkins in any way.

Mrs. Debbie Nelson brought to the attention of the council a letter that was printed in the paper by Mr. Theron Gay with Meriwether County and blamed her for stirring up trouble with the Water Authority and the Town of Lone Oak. Councilmember Jon Ivester stood up and stated that Mrs. Nelson had not talked to Theron Gay but he was the one that called Mr. Gay. He said the conversation between him and Mr. Gay consisted of discussion about the water lines on Highway 54 and that Mr. Gay needed to call Mayor Dow and set up with the Mayor and Council to attend the meeting and talk to everyone about the water lines on Highway 54.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Willis Briggs, Warren Gray, and Debbie Nelson.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: the public hearing was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Dow opened the regular meeting and asked if there were any changes or additions to the July minutes and there being none asked for a motion to accept the minutes as read.

Councilmember Banks made the motion to accept, Councilmember Lamb 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 Lamb seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE: Water system has been quite this month. Crawford installed a tap and a one-inch meter on 5520 Lone Oak Road.

There are two families that bought the land and the first people who bought the land stated that they are building a barn on the property first and need water ran to the barn. Once the barn is finished the couple plans to build a house on the property. The first couple said that in a few years their children would also be building on the land. The couple stated that they did not know when the other people was going to build on their property. The couple came into the office and paid the fee to have the tap and meter installed and paid the extra for the one-inch meter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Dow said he was called to a meeting with Mayor Cuttie, Theron Gay and 2 people from the water authority.

The first five houses that were built are being serviced at this time with water from Luthersville. There is no intergovernmental agreement between the County, the water authority, nor the City of Luthersville. Luthersville said they had a plan in place if the City Council approved it at their next meeting. The plan consisted of the City of Luthersville giving the County Water Authority 10 percent of their water at a price of 10 percent of the Luthersville budget which is about \$30,000 a year. Chris suggested that the council hold an Executive Session to discuss the issues for the water that the county is installing on the City of Lone Oak's water line.

Councilmember Ivester said that before a builder can get a building permit that they have to have an agreement on water and sewer for the property before they can receive a building permit

Ms. Debbie Nelson asked the mayor had he ever had a meeting with the Water Authority to discuss the plans for the water lines being installed. Mayor Dow said that the Water Authority had not had an official meeting with the Town of Lone Oak. The Town of Lone Oak about six months ago met with the Water Authority and Theron Gay for them to discuss the plans that the County Water Authority had planned.

The Council asked Catherine Jenkins if the discussion of the water fall into the definition of Executive Session. The council asked Catherine Jenkins to propose a letter to the County Water Authority, the County, and Crawford Grading and Pipeline, Inc. to stop any further work with the County laying water lines until an intergovernmental agreement could be put in place. Councilmember Forbus made a motion to send the letters to the County Water Authority, the County, and Crawford Grading and Pipeline for the stop order and Councilmember Lamb seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

The council asked to have the discussion of the County Water continued until the City of Luthersville had accepted an agreement with the county and then they could meet and discuss if the City of Lone Oak wanted to accept the same agreement

Catherine Jenkins approached the council and asked could they continue the work session on the ordinances. The council agreed to the work session for August 31st.

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mrs. Katherine Powell approached the council and asked if the Country Store could be leased to her free of charge for One year to do non-profit and resources.

Mrs. Powell said that grants could be obtained to help update the building because it was being used as a non-profit.

The council listened to what Ms. Powell had to say and agreed to accept her recommendation to use the Country Store for one year.

Councilmember Lamb made the motion to allow Katherine Powell to use the Country Store for a period of one year free of charge and that the Town of Lone Oak would continue to pay the Electric bill as long as it did not go over the amount that is being used presently and Councilmember Banks seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The council dismissed the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes approved this _____ day of _____ 2020.

Debbie Watson, CSR