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FAIRVIEW TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2009
FAIRVIEW TOWN HALL.
7:00 PM

The following members were present, constituting a quorum: Mayor Richard Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Long, Bradley Purser, Bill Thomas and Jerry Clontz

Personnel: Christine Surratt, Ed Humphries, Joe McCollum and Jan Carter

Mayor Richard Williams opened the meeting. Due to air conditioner problems, Council member Elizabeth Long made a motion that the meeting be recessed and be reconvened at Fairview Fire Department. Bradley Purser seconded it. It passed unanimously. A notice was posted on the door at the Town Hall that the meeting had been moved to Fairview Volunteer Fire Department.

The recessed meeting was reopened by the Mayor at the Fairview Fire Department. He asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Attorney McCollum wants to inform the Council about conference he attended and issues that were discussed. This will be added as 7A of the Agenda. Bradley Purser wants to add 5A to discuss the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department, and 5B for Thomas O'Mahony, Hendrix Office Systems representative, to speak. Bradley Purser made a motion to add these three items. Bill Thomas seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Thomas asked the visiting Boy Scouts to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Williams asked for public comments and anyone who wished to address the Council to limit comments to 3 minutes. There were no public comments.

Mayor Williams read Tax Collector Tana McConnaughey's letter to the Council about the Tax Collection. Financial Reports were handed out by Christine Surratt, Finance Officer. Financial Reports will be posted on Fairview's web site. Bill Thomas asked some questions about her reports and the computers maintenance. Bill Thomas discussed the potential savings to the Town if we contracted with the county to handle the tax collection. Bill Thomas & Bradley Purser and Christine Surratt discussed these changes. No action was taken at this time.

The minutes were next discussed. Elizabeth Long made a motion to postpone the approval of the minutes until the next meeting to make sure that each Council member had the correct revised copy. Bill Thomas seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Donation to Literacy Council of Union County

Mayor Williams explained donation request. Elizabeth Long made a motion to donate \$500.00. Bill Thomas seconded it. The motion passed unanimously

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New business:

Constitution Week Sept. 17- 23

Elizabeth Long read the letter about Constitution week in September and made the motion to accept this proclamation to make Sept 17 -23 as Constitution week. Bradley Purser seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

The Fairview Volunteer Fire Department handed out reports on their budget. Patti Freeman talked to the Council. The Fire Department is now getting an increase of their fire fees, and they are holding a chicken BBQ and a breakfast in October in order to raise funds. They still need money for their quarterly truck payment which is now due. She explained the tax issues, their accountant and their attorney. Bill Thomas made a motion to give the Fire Department \$10,000.00 for their truck payment. Elizabeth Long seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. The Fire Department will have its annual meeting on Thursday night, August 20, 2009 at 7:00pm, and the public is invited to attend.

Thomas O'Mahony with Hendrix Office Systems discussed some equipment that the Town would need. Bill Thomas asked him about copiers that he had quoted to the Town. The Town may lease or purchase this equipment. He will come back to next month's meeting.

Ed Humphries next discussed some Planning & Zoning issues. He is taking all the calls and he will soon receive all the files and maps concerning Fairview from Centralina. He discussed filing cabinets that will be needed. He is still working from his home until the Town gets an office for him. Bill Thomas discussed the lease issue with the Fire Department for office space. Eric Freeman, Fairview Volunteer Fire Department President, discussed electrical outlets for the Town's office. Jerry Clontz wants to continue to use the old Fairview School site building. Council member Elizabeth Long stated the problems with the heat and the air conditioner and being locked out of rooms when it was the Town's impression that we had leased the entire building. Bill Thomas made a motion to donate \$2500.00 to the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department for the construction to secure office space for the Town of Fairview. Bradley Purser seconded the motion. Jerry Clontz voted against it. Elizabeth Long, Bill Thomas and Bradley Purser voted for it. The motion passed.

Council Comments: Bradley Purser discussed issues of the old school building, and he and Jerry Clontz want the Town to own it. Attorney McCollum talked about owning the building and that the purchase price has to be fair market value. Elizabeth Long says that the School Board had indicated that they did not want to sell the building. Bradley Purser wants to have a joint meeting with a representative from the Town, The County Commissioner Chairman and a representative from Union County Public Schools. Elizabeth Long made a motion that Bradley check into setting up this meeting. Bill Thomas seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Thomas talked about the Emergency Management letter that he sent to Mayor Williams regarding enforcing our ordinance against development in the flood plain. They

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discussed this issue and flood insurance. Bill Thomas discussed how the City of Monroe needs a permit from Fairview and the environmental study, Flood plain and creeks and drilling under the creeks. Bradley Purser said that he thinks that Monroe meets the criteria to require a permit from Monroe. Ed Humphries will look into what is required for permit. The Mayor appointed Ed Humphries as the designee for Flood Plain Administrator and to check on this. Bill Thomas wants to recess this meeting and set up a meeting on August 24, Monday at 7:00 pm to continue discussions on flood plain ordinance.

Bradley Purser made a motion to have the Union County Public School turn the air conditioner on at least 5 hours before the meeting. He withdrew the motion. Council discussed meeting again at the Fire Department, but no action was taken.

Attorney McCollum discussed a conference that he attended. He discussed fee increases, certified mails for some issues, elections, scheduled meeting on the web site, emails storing for 3 years and the need for town emails to be kept separate from personal emails, development default, letters of credits and bonds, defaults guidelines and water problems.

Elizabeth Long made a motion to recess the meeting to August 24th and to go into closed session now for personnel issues. Bradley Purser seconded it. The motion passed unanimously and the Town Council meeting was recessed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mayor Richard Williams

Town Clerk Jan Carter

Approved on ____ of _____, 2009