



**Town of Fairview
Regular Town Council Meeting
May 9, 2023**

The following Council members were present: Mayor Phil Thomas, John Biggers, Jerry Clontz, Patricia Kindley, and Gary Wilfong.

Others present: Darrell Baucom, Financial Officer; Ed Humphries, Land Use Administrator/Deputy Clerk; Teresa Gregorius, Town Clerk and Spencer Thomas, Administrative Assistant

Agenda Changes/Approval

Mayor Thomas stated that he would like to add authorization to contract electric work at the park around the pond as Item 6.

John Biggers made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Patricia Kindley seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

Public Comments

John Brinsky spoke about the deposit fee for park picnic shelter rentals being too much and he also did not want the 150 feet from each property line to keep livestock on your property.

Consent Agenda

- a) Financial and Tax Reports--- *Report Accepted as Information*
- b) Land Use Report---*Report Accepted as Information*
- c) Fund Balance Worksheet 2022-2023 --- *Report Accepted as Information*
- d) Fairview Park Event April Draft Minutes (*No April meeting*)
- e) Fairview Park Facility April Draft Minutes (*No April meeting*)
- f) Planning Board April Draft Minutes (*No April meeting*)
- g) Approve Council Minutes for April 11, 2023
- h) Union County Board of Elections filing fee for election date 11/7/23 will be \$5 as per §163-294.2(e).
- i) Resolution Opposing SB 317/HB 562 “Workforce Housing”

Jerry Clontz made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Patricia Kindley seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

Items of Business

Item 1: Discuss Piedmont High School Football Request

Coach Aaron Braswell requested \$10,000 for the Piedmont High School Athletic Booster Club (Football) for new lockers. The locker rooms have been updated and renovated. The 30-year-old lockers have been removed. The Council discussed.

Jerry Clontz made a motion to not donate at this time. Gary Wilfong seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

Item 2: Discuss Union County Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Consortium Program

Mayor Thomas presented a letter from Union County regarding the town's continued participation in the Union County Community Development Block Grant Program for the next three years beginning in 2024. The Council discussed.

Gary Wilfong made a motion for the town to continue participation in the Union County Community Development Block Grant Program for the next three years beginning in 2024. Patricia Kindley seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

Item 3: Discuss/Approve Revised Noise Ordinance

Ed Humphries presented the revised noise ordinance. The ordinance has been reviewed by the attorney and the code enforcer. The Council discussed.

Gary Wilfong made a motion to approve the noise ordinance as amended. Patricia Kindley seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

Item 4: Discuss/Approve Land Use Ordinance Amendment to Section 175(a)

Ed Humphries presented an amendment to Section 175(a) of the Land Use Ordinance. Mr. Humphries noted that the Planning Board voted 5-2 in favor of recommending the Council to amend Section 175(a) as follows:

“Except where livestock or poultry are kept on a bona fide farm that is exempt from regulations under this ordinance, no person may keep livestock or poultry within ~~450 feet~~ 40 feet front/back and 15 feet from each side from any lot line of property owned by another. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as authorizing poultry or livestock to be kept except where such uses are authorized as an Agricultural Use, Class II.”

Mayor Opened Public Hearing

No Public Comments

Mayor Closed Public Hearing

Decision: The Council discussed.

Gary Wilfong made a motion to leave the 150 feet from all property lines as currently stated in the Land Use Ordinance. Patricia Kindley seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes, Clontz voted no (3-1).

Item 5: Discuss/Review 2023-2024 Budget

Darrell Baucom presented the fiscal year 2023/2324 draft budget by going over each line item. The Council discussed and changed the following:

- Increase park utilities by \$2,400 for increased electrical use
- Add Capital Outlay Office for town hall signage \$1,700
- Increase payroll expenses by \$600 for festival coordinator

Item 6: Discuss Park Electrical Work

Mayor Thomas requested that the Council authorize him, Jerry Clontz and Gary Wilfong to solicit bids for wiring around the park pond and fix electrical lines subcontractor cut up to \$26,000. The Council discussed.

Gary Wilfong made a motion to authorize Phil Thomas, Jerry Clontz and Gary Wilfong to solicit bids for wiring around the park pond and fix electrical lines subcontractor cut up to \$26,000 and authorize Mayor Thomas to sign any paperwork required. John Biggers seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

Council Comments

Patricia Kindley stated that it was good to see the light poles around the pond at the park.

Jerry Clontz announced the Kids Fishing Days at the park (May 20th, June 3rd and 24th, July 15th and August 5th). July 4th is free fishing day per the state requiring no fishing license. Town Clerk noted that she had received inquires about food vendors during the fishing days. Council discussed and decided on no vendors. Mr. Clontz also noted that there has been a problem with bikes at the park particularly on the track around the pond. He has ordered additional signage to address the problem.

John Biggers noted that due to his job promotion in January, he apologizes for his absence from the last several Council meetings. Going forward he should not have any conflicts with meeting times.

Spencer Thomas reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was cancelled due to rain. The Park Event Committee has discussed making different plans for the 2024 Easter celebration. She noted that the Fall Festival will be October 7th and the Park Event Committee voted to have a rain date of October 14th for the festival.

Mayor Thomas reported that Union County has established a newly formed committee to provide input on potential expansion of the county water system. Residents interested in serving on the committee can apply on the county's website (see additional information on the town's website and Facebook page).

Gary Wilfong made a motion to adjourn. John Biggers seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Gregorius
Town Clerk

Phil Thomas
Mayor

Approved this 13th day of June 2023