

Fairview Town Council Meeting
April 9, 2012
7:00 p.m.

The following Council members were present: Mayor Elizabeth Long, B.B. Haigler, Bradley Purser and Arnold Price.

Others present: Joe McCollum, Attorney; Darrell Baucom, Finance Officer; Tana McConnaughey, Tax Collector and Ed Humphries, Land Use Administrator and Town Clerk

Agenda

Bradley Purser made a motion to approve the agenda. B.B. Haigler seconded the motion. Councilmen Haigler, Purser and Price voted yes.

Jerry Clontz joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Presentations

Ms. Jackie Morgan, Health Promotion – Union County Environmental Health, discussed the 2012 community wide health assessment which is conducted in the county every four years. Ms. Morgan explained that the department is in the process of identifying health factors that are affecting county residents. The Department plans to survey the county residents in different groups – hoping to obtain at least 1000 surveys either by phone or written. Morgan will prepare a “State of the County Health Report” in the fall of 2012. She stated that Union County “looks pretty good” due to the median income being high in the western side of the county.

Jeff Knight was also present; he gave an update on the water study in progress. The county continues to have a problem with high levels of arsenic in ground water.

Ms. Morgan distributed some surveys to the Mayor who will ask residents from Fairview to complete them.

Fairview Fire & Rescue

Patti Freeman, Treasurer of the Fire Department, gave an update on the departmental activities. Approximately \$5,900 was made on the annual BBQ.

Patti also provided the current financial statement to the Council; the department has paid off one truck and has refinanced some other debt.

The fire department conducted an ISO Rating Audit in March. Currently Fairview is a 7-9(E) classification. The audit found several hydrants not working properly. Chief Wyatte McBryde stated that he thought the audit went well. He would like to see a class 6-9(E) throughout the town. The fire department is still looking for grants with little success. The department is “out of the red” and has money in savings. Money from this year’s fire fee is coming in slowly.

Reports

Finance Officer, Darrell Baucom, gave the Financial Report. Tana McConnaughey gave the Tax Report. Ed Humphries explained the Zoning Report and stated that the Council would see several Conditional Use Permit requests within the next month.

New Business

None

Council Comments

Mayor Long stated she would be taking the Health Survey by phone and requested the Council take some of the surveys to hand out and have Fairview residents complete.

Mayor Long received information from United Family Services regarding the “Tree House for Children” in Monroe. Mr. Purser stated that he had had good experiences with the organization.

Mayor Long stated that it is difficult scheduling a meeting with Manager Coto and the County Public Works Department, but she hoped to do so in May.

Mayor Long also mentioned the need for a budget workshop.

The Council agreed to have a budget workshop meeting on Monday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. located at the Town Hall.

Approval of Minutes

Jerry Clontz made a motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2012, as corrected. Bradley Purser seconded the motion. Councilmen Clontz, Purser, Haigler and Price voted yes (4-0).

Contended Council Discussion

B.B. Haigler asked about the new property the town purchased (17 ac. behind Fire Department). Haigler stated that the pond located on the property needed to be “cleaned up” before we could tell what we wanted to do. Haigler and Price offered to obtain information on putting a temporary drive and road back to the pond.

Joe McCollum stated the property had not “closed” due to some work he had to complete with a Deed of Trust Lien on the property. McCollum thought that the deed should be recorded within the next month.

Jerry Clontz stated that he thought money should not be spent on the property until the deed was recorded.

Discussion by the Council followed regarding the property and how to obtain bids for work done on the property. Haigler stated he had obtained a cost to clean out the pond that was approx \$20,000 two years ago. The Council agreed that they needed to determine what they wanted to do with the property.

Mayor Long stated that the Council would go into Closed Session with the Town Clerk, Finance Officer and Attorney attending.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Long reopened the Regular Meeting.

Bradley Purser made a statement that he thought the Council and Fire Department should meet to discuss future plans, in order that both parties “be on the same page” concerning the recent purchase of land by the Town. The Fire Department Board voted to meet with the Town, and Mayor Long will wait for that contact to set up a meeting with both boards.

B.B. Haigler stated he would call Eddie Barnhardt and ask him not to plant the newly purchased property behind the fire station.

Arnold Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Clontz seconded the motion. Councilmen Haigler, Clontz, Purser and Price voted yes (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Humphries
Town Clerk

Elizabeth Long
Mayor

Approved this 14 day of May, 2012.