

FAIRVIEW TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
November 16, 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

Staff attending: Jan Carter, Town Clerk, Ed Humphries, Land Use Administrator, Christine Surratt, Finance Officer and Tana McConnaughey, Tax Collector and Attorney Joe McCollum.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor Williams.

Bradley Purser made a motion to put "Public Comments" as B on this agenda and all future agendas. He also made the suggestion to put the minutes that need to be approved later in the agenda before Council comments. Bill Thomas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** none

**Presentation:**

A discussion to have Union County collect taxes for the Town was next on the agenda. Vann Harrell, Union County Assistant Collector of Revenue talked to the Council regarding Union County collecting taxes for the Town. The cost to the Town would be 1.5% of receipts. They would provide the Council with monthly reports. The Tax revenue would be deposited in the Town's account monthly except for the busiest months and then every two weeks. The County uses a Lockbox in their revenue collections. Mr. Harrell explained the agreement that would be signed between the County and the Town. The County Manager has the authority to sign the contract at this time. The agreement needs to be finalized by the end of March, 2010 to be effective for the 2010 tax collection. The Town would be responsible for all previous years taxes that are unpaid. This will be discussed at the next meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Financial Reports**

Christine Surratt discussed the budget and financial reports. She also reported to the Council that she thought it was important to work until the end of the year to complete the W-2s and complete the end of the year payroll reports. Christine said that the audit, as far as she knew, was not finished, but it was on the desk of the auditor.

Tana McConnaughey talked about the taxes and she stated that there is still \$37,000.00 dollars that are due. There is approx. \$3500. Due the Town in back taxed through 2007

and approx \$37,000. past due for 2008. Discussion about the cost of maintenance of the tax program on the computer followed.

**Old business:**

Bradley Purser discussed changing the meeting day to the second Monday in each month. Elizabeth Long made a motion of moving the meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday to be affective with the January, 2010 meeting. Bill Thomas seconded it. It passed unanimously.

**New business:**

1. Set Public Hearing date for CUP-09-01 on Parcel #08186004A at the next meeting in December 21<sup>st</sup>Hines Property.
2. Set Public Hearing date for CUP-Li=09-01 on Parcel #08222011F at the next meeting in December 21<sup>st</sup>.=Haigler Property
3. Set Public Hearing date to hear a request from the Planning Board and Staff for a Text amendment (TC-09-003) to the LUO Section 180N “Requirements for shopping centers”

Elizabeth Long made a motion to set these up for a Public Hearing Meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup> 2009 regular Council meeting. Bradley Purser seconded it. It passed unanimously

4.Ed Humphries requested The Junk Vehicle Ordinance under General Provisions 1.1 Definitions Junked Motor Vehicle-#3 be changed from the \$100.00 amount to \$500.00 as required by Amended General Statute(in the 2009session)  
Elizabeth Long made a motion to make this change. Bill Thomas seconded it. It passed unanimously.

5. Ed Humphries asked for approval of one year contract with Verizon for internet service for the office at the Fire Station. The Council discussed using Time Warner.

Bradley Purser made a motion to approve this contract with Verizon for one year. Bill Thomas seconded it. Bill Thomas, Elizabeth Long and Bradley Purser voted for it. It passed but Jerry Clontz voted against it.

6. Ed Humphries informed the Council that Planning Board member of Jesse Hargett’s term expires October 2009. Mr. Hargett has asked to be considered for reappointment. Bill Thomas wants to excused from this vote because of family connections.

Elizabeth Long made a motion to excuse Bill Thomas from this vote. Bradley Purser seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Bradley Purser made a motion to reappoint Mr. Hargett to the three year term. Elizabeth Long seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Reimbursement to Council members for money spent for town related expenses was discussed. Bill Thomas discussed getting emails from the Town. Elizabeth Long wants faster communication for all Council members. Bill Thomas requested that emails show who received the mail and who did not. Emails should show how each received the same information by mail or by other means.

Ed Humphries wants to get with Jerry Clontz and work with him on receiving emails. Ed Humphries suggested making copies of information and putting them in the box for each member to pick up at the meetings (or other times that are convenient to them). Ed Humphries wants to continue to send minutes by mail each month in a packet so they can be reviewed before each meeting.

Bill Thomas made a motion to let the Mayor and Councilmembers spend up to \$100.00 per month on things needed for the towns business(with proper receipts), instead of \$500.00(the previous amount approved). Bradley Purser seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Ed Humphries discussed the agenda and how it should be prepared. He suggested that items for the agenda need to be given to Town Clerk Jan Carter a week before the meeting so it can be put on the website. He indicated that he and Jan Carter would continue to send a packet to the Council with information that the Council could review before the meeting.

Next the Council discussed Darrell Baucom who is interested in being the Financial Officer for the Town. The Council wants a special meeting and talk to him next Monday night the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2009. Jan Carter will give notice to all when we find out if he can come.

The minutes of October 19,2009 were discussed. Bradley Purser made a motion to approve them as changed. Elizabeth Long stated that this will be done in the December meeting.

The Council wants a review before approving.

### **Council Comments:**

Bill Thomas talked about the mailbox that had been installed at the fire station and discussed the cost. Bill Thomas talked about rezoning.

Elizabeth Long talked about minutes and how they are written. Motions need to be clear and indicating who votes is also important.

Bill Thomas talked about a rodeo. Ed Humphries says an event permit is necessary. This should be a municipal ordinance. Ed Humphries will do some research on this and report

back to the Board. Bill Thomas talked about a shooting range in another community in the county.

**Adjournment:**

Jerry Clontz made a motion to close the meeting. Elizabeth Long seconded it. It passed unanimously and the meeting closed.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Mayor Elizabeth Long

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Town Clerk Jan Carter

Approved on 21st of December, 2009