

**LAKWOOD VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**APRIL 14, 2011**

**Council Members:**

Mike Schnittker, Mayor - ABSENT  
Dr. Mark Vargus, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Ken Guthrie  
Harold Wood  
Carl Menckhoff, M.D.  
Dave Getka

**Town Staff:**

Linda Asbell, Town Secretary

**REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 P.M.**

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Schnittker called the Town Council to order at 7:34 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2011, in the Council Chambers of the Lakewood Village Town Hall, 100 Highridge Drive, Lakewood Village, Texas.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**(Agenda Item A)**

Boy Scout Pack 367

**PROCLAMATION**

**(Agenda Item B)**

Mar introduced Sally Coleman and presented her a proclamation recognizing her service on the School Board

**VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:**

**(Agenda Item B)**

No one requested to speak

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**(Agenda Item C)**

Minutes  
Certificate of unopposed candidates  
Ordinance cancelling  
Guthrie, Getka 5-0

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**(Agenda Item D)**

**Discussion on Village People**

**(Agenda Item D.1)**

Renee Cook, President, April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Easter Eggstraveganza Hunt, reviewed the planned activities. She reviewed some of the future activities, May 7=garage sale, May 21<sup>st</sup>= Pet Day  
Linda will coordinate a pet day – VPC will coordinate a shred day along with pet day  
Possible activities: Blood Drive, Casino Night (September 17). There was some discussion about casino night. Summer picnic=July 23, June 18<sup>th</sup>, movie under the stars, Council expressed their appreciation for the great job Renee is doing leading the VPC. There was some discussion on the council sponsor and the insurance coverage through TML on high-risk versus low risk activities. There was some discussion on fund raising guidelines.

**Consideration Variance 707 Stowe**

**(Agenda Item D.2)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus reviewed the instructions from Town Attorney Messer on standards for allowing or denying variances. Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus stated the reasons for the decision made by council must be specifically articulated.

Tri Pazourek reviewed his request for a front facing garage. Mr. Pazourek distributed drawings to the Council showing his lot boundaries and the location of his proposed garage and discussed his desire to keep the wooded nature of his lot. Mr. Pazourek reviewed his design plans for matching the appearance of the garage to his house to blend the house and garage together. Councilman Guthrie asked about the possibility of pushing the proposed garage back to have the front of the building meet with the fence line in the back. Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus stated that because of the configuration of the lots in that area this is going to be an ongoing issue for anyone wanting to add a garage. Councilman Getka stated that he appreciates that Mr. Pazourek is willing to build a structure to contain all his vehicles rather than leaving them all on the driveway. Councilman Getka stated that the Council should consider creating a “good neighbor petition” which would allow a property owner to contact and document the position of their neighbors on the proposed request. There was some discussion on the pros and cons of requiring approval from neighboring property owners prior to getting approval from Council on a variance request. Councilman Guthrie expressed a concern about previous front-facing garage variances granted that have come back to haunt the council. Councilman Guthrie stated the council needs to be very careful about making a decision on granting a variance. There was some discussion on establishing a standard set-back on buildings additional garages/buildings in the future. Councilman Guthrie stated he is comfortable with this request only because the request is to build the additional garage behind the rear-line of the house.

Getka wood 5-0 Approve

**Consideration Fuel Gas Code**

**(Agenda Item C.3)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus explained the reasons behind having all the ordinances on the agenda and the way these ordinances were developed. Building Inspector Steve Freeman explained the development of these ordinances. There was some discussion on the types of gasses and tanks this code covers. There was some discussion on the typical municipal process for adopting codes and amending them as the new codes are created. There was some discussion on why the 2006 codes were being proposed for adoption in this ordinance rather than adopting the 2009 codes.

A sentence stating the Town Secretary has a copy of the codes in her office will be deleted from each ordinance.

Carl abstain lack of understanding

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilman Getka and seconded by Councilman Menckhoff the Council voted four (4) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” with Councilman Menckhoff abstaining, to approve the ordinance adopting the 2006 fuel gas code. The motion carried

**Consideration Energy Code**

**(Agenda Item C.4)**

Steve reviewed the requirements established in the ordinance

Getka/Guthrie 3-0 menckhoff and wood abstain

There was some discussion on Council tabling the ordinances until next month to allow for some time to discuss questions with the Building Inspector. There was some discussion on passing the ordinances at this meeting and then amending the ordinances at a future meeting. There was some discussion on building related ordinances.

**Consideration International Mechanical Code**

**(Agenda Item C.4)**

Vargus/Wood 5-0 table

**Consideration Plumbing Code**

**(Agenda Item C.4)**

Vargus/Getka 5-0 table

**Consideration Building Code**

**(Agenda Item C.4)**

Vargus/wood 5-0 table

**Consideration Electrical Code**

**(Agenda Item C.4)**

Vargus, Getka 5-0 table

**Consideration Residential Code**

**(Agenda Item C.5)**

There was some discussion on the requirement or exemption of requirement of building permit for small sized accessory buildings. There was some discussion on retaining walls and fences. There was some discussion on the requirement of a permit before adding dirt and/or benching a lot. There was some discussion on amendments to the ordinance as presented.

Vargus, wood 5-0 table

**Consideration Fire Code**

**(Agenda Item C.4)**

Menckhoff, wood table

Getka stated that he did not support the 307.2 section requiring a permit, and pointed out the discrepancy in distance in 307.5 for open burning.

VOTE 5-0

**Consideration Building Fees**

**(Agenda Item C.4)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus reviewed the proposed fee ordinance. There was some discussion on the inspections required. There was some discussion on the permit requirements for accessory buildings. There was some discussion on pool inspection requirements. There was some discussion on permit and inspection requirements on water heaters and sprinkler systems.

Vargus/wood table 5-0

**Discussion of emergency Back-up Power for Water Plant**

**(Agenda Item C.4)**

**Consideration Records Management**

**(Agenda Item C.4)**

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**Ordinance**

Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus reviewed the ordinance. Getka/Wood 5-0

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS**

**(Agenda Item D)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**(Agenda Item E)**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilman Menckhoff and seconded by Mayor Pro-Vargus the Council voted four (4) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to adjourn the Regular Session of the Lakewood Village Town Council at 8:14 on Thursday, March, 10, 2011. The motion carried.

These minutes approved by the Lakewood Village Town Council on the 14th day of April, 2011

APPROVED

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Mike Schnittker  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Linda Asbell  
CITY SECRETARY