

LAKEWOOD VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 9, 2011

Council Members:

Mike Schnittker, Mayor
Dr. Mark Vargus, Mayor Pro-Tem
Ken Guthrie
Harold Wood
Carl Menckhoff, M.D. – Arrived at 7:31
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 7:09 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2011, in the Council Chambers of the Lakewood Village Town Hall, 100 Highridge Drive, Lakewood Village, Texas.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

(Agenda Item A)

Mayor Schnittker led the pledge of allegiance

VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

(Agenda Item B)

Lee Ann Johnson, 409 Lakecrest expressed her opposition to the opening of Shoreline Drive. Ms. Johnson requested a gate be installed and a key be provided to the Fire Department and other key individuals for emergency purposes. Ms. Johnson reported of her hearing of the opening of Shoreline 15 years ago but stated she heard it was closed again after only three months because of excessive traffic. Ms. Johnson states that she has spoken to many residents that live around that intersection and she does not believe anyone in the area wants it open. Mayor Schnittker reported that this topic has been discussed at a number of open meetings for several months. Mayor Schnittker stated that Shoreline is a public road and it should never have been closed, the Town is correcting that and providing for the safety for its citizens. Ms. Sheri Bertrand also expressed concern about opening the roadway.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(Agenda Item D)

1. Minutes of April 14, 2011 Council Meeting
2. Minutes of May 12, 2011 Council Meeting

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus and seconded by Councilman Guthrie the Council voted four (4) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

(Agenda Item E)

**Consideration of Variance Request for Roof
Pitches at 828 Carrie Lane**

(Agenda Item E.3)

Bill Snyder, general contractor for Mr. and Mrs. Fleitman at 828 Carrie Lane showed architectural drawings of the house illustrating the roof pitches. Mr. Snyder reported the roof pitches have been designed to allow for the windows and to prevent pitches in the back from protruding above the rooflines in the front.

Councilman Menckhoff arrived at 7:34 during the discussion of roof pitches.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Getka and seconded by Councilman Wood the Council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to approve the variance request for roof pitches at 828 Carrie Lane. The motion carried.

Consideration of Election of Mayor Pro-Tem

(Agenda Item E.4)

Councilman Wood stated that Councilman Vargus has done an excellent job for the Town and recommends that he continue as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Getka stated that Councilman Vargus volunteers many hours and the town is lucky to have his service. Councilman Menckhoff stated that the records and progress made during the time Councilman Vargus has served speaks to his capabilities.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Guthrie and seconded by Councilman Menckhoff the Council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to elect Dr. Mark E. Vargus to continue to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion carried.

**Discussion of Back-Up Power for Utility
Functions**

(Agenda Item E.5)

Mayor Schnittker reported that lift station failures are rarely electrical failures and it is cost prohibitive to fit a lift station with the ability to receive power from a generator. Councilman Wood stated that the backup power needs to automatically start-up on a power failure. There was some discussion on the risk of theft if the backup power is designed to be portable. Mayor Schnittker reported the difference in pricing for a portable versus permanent power is approximately \$2,000. TCEQ requires back-up power for the sewer plant but not for the water

plant. Mayor Schnittker reported that Lakewood Village is more vulnerable without a plan for backup power at the water plant. There was some discussion on the wiring requirements for a backup power source.

**Consideration of Appointment of Members
to the Economic Development Board**

(Agenda Item E.6)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Guthrie and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem the Council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to reappoint Carolyn Coleman, Dave Getka, Michael Ivey, and Linda Asbell to the Economic Development Board. The motion carried.

**Consideration of Appointment of Members
to the Municipal Development Board**

(Agenda Item E.7)

There was some discussion on the meeting times and the availability of members to attend.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Getka and seconded by Councilman Menckhoff the Council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to reappoint Dr. Mark E. Vargus and Harold Wood to the Municipal Development Board. The motion carried.

Discussion of Financial Report

(Agenda Item E.8)

Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus reviewed the financial reports. General Fund revenues are very close to projections. General Fund expenses are close to projections with the attorney fees slightly over budget. Utility Fund revenues are approximately 12% ahead of last year and very close to projections in the budget. Utility Fund experienced high expenses for repairs made during the year. The lift station repairs and blower motors at the sewer plant caused unanticipated increases in expenses. Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus reviewed the wastewater permitting which occurs every five years. Town Engineers submitted a bid for the repermitting process for \$30,000. AquaMat invoice for repermitting will be approximately \$8,000. Mayor Schnittker and Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus praised the efforts of Town Secretary Linda Asbell and AquaMat operator Gary Barnes for the in-house repermitting of the wastewater plant. Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus reported the town will have spent approximately \$60,000 in capital expenditures. Mayor Pro-Tem Vargus reported the Town has collected \$28,000 in sales tax. Sales tax revenues are up from last year. There was some discussion on housing starts in town. There was some discussion on depreciation and cash balances.

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COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS:

(Agenda Item F)

Councilman Getka reported the EDC has paid off all its debts to the Town for legal fees associated with incorporation.

ADJOURNMENT

(Agenda Item G)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Getka and seconded by Councilman Wood the Council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to adjourn the Regular Session of the Lakewood Village Town Council at 8:09 on Thursday, June 9, 2011. The motion carried.

These minutes approved by the Lakewood Village Town Council on the 11th day of August, 2011

APPROVED

Mike Schnittker
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Asbell
TOWN SECRETARY