

Minutes from the Commission Meeting held on

September 10, 2012

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing on Monday September 10, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. regarding the final reading of ordinance #09-10-12-70; and ordinance increasing the Natural Gas customer minimum bills by \$1.00. The Board then met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Newly elected Mayor Tony Hawn called the meeting to order with Commissioners Gene Coleman, Terry Hanner and newly elected commissioners Alan Phillips and Jerry Shirk present. Town Manager Robert Cass and City Recorder Sondra Denton were also present for the meeting.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Gene Coleman.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2012 MINUTES

Motion was made by Coleman, seconded by Hanner to approve the August 2012 Minutes. All Ayes

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

There were no communications from the Mayor.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

There were no commissioner reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TOWN MANAGER

Phillips made a motion to replace Town Manager Robert Cass, after the motion Coleman asked Phillips what his reason was for wanting to fire Cass, Phillips then stated that he didn't need a reason since the Town Manager worked at the will and pleasure of the Board. Hanner then also asked Phillips for a specific reason at which time Phillips stated that he didn't approve of Cass's approval of the new building the previous Board had approved to build. Shirk then seconded the motion with the roll call vote at Hawn Aye, Phillips Aye, Shirk Aye, Coleman Nay and Hanner Nay. Cass then left the meeting.

BIDS FOR REPAIRING NIOTA ROAD

The Board then opened bids for paving Niota Road. The bids were Roger s Group \$18,815.00; Bobby Letner \$25,900.00 and Curtis Paving \$26,500.00. **Motion** was then made by Coleman, seconded by Hanner to accept the bid from Rogers Group. All Ayes

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 09-10-12-70

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded Hanner to pass on final reading Ordinance No. 09-10-12-70; an ordinance increasing the natural gas minimum bills by \$1.00. All Ayes

NEW BUSINESS:

AUGUST 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion was made by Hanner, seconded by Phillips to approve the August 2012 financial report. All Ayes

RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE DEREK GREEN

Motion was made by Hanner, seconded by Phillips to re-appoint Derek Green as the Town Judge. All Ayes.

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Hanner to *Table* the business of appointments to the Planning Committee Board. All Ayes.

APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Hanner to *Table* the business of appointing additional member(s) to the Library Board. All Ayes.

EVERLASTING LIFE CHURCH'S REQUEST FOR A HOLDING TANK AND GRINDER PUMP

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Hanner to *Table* the business regarding the holding tank and grinder pump which had been requested by Everlasting Life Church. All Ayes.

MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATES

Motion was made by Hanner, seconded by Phillips to pay the Municipal Advisory Service to update the town's ordinances with the code book. The updates will begin from July 1, 2007. The amount of the charge will be \$3,500.00. All Ayes.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BUILDING INSPECTOR-MICHAEL BREDWELL

Discussion was then made by regarding the need of a Building Inspector. Denton told the Board that the previous Town Manager Cass had tried several times to contact the current Building Inspector Michael Bredwell, but Bredwell would not return his messages. **Motion** was then made by Phillips, seconded by Shirk to *Table* the business of the Building Inspector. All Ayes

CITY HALL BUILDING ASBESTOS TEST RESULTS

Denton then addressed the Board with the asbestos report of the City Hall building. The report shows asbestos in the walls and the ceiling which has the popcorn ceiling. The charge to remove the asbestos will be around \$7,000-\$7,500.00. Denton then asked the Board what their plans were for the new building. Phillips said that he does not want the building along with the citizens who voted for him and there was not a need for the building. Hanner then said there was a need for the building. Phillips said that he would rather lose \$68,000 rather than half a million. Denton then said you are losing half a million when you have a building, but if the building does not get built the town will lose the money that has already been expensed along with penalties any from the Bond Company. Phillips again stated that he would rather lose \$68,000.00 than build the building. **Motion** was then made by Phillips, seconded by Shirk not to build the new City Hall/ Police Department building. Hawn Aye, Phillips Aye, Shirk Aye, Coleman Nay and Hanner Nay. Court Clerk Jamie Moses then asked the Board where City Hall would be located while the asbestos is removed and the remodeling performed. Phillips said they will decide where City Hall will be relocated to when the time comes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Wright read the August 2012 Police Department report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Roach read August 2012 Fire Department report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Hanner to appoint the Town Manager duties to Mayor Tony Hawn. All Ayes

Denton then read her resignation to the Board followed by the resignations of City Attorney Doris Matthews and Commissioner Hanner. **Motion** was made by Phillips, seconded by Shirk to accept the resignations with the roll call as follows; Hawn Aye, Phillips Aye and Shirk Ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Shirk to adjourn the meeting.

Tony Hawn
Mayor

Jamie Moses
Recorder