

**THE VILLAGE OF SAN LEANNA
MINUTES**

Regular Board of Aldermen Public Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2016
7:00 p.m. – Community Center – 11906 Sleepy Hollow

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Present: Betty Korts, Barbara Quarles, Charlie Burks, Molly Quirk, Tillie Trotter, Elaine Voeltz

Elaine Voeltz moved to approve minutes of Regular B of A Meeting on November 19, 2015 as written; Tillie Trotter seconded; motion carried with a vote of 5 in favor – 0 opposed.

B. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

1. Dane Avery, Village arborist, was not present. The Village administrator stated there had been no tree-related activity – no problems, no permits, no doorknockers.
2. Jim Payne, resident on Old Manchaca Rd., noted that fewer funds have been spent on road maintenance during the past 10 years than were budgeted. Mr. Payne also mentioned several of the recent drainage problems on private properties during the two severe rainstorms in 2015, proposing that maintenance needs be emphasized in order to delay the need for major reconstruction.
3. Fred Helmerichs, resident on Sunset Dr., offered his support for the approval of the less expensive Option B for the first segment of Circle Dr. (see C.-1.) Mr. Helmerichs also suggested that Council develop a formal long-range plan for the Village. Charlie Burks suggested that a committee be formed to evaluate these suggestions in order to bring information to Council so that priorities can be chosen.

C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

1. Mayor Korts provided information regarding the two options, engineered by Joel Wilkinson, for the reconstruction of the first segment of Circle Dr. from FM 1626 to Hacienda Dr.: Option A – full-depth reclamation @ \$137,700 or Option B – 1” HMAC overlay @ \$61,600. Following brief discussion, Charlie Burks moved to approve Option B for the reconstruction of the first segment of Circle Dr. from FM 1626 to Hacienda Dr. at a cost of \$61,600; Elaine Voeltz seconded; motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor – 1 opposed. Tillie Trotter stated she believes “Option B will not be beneficial in the end.”
2. Molly Quirk moved to authorize Joel Wilkinson, Village engineer, to publish an invitation for bids for the road improvement project, approved by Capital Metro, to reconstruct Circle Dr., from FM 1626 to River Oaks Dr., including Option B for the first segment from FM 1626 to Hacienda Dr.; Tillie Trotter seconded; motion carried with a vote of 5 in favor –

0 opposed.

3. Mayor Korts provided information regarding the fire that occurred in the early morning hours on December 28, 2015 at the home of long-term San Leanna residents, the Cavacos, on Bluebonnet Ln. The two-car garage and a room that served as a breezeway were heavily damaged, with smoke and water damage to the rest of the house. The Village administrator has been working with a neighbor in efforts to assist the residents in affording living arrangements while the house is being repaired. Monte Akers, the Village attorney, has stated that the Village may set up a GoFundMe account for the collection of cash donations from residents, without liability and without setting a precedent. The neighbor will collect the funds and ensure they are delivered to the Cavacos. Elaine Voeltz moved to approve setup of a GoFundMe account by the Village for cash donations for the Cavacos, displaced by severe fire damage to their home; Barbara Quarles seconded; motion carried with a vote of 5 in favor – 0 opposed.
4. Mayor Korts and Council reviewed the General and Water Fund reports and the Fund Balance report for November 2015. Tillie Trotter moved to approve the financial reports; Molly Quirk seconded; motion carried with a vote of 5 in favor – 0 opposed.
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D. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. The Village administrator stated there is now a link on the Village website to view the current draft of the 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will be finalized in the near future. It was noted that Mayor Korts is the designated Emergency Management Coordinator for San Leanna.
2. Charlie Burks suggested replacing the railroad ties surrounding the septic field at the Community Center with cement bumpers, like those present in the parking lot. The estimated cost is less than \$1,000. The bumpers would be better looking, longer lasting, easier to maintain, and would allow access for mowing/trimming. Large boulders could be placed along the front edge of the field on the grass, but other options will be considered. Mr. Burks will provide firm costs at a future meeting.
3. Mayor Korts stated that the Village handyman does a good job when he has the time to complete work assignments, but he is not always available. Charlie Burks has recommended a person who has done work for him on his property who could be used as a back-up when needed. The necessary paperwork will be completed to add an additional handyman to the payroll.
4. Molly Quirk provided information regarding possible action by ESD #5 to formally request annexation of the MVFD property by the Village. The request could include the Firemen's Association building property. A representative from Gerald Daugherty's office has stated that the Village would not be required to annex Bethel Church Rd. Ms. Quirk suggested the possible annexation of commercial properties along FM 1626 west of the Village as far as Twin Creeks Rd., in order to increase tax revenue. The Village attorney has stated that the

Village is not obligated to provide water service to a property already served by functioning water wells. Council discussed pros and cons of annexation, with some resistance to adding commercial properties to a bedroom community. Ms. Quirk emphasized that the Village may have to pay the City of Austin for fire/EMS services at some point in the future, and that the potential for negotiations may be best at the present time. Ms. Quirk will look into obtaining a formal request for annexation from the ESD/MVFD for presentation at the February meeting.

E. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

1. Mayor's Report:
 - a. Mayor Korts reported she attended the CAPCOG annual meeting in December.
 - b. The May 7th General Election for the election of three alderpersons will be called at the February meeting. Village residents have been notified by email, and an article will be included in the next newsletter with election information. The deadline to submit an application for a place on the ballot is February 19th.
 - c. The Mayor stated that Joel Wilkinson's surveyor has been recovering from an injury but will soon be able to provide information for plans for the drainage improvement on Ridge Dr. at the Arellano property, for review at the February meeting.
 - d. Richard Crosby provided an update on the status of cleaning up his property – basic yardwork has been done, the front yard has been cleared of clutter, and he will get back to working on the back yard.
2. Administrative: The Village Administrator reported on active building permits. The SFR under construction at 820 Indian Tree Trl. is scheduled for completion in a few weeks. Work on the permanent accessory building at 500 Leanna Woods Cove has been delayed for a few months. The revised plans for the permanent accessory building at 11910 Tunnel Trl. have passed review, and the permit will be issued when the owners select a contractor.
3. Roads: Tillie Trotter reported that crack-sealing on roads throughout the Village, scheduled for today, was postponed due to rain and will be rescheduled as soon as possible. Maintenance work still needs to be scheduled for Indian Tree Trl. The Village administrator will contact the manager of the eldercare home to discuss continuing parking problems.
4. Public Affairs: Molly Quirk stated that the Community Center is rented for an event in February. Newsletter articles need to be submitted by January 27th for mailing by February 1st. The newsletter will include information regarding the General Election, the GoFundMe campaign for the Cavacos, and the "little free library" at the Rockenbaugh's residence on Sunset Dr. New signs prohibiting firearms will be purchased for the Community Center.
5. Public Safety: Elaine Voeltz reported on crime statistics over the past two months: one missing adult search, an EMS assist on Circle Dr., one false alarm, and four incidents involving family problems at the same address on Leanna Oaks Loop. Two street lights have been repaired. Ms. Voeltz is working on obtaining a solar light to illuminate the Community Center sign.
6. Water: Barbara Quarles reported the Aquifer District remains in Stage 1/No Drought Status, and the City of Austin remains in Stage 2 Drought, allowing watering once a week. Lake Travis is within four ft. of being full, and Lake Buchanan is within eight ft. of being full.

The Burn Ban has been lifted; please call the MVFD before burning. Well levels have risen 6.2 ft. since November, to a current level of 51.6 ft. Ms. Quarles stated the water system is working well after a new chlorinator unit was installed at the Main well. An approximate amount of 20,000 gal. of water was used to put out the house fire on Bluebonnet Ln. in December. Byron Townsend checked the water pressure at a homeowner's request on River Oaks Dr. – the problems were due to a faulty water heater.

7. Environmental: Charlie Burks reported that all has been quiet with Village trees. Mowing and trimming will not be necessary until spring. Mention was made of the piles of dirt and mulch just north of the Main well, and Council will take care of it.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Charlie Burks moved to adjourn meeting; Molly Quirk seconded; motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.