

**THE VILLAGE OF SAN LEANNA
MINUTES**

Regular Board of Aldermen Public Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 2015

7:00 p.m. – Community Center – 11906 Sleepy Hollow

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

Tillie Trotter moved to approve minutes of Regular B of A Meeting on June 18, 2015 with one typographical correction under “Environmental Report;” Barbara Quarles seconded; motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor – 0 opposed.

B. CITIZENS’ COMMUNICATION

1. Dane Avery, Village arborist, reported that a few broken cedar limbs were cleared from San Leanna Dr. near Circle Dr. Mr. Avery stated that the past four years of drought have caused many trees to become dry and brittle. With the substantial rains this spring, leaf growth has created extra weight on limbs, increasing the chances of dry limbs breaking under the stress. Mr. Avery and Charlie Burks will be looking at over-growth of shrubs and trees at street intersections and will schedule trimming as needed.

C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

1. Steve Shannon, Municipal Services Manager, was present to discuss the renewal of the Village’s contract with Progressive Waste Services (PWS) for trash and recycling services. The new contract reflects the same terms and conditions with a fuel surcharge cost increase of 7%. The Spring Clean-Up day and individual pick-up of bulk items would continue. There would be no rate increase for the first year of the five-year contract. Ryan Pierce, a new resident of the Village and a representative of Texas Disposal Systems, was present and offered interest in providing services in the future since the current contract with PWS requires a 180-day notice of cancellation. Council agreed that current rates offered by PWS have not been matched by other waste removal companies, and the service provided has been good. Elaine moved to renew the five-year contract for trash and recycling services with Progressive Waste Solutions; Molly Quirk seconded; motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor – 0 opposed.
2. Mayor Korts provided information regarding the proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 13-001, requiring property owners to schedule a consultation with the Village arborist prior to tree removal due to any planned construction, with the consultation fee paid by the Village. The arborist would provide recommendations/suggestions, but these would not be legally binding to the property owner. Barbara Quarles moved to approve the amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 13-001, requiring property owners to schedule a consultation with the Village arborist prior to tree removal due to any planned construction; Tillie Trotter seconded; motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor – 0 opposed. The building permit

application will be modified to include the requirement. A possible requirement for a site plan showing the location of all trees on the lot, as part of the permitting process for construction of a SFR, will be considered at a future meeting.

3. Mayor Korts and Council reviewed the General and Water Fund reports and the Fund Balance report for June 2015. Elaine Voeltz moved to approve the financial reports; Barbara Quarles seconded; motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor – 0 opposed.

D. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Mayor Korts provided information regarding an incident on June 26th when a stray bullet, from the known target shooter on the north side of Slaughter Creek, crossed into the Village and entered the home at 11400 Chapel Ln. (no one was injured). Per state law, target shooting is allowed in unincorporated areas of Travis County unless it can be proven that a bullet has left the property. The Sheriff's Dept. was notified, the gun was seized, and the shooter was arrested and charged with assault with deadly contact. The Mayor will contact the detective in charge of the open investigation next week. Council and residents discussed the effectiveness of writing a letter to county or state officials regarding the incident and the need to restrict target shooting in populated areas. Molly Quirk stated that individual letters to state representatives from concerned residents would be much more effective than one letter from the Village. Ms. Quirk will provide information and suggested bullet points which will be forwarded to residents interested in writing letters.
2. Council discussed the preliminary proposed budget for FY 2015-2016, providing figures for their respective budget categories. The property tax information is not available from the Tax Office yet and will be calculated when the figures are received. The Village's tax rate will remain at \$0.2498 per \$100 of property valuation.

E. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

1. Mayor's Report: Mayor Korts reported she will be attending the Small Cities Emergency Management Meeting on July 23rd, the Capital Metro 30th anniversary celebration on July 27th, and the CAPCOG open meetings training session on July 29th. Council members may either attend this training session or participate in the one-hour training session available online.
2. Administrative: Council reviewed the administrative report. The Village administrator stated that a serviceman from Robert's Pest Control sprayed the interior and exterior of the Community Center for insects, due to a cockroach infestation, on July 14th.
3. Roads: Tillie Trotter stated she will order two signs – "No Parking Between Signs," for installation on Circle Dr. in the ROW at the eldercare home. Also, two "Slow – Children at Play" signs will be installed on Hacienda Dr. Speed bumps were painted but will need a second coat of paint.
4. Public Affairs: Molly Quirk thanked everyone for their help with the July 4th event. The newsletter, with the proposed budget and tax rate, must be received by residents by September 4th. Ms. Quirk requested all articles by August 24th.

5. Public Safety: Elaine Voeltz mentioned a woman who drives her two dogs to the Village and allows them to run, with leashes dragging, along River Oaks while she drives behind them. Elizabeth Hinson has spoken with this woman about the Village's leash law, but the woman is not responsive and continues to bring her dogs to the Village. The license plate number will be reported to the Sheriff's Dept. if she returns. Additional vehicle clings/decals will be ordered. Spot Crime has reported family disturbance incidents on Hacienda Dr., a false alarm on Old Manchaca Rd., and the assault with deadly contact issue on Chapel Ln.
6. Water: Barbara Quarles reported the Aquifer District remains in No Drought Status, and the City of Austin remains in Stage 2 Drought. A Burn Ban has been declared. Ms. Quarles stressed the importance of conserving a minimum of 5-10% reduction in water usage at this time in the event the drought returns. There have been no problems with the well system this month. Well levels have risen to 52.1 ft., up 4.7 ft. since last month. Tillie Trotter stated that the entire state of Texas is no longer in a drought for the first time since 2010. Byron Townsend installed a water meter at 609 River Oaks Dr., for the house under construction.
7. Environmental: In Charlie Burk's absence, Mayor Korts mentioned that Texas Tree Service has cleared areas in the ROW on River Oaks Dr. and they removed the broken cedar limbs from the ROW at San Leanna Dr. and Circle Dr.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Elaine Voeltz moved to adjourn meeting; Molly Quirk seconded; motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.