

**THE VILLAGE OF SAN LEANNA
MINUTES**

Regular Board of Aldermen Public Meeting & Public Hearing
Thursday, September 17, 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.

Barbara Quarles moved to approve minutes of Regular B of A Meeting on August 20, 2015 as written; Tillie Trotter seconded; motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor – 0 opposed.

B. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

1. Dane Avery, Village arborist, stated the past month had been good for Village trees, with soil moisture still sufficient and the ROW tree-watering program in effect. One tree-trimming permit was issued this month.

C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

1. a. Joel Wilkinson, Village engineer, provided detailed information regarding the proposed reconstruction of Circle Dr. from FM 1626 to River Oaks Dr. The road is slightly less than ½ mile, with reconstruction divided into three segments. There are two estimated options for the first segment: \$137,700 for full-depth reclamation from FM 1626 to Hacienda Dr. or \$61,600 for overlay of existing pavement of the segment with HMA. The second segment is estimated at \$18,400 for overlay of existing asphalt from Hacienda to the end of the curb and gutter section of Circle Dr. The third segment is estimated at \$79,900 for complete reconstruction from that point to the north edge of River Oaks Dr. Existing speed humps would be reconstructed. Mr. Wilkinson stated the less expensive option for the first segment would be acceptable, but that the more costly option would create a road structure that is not currently present by adding at least 6 inches depth to existing reclaimed materials and preserving what is already in place. Discussion followed regarding durability and maintenance needs for both options for the first segment as well as the potential for additional road projects to be completed with cost savings by approving the less costly option. Tillie Trotter confirmed that budget funds are available for full-depth reclamation, the method that has been used for road projects completed during the past ten years. Council agreed to continue discussion at the next meeting.
2. Mr. Wilkinson provided information regarding the proposed drainage improvement on Ridge Dr. on the north edge of the property at 11401 Hunting Creek Ln. Mr. Wilkinson stated that rain water flows east from the north side of Ridge, sheet-flowing across the road into the back yard of the property. Mr. Wilkinson proposes re-establishing a small swale, capturing and directing water toward the park, and preventing flooding of the back yard. Elaine Voeltz moved to approve the proposed drainage improvement at Ridge Dr./Hunting

Creek Ln.; Tillie Trotter seconded; motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor – 0 opposed.

3. Mr. Wilkinson provided his opinion regarding Redbud Tr. – if full road reconstruction is not in the budget, crack-sealing is absolutely recommended. Tillie Trotter will contact Wheeler Coating for a cost estimate to seal cracks throughout the Village.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that he will check out the large drainage easement between Circle Dr. and Lake Dr. following the first frost to determine if works needs to be scheduled to prevent erosion. Due to the possibility of additional drainage issues with potentially heavy El Nino rains, Council agreed to increase Flood Prevention budget funds from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Mayor Korts opened the public hearing for discussion of the proposed budget for FY 2015-2016. Council noted the increase in Flood Prevention funds as well as a requested \$240.00 annual cost of living increase in the contract for Arborist Services.
2. Mayor Korts stated that the proposed property tax rate of \$0.2498 per \$100 valuation for FY 2015-2016 remains the same as last year. The Village administrator explained that this year's effective tax rate will bring in an additional \$347.00 in property taxes over last year, even while maintaining the same tax rate. There were no citizen comments. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

E. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION (cont'd)

4. Elaine Voeltz moved to adopt the proposed budget for FY 2015-2016, as modified; Barbara Quarles seconded; motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor – 0 opposed.
5. Elaine Voeltz moved by special motion to adopt the proposed property tax rate of \$0.2498 per \$100 valuation for FY 2015-2016, which will maintain property taxes at the same rate as last year; Molly Quirk seconded; motion carried with a record vote of 4 in favor – 0 opposed. The property tax rate was adopted by Resolution No. R15-001.
6. Mayor Korts stated that the location of the proposed electrical outlet on the exterior of the Community Center building would be determined in relation to the proposed irrigation system for the garden. The Village administrator stated that Mark Hartley has volunteered to install the outlet pro bono. Elaine Voeltz will look at options and pricing for solar lights for the Community Center sign. Barbara Quarles moved to approve the installation of an exterior electrical outlet at the Community Center; Tillie Trotter seconded; motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor – 0 opposed.
7. Mayor Korts and Council reviewed the General and Water Fund reports and the Fund Balance report for August 2015. Tillie Trotter moved to approve the financial reports; Elaine Voeltz seconded; motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor – 0 opposed.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Molly Quirk provided information regarding recent events involving the City of Austin's

exercised option to remove the MVFD from the Brodie Ln. location, leaving only the FM 1626 location. Ms. Quirk stated that the City of Austin is encroaching on local areas in their ETJ, and the Village may end up contracting with Austin for fire/emergency services at high cost. Ms. Quirk requested consideration of possible annexation of the fire station and associated properties, with the possibility of including commercial properties in order to add revenue base. Ms. Quirk will make necessary contacts to check out the potential for annexation. The Village administrator will ascertain whether or not the Village is obligated to provide water service to annexed properties with functioning wells. A petition requesting annexation, signed by all interested property owners, must be received before the Village may approach the City of Austin.

G. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

1. Mayor's Report: Mayor Korts reported she attended the annual CAPCOG meeting and a three-hour workshop focusing on public safety.

The property owner at 11701 Chapel Ln. has been cutting up the wood in the accumulated piles for stacking. The junked vehicle is now running and has had tires installed – current registration will be obtained.

2. Administrative: The Village Administrator reported that the house at 11505 Circle Dr. has been fully remodeled, with the pool and yards cleaned up, and is listed on the market for \$379,500. All work was cosmetic and did not require permitting. The property at 11611 Circle Dr. is being sold to a buyer who will lease the home to Cheryl McCulley to continue operating the house as an eldercare home. The Village attorney will be consulted regarding updating the special use permit, and the long-standing ROW parking issue will be addressed. Letters have been sent by the Health Department to the property owners at 623 River Oaks Dr. and 11505 Sombrero Dr. regarding unregistered vehicles, with no response yet.
3. Roads: Tillie Trotter stated she has work scheduled for the Village handyman when he is available (installing street signs and painting speed humps).
4. Public Affairs: Molly Quirk reported that the newsletter was delivered last month. Ms. Quirk attended a meeting with Mayor Korts, Elizabeth Hinson, Charlie Burks, and Dane Avery to plan for landscaping needs for the Community Center. The Community Center is rented for an event in October.
5. Public Safety: Elaine Voeltz reminded everyone about the upcoming National Night Out event scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the MVFD. There will be a return of the popular brisket sliders. Flyers will be mailed and emailed, and signs will be posted. A new supply of the vehicle stickers/decals has been ordered. A theft was reported on Indian Tree Tr. on September 1st, but no details are available.
6. Water: Barbara Quarles reported the Aquifer District remains in Stage 1/No Drought Status/Conservation Period, and the City of Austin remains in Stage 2 Drought. Lake Travis has risen to 79% full, and Lake Buchanan has risen to 68% full. The Burn Ban remains in effect. Well levels have dropped 2.7 ft. to a current level of 73.8 ft. There have been no problems with the well system this month.
7. Environmental: In Charlie Burks' absence, Mayor Korts stated that Elizabeth Hinson has

obtained one of two bids for the irrigation system for the Community Center garden.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Elaine Voeltz moved to adjourn meeting; Molly Quirk seconded; motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.