

Paradise Town Council Meeting
May 20, 2009
7:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Lee Atwood, Dale Anderson, Leland Howlett , Mat Weaver, Margaret Obray

Bev was excused from this meeting.

Townspople Present: Merv Weeks, Ray Balls, Janet Monroy, Blake Pulsihper

Minutes

Leland read the minutes of May 6, 2009. A motion was made by Margaret to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Mat. All in favor.

Bills

Margaret read the bills. A motion was made by Mat to accept the bills as read. Seconded by Leland. All in favor.

Resolution #01-2009/ Public Input

Leland read the resolution and Mayor Atwood gave Ray Balls & Merv Weeks 10 minutes each to comment on the resolution and someone from the Council 2 minutes to summarize the thoughts representing the Council.

Ray Balls - Ray Balls and his attorney and Merv Weeks compiled a list of disputes against the resolution. Some of his complaints were as follows:

- They deemed the appraisal for the hook-ups were under valued.
- They would sign waivers exempting Paradise Town of any liability for the purification issue
- They think because the Town initiated the lawsuit against them that they should pay all legal fees.
- They don't see where it interferes with the public good.
- The only option that they have been given was to give up the water.

Merv Weeks –

- He pointed out that you cannot condemn a contract which is what these water owners have.
- He felt that the Town was getting bad advice.
- He believes that Marilyn Bickmore has a right to her water hydrant. He said that he will be assisting her on this item.
- The appraisals for the water hook ups were under valued. He figured that at a minimum they were owed \$170,000.00 per hookup.

Mayor Atwood thanked them for their input. He said that the Town's decision to condemn the water was based not on the quantity of the water but the quality of the water as it relates to **all** the water users in the system.

Mat stated that he made his decision based on the current information he has received from the professional in this area. As it is now, it is not safe for the water system.

Fire Department

Blake announced that the Memorial Day breakfast is this Monday from 7-10. He also reported that the Department held a Farm Medic Class last week. Lee asked Blake if they had their policy and procedures in place for the Explorer Program. Blake will talk to Josh regarding that issue. There are 7 that are registered in the program. Most of them have their Drivers License, but they need their parents approval to have a pager and to actually go out on a call.

Council Reports

- **Roads** – The Council went over the list of potholes that still need to be done. Margaret will call Consolidated and give him a list of missed potholes. Lee suggested that the Council go and look for potholes and call Margaret with their finds. Lee mentioned that we should chip seal the 10 blocks that are due. Paradise Town needs to buy the oil and chips and then the County will come out and do it. Lee asked the Council to look to see which 10 blocks that should be chip sealed.
- **Water** – Bev gave Lee a list of delinquent customers. Dale and he will go around the 1st of June and collect water bills. Lee will start reading the semi annual meters around the 1st of June. For overages the cost is \$1.40 for every thousand gallons that they exceed. Each customer is allotted 10,000 gallons a month.
- **Community-** Mat spoke with Ryan over at the Trust and was told that there were 3 options on how to handle the Farmers Market. Ryan had spoken to the underwriters and the 3rd option is the most feasible, where the Town is in charge of the event. Our premiums would not go up, but they would not cover the vendors in the event something happened. Ryan suggested that the Farmers Market Group shop around for their own insurance. Mat spoke with Suzanne Marychild and they acquired their own insurance. Lee said that they would need to produce an insurance policy with their coverage. There was an extensive discussion on what the rental fee should be for the group. It was decided to charge them a lower price and as they grow, increase the rental fee. If our costs go up, their fee will go up. Mat said that we adjust our fees to our costs not their revenue. Lee suggested that we have a hold harmless agreement with them.

New Business

Lee asked the Council if we need a tax increase or not. If we have an increase, then we need to notify the County. It was decided that we should leave the taxes as they are. Margaret suggested that in the event we have to hire a City Manager, we might need to increase taxes. Lee felt that we were in good shape this year, but we might have to raise the taxes the following years. Lee will check on the quarter percent sales tax increase.

Dale wanted to know why the dumpster was still there. Lee reported that it had only been emptied once. We will have it only until it fills up again and then we will call them to come pick it up. Dale also wanted to know if there was someone who monitors the Green Waste bins. Lee will find out.

Unfinished Business

Margaret asked Jon White if our RAPZ money was still there. He assured her that it was. Lee reported that AT&T has sent the check, so we can sign the lease and send it to them for their signature. There was an extensive discussion on the agreement.

Executive Session – Legal

A motion was made by Leland to open our executive meeting. Seconded by Dale. All in favor. Meeting opens at 9:50 pm.

A motion was made by Margaret to adjourn. Seconded by Mat. Meeting adjourns at 10:30 pm.

Lee Atwood, Mayor

Bev Schiefer, Recorder