

Monday, September 13, 2004

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Mayor Blackmon greeted citizens in attendance.

Jean Calvert asked for the floor to speak regarding the need for 4 way stop at County Line Road, Smith Mill and Deans Ferry Roads. Her concern was for the safety of school buses entering County Line Road. Malcolm Calvert spoke regarding signs being put up and then taken down. He said that once the signs were up they were established. Trucks passing through the intersection were a danger to cars entering County Line Road. It was also brought up that a lady living down Cobb Brazeel Road was in need of a water line. Currently she was using well belonging to Van Mulvehill. It was also asked that a fire hydrant be put in at Cobb Brazeel and Deans Ferry Roads. It was asked that the Council resign due to personal conflict of interest. Larry brought up order of meeting. Cecil Calvert requested stop signs should be put back up for safety issues. He also encouraged the town to have signs put back up. Cecil stated that he would be happy to wait until the proper time during the order of the meeting.

Roll was called. All were present with the exception of Bill Ivey. Mr. Ivey was out of town.

Financial reports were read. Road fund and capital improvements fund were approved as read. The reading of the general fund from 4/02 thru 7/04 was tabled due to time constraints. 8/04 report was read and was approved as read.

Marilee Calvert, Town Clerk read minutes from 8/9/04 meeting. Minutes were approved as read. Clerk read Sunday, August 15, 2004 minutes from Special meeting. Mayor Blackmon stated that meeting was illegal. Larry made motion to accept the minutes. Jim Calvert seconded the motion. Sue asked that the minutes be tabled.

Old Business: Larry had contract for paving. Clerk read the contract from Kelly Construction Company. The contract contained the description of work and prices. \$10,635.00 for parking lot and \$8568.00 for Town Street. Council had previously voted to ratify contract.

Clerk stated that the town had received a letter from the Regional Planning Committee regarding its assistance it had to offer the town. Community planning, technical assistance and grant writing. Pam Sitton volunteered to attend quarterly meetings.

Jefferson County had sent letter stating that they were going to direct deposit.

Ethics Committee sent letter requesting a list of elected officials.

Municipal Insurance Corporation requested letter to renew existing coverage and financial report.

Cecil Calvert took the floor to request the council to start working toward installing signs. Sue said that the signs were taken down and that the person responsible should put them back up. Larry Calvert asked the clerk to read prior minutes discussing 4 way stop. Sue asked the clerk to read the June's minutes where it was voted to put up signs. In July, 2004 meeting the vote was rescinded. 8/04 meeting Sue brought signs back up and the 4 way stop was voted in again. Cecil Calvert stated that County Road 22 the town has jurisdiction on road. Blount County project was funded by state. Discussion was held on cutting hump down at intersection. Cecil stated that pre warning signs were up and stop signs shouldn't wait for poles and light to be installed. Cecil asked the clerk to mail him copies of the last 6 months meeting minutes. Mayor Blackmon said that there would be a 10 cent a page charge for the copies. The progress of the walking track and other roads was discussed. It was also stated that Jefferson County could help if projects were put for bid. Cecil stated that projects less than \$50,000 did not have to be put up for bid but that

the council is diligent in obtaining the lowest cost. Malcolm Calvert asked that Town Street not be paved or sign a contract for the project until the water line was put in.

Someone stated that there were no elections held in County Line. Pam Sitton stated that an election was held 4 years ago. She also stated that she was not aware of any water problems. The citizens in attendance were dissatisfied with help from council. They stated that they didn't believe Van Mulvehill should have to help the town. Sue Blackmon stated that she would do everything she could to have water line put in. Pam Sitton stated that any water problems should be brought to the attention of the council. Jennifer Baldwin spoke regarding water being needed, and the signs being taken down would make the town liable. Mellany Piper discussed that cars were not stopping at signs when they were put.

The issue of the fire hydrant was brought up. Pam Sitton said that the town had approved the fire hydrant.

Brenda Lowe stated that her aunt, Jane Glover had to get drinking water from her house. She wanted the council to get water put in for the Glovers as they are elderly and in bad health. The cost would be between \$5000 and \$6000. She wanted the town to extend line. The Glovers could pay for meter.

Sue asked for motion to ~~fun~~ water. Larry and Jim Calvert asked for more details before bring the issue up for vote. Cecil Calvert asked for motion to get water. Jim asked whether it was lawful for the town to have line put in. Malcolm asked for pavement to be put off until the water line was put in.

Sue Blackmon stated that she was served with letter from John Amari for the citizens of Deans Ferry Road. A copy was hand delivered to the council by the clerk. The letter requested appointment to get copies of public records regarding stop signs. The stop signs should be replaced and that the city may be civilly responsible.

Sue asked council for comment. Jim asks Mayor for comment. Sue brought up the bags being taken off the signs. Larry spoke to citizens in attendance. Reiterated that signs would be put up. Jefferson County signal shop, Mr. Booser had been asked for assistance in obtaining a light. He stated that we should talk with Mr. Sullivan because it was in Blount County. He hasn't returned calls. Cecil said he would assist in talking with Mr. Sullivan. Cecil asked that the signs be put up prior to light being put up. The council stated that they only wanted signs to be put in the safest manner. Malcolm Calvert restated that R. C. Smith put up signs. He asked the mayor if law suit would be filed in 10 days if signs were not replaced. He said that if his mother got hurt he will sue town. He then asked Van Mulvehill for his opinion of the situation. Jim Calvert asked Cecil Calvert if he thought that we should put signs back up without light and law enforcement to monitor traffic. Cecil stated that under current road work conditions he thought it would be the safest time to do it. The light is an advantage if affordable. There was discussion back and forth regarding the issue. The situation was made due to miscommunication and increase in traffic.

Sue stated that there could be an ethics investigation. Van Mulvehill asked who took the signs down. Freda Bobo stated that she knew who took the signs down. Pam Sitton stated that she had taken them down for safety reasons and not with malice intent. Freda said that she would rather have the signs back up. Cecil Calvert asked that resolution be reinstated now and to consider using funds for part time police at intersection.

Sue made for motion for water line to be put in. Jim Calvert made motion for signs to be put back up. Pam Sitton asked how we would know how much to pay for sheriffs. Malcolm Calvert said he would contact sheriffs about patrolling for 2 weeks. Malcolm Calvert wanted signs put back up immediately. Sue Blackmon asked where the signs were and asked Pam to put them back up. Cecil said that county should put them back up. He also stated that he did not think that Pam took the signs down with malice intent or to cause harm. Cecil is also going to check on light with Jefferson County.

Sue asked for a motion to put signs back up. She asked for citizens in favor of signs being put back up to stand. Jennifer Baldwin's husband spoke on freedom of America and that the citizens wanted the signs up. Jim Calvert made motion to have signs put back up by the engineer and commissioner. Mellany Piper seconded motion. Discussion was ended. Pam asked clerk to send letter to engineer and commissioner as soon as possible. Cecil Calvert requested law enforcement for 2 weeks. Vote was made and carried.

Van Mulvehill brought up the water issue for Mrs. Glover again. Pam Sitton asked for the pricing. Larry Calvert made motion to table until financial information was obtained. Van Mulvehill asked that Sue Blackmon not sign contract for paving until water was put in. Mrs. Lowe also wanted water in before paving was done. Discussion was held on whether or not Mrs. Glover's property was in the city limits.

Larry Calvert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pam Sitton seconded the motion. Mrs. Lowe did not want the water issue tabled. She would be satisfied if her aunt was not in town for the line to be run to the town limits. Larry restated that the council needed the cost for line and to table the issue until the next meeting. The motion was carried to adjourn the meeting. Sue Blackmon was not in favor of adjourning.

Marilee Calvert
Town Clerk