

February 14, 2005  
Regular Monthly Meeting

Clerk called roll. All were present with the exception of Jim Calvert.

Minutes were read from 12/04 meeting. Minutes were approved with the exception that Larry Calvert asked for section on order of meetings to be replaced by wording from handbook. Mayor also stated that she would like to add addendum to minutes.

Mayor asked for reports from council committees. There were none. Pam Sitton asked that Marilee go thru old minutes to obtain a list of committees that had been approved by council.

Financial reports were read for 12/04 and 1/05. Pam Sitton asked what the payment was that was made to Jefferson County. Marilee checked the receipt and it was town's portion of emergency management for 2005. Financial reports were approved as read.

Old Business:

Sue read letter from Raymond Sherrer, County Attorney, giving an opinion of 4 way stop at County Line Road, Smith Mill Road and Deans Ferry Road. He stated that control of road had been turned over to state and contractor, Whitaker, for repair of County Line Road. Until the time of completion none of the Blount County officials and Town of County Line had jurisdiction over road.

Marilee stated that a resolution had to be submitted by the end of February, 2005 to receive funds from Amendment 666. Larry Calvert and Pam Sitton stated that they would write resolution.

Larry Calvert asked that a resolution regarding procedure of meetings that he had prepared be presented to council for consideration and to be voted on at next meeting. Sue Blackmon also presented a memo she had prepared regarding the procedure of meetings to be considered by council. Resolutions would be voted on at next meeting. Clerk read both proposed resolutions. Sue stated that she would not vote for the section of Larry's proposal regarding "all public comments be submitted to council in writing 30 days prior to meeting."

Bill Ivey asked if we had heard anything or received any information regarding the land town had annexed. Mayor Blackmon stated that she had not received anything.

Marilee stated that she had found the title for the police car. Information had been requested at last meeting.

Sue Blackmon brought up the subject of the town acquiring a fire proof safe for the town's documents to be stored. Bill Ivey stated that he had suggested a safe in a previous meeting and the council had approved a motion for the town to obtain a safe.

Marilee stated that the new municipal handbooks were not sent because UPS would not deliver to post office. She stated that books would be delivered via another delivery company and that she would pick books up from post office.

As information, Marilee read the information sent to town from tax accessor's office regarding ad valorem taxes. This information could be used in planning of capital projects.

Sue stated that she had sent in requests to Jefferson County, Wayne, Sullivan, Cecil Calvert and Commissioners Smoote and Collins for help with obtaining money for town projects. She asked Cecil Calvert if he give a report regarding requests. Mr. Calvert stated that he could not address each request at the present time, but that he was present for a meeting on January 17, 2005 and that Sue Blackmon nor Pam Sitton came to the meeting. Sue apologized for her absence and stated they could set up another meeting. Mr. Calvert also stated that he encouraged the use of Jefferson County for projects proposed by the town.

Sue Blackmon stated that grants could be obtained for projects such as paving and water line installation. The county would charge for materials for roads and not labor. She suggested using a grant writer that Cleveland uses to write our grants. The cost would be \$500 per grant. Marilee stated that the Regional Planning Committee offered free grant writing. Bill Ivey agreed to contact Regional Planning Committee regarding help in writing our grants.

Larry Calvert presented an ordinance for the change in pay for council members, mayor and clerk that took effect in October, 2005. Since the change had already been voted on and was retro active, the ordinance was signed at meeting.

Sue brought up the subject of storm shelters and sirens and stated that the Alabama Department of Economics and Community Affairs could provide help in obtaining grants for this project. She made the motion to get information from the department. Bill Ivey seconded motion. Motion was voted on and approved.

The mayor stated that she had spoken with Self and Maples Accountants about conducting an audit for the town for the previous year. The cost of \$2500 was a maximum charge unless there was some unforeseen problem in conducting the audit. Bill Ivey and Larry Calvert asked whether or not an audit had been done for 2003. Sue stated that it not. Larry asked why we did not start with 2003 and go forward. Sue said that the auditor, Lori Criswell, said that we should start with 2004 and work back. Sue stated that audits were required when obtaining grants and that we should proceed with

the audit. Some of the council members thought that the cost was excessive. Sue stated that they could speak with the auditor and that she would answer any questions they had.

New Business:

No new business was brought up.

The mayor opened that floor for public comments. She thanked Pam Sitton for staying to talk with citizens after 1/05 meeting was cancelled due lack of quorum.

At this time Malcolm Calvert spoke. He also thanked Pam. Mr. Calvert asked that the town's boundary lines be marked. He also asked for a list of registered voters for County Line. He also asked for a copy of meeting minutes where it was approved to pave Town Street. Mr. Calvert addressed comments he said that he had heard coming from County Line Baptist Church regarding the town's recent meetings. He expressed that comments should not be coming from church members regarding town meetings.

Cecil Calvert spoke next. He also thanked Pam for staying to discuss issues brought by the citizens present. He also mentioned that some of the discussion was very intense and that she handled the situation very professionally. Mr. Calvert stated that he thought that the council was moving in the right direction in regard to town projects and grants. He stated Robert Hammell, AL Department of Transportation could make a decision regarding the 4 way stop before completion of work on County Line Road.

Sandy Wells was the last to speak. Mr. Wells also thanked Pam. He brought up the subject of grants not being available to town because we did not have our own zip code. He suggested that we work toward trying to get the laws changed regarding that so we would be eligible for grants for road work then we would not be arguing about the road projects. His concern to have Cobb Brazeel Road paved instead of Town Street was for the safety of the children riding the buses.

Bill Ivey addressed the issue of obtaining a voters list for the town. The town can get one from Jefferson County but Blount County does not recognize County Line. Malcolm Calvert stated that he had learned from Blount County that town should submit a list of voters for them to recognize the town. Malcolm and Bill agreed to work together on compiling a complete list that would have both Jefferson and Blount residents on it. Pam suggested that Marilee call Board of Registrars for lists.

Mayor thanked everyone for a productive meeting.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn meeting.

Marilee Calvert  
Town Clerk