

TOWN OF COUNTYLINE

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Mayor Sue Blackmon
Councilman Larry Calvert
Councilman Pam Sitton
Councilman Mellany Piper
Councilman James Calvert
Councilman Bill Ivey

Monthly Meeting: January 9, 2006 Final.

1. A call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sue Blackmon.

2. Roll Call.

Town Clerk Jennifer Grooms called roll.

Present - Mayor Sue Blackmon, Councilman Larry Calvert, Councilman Bill Ivey, Councilman James Calvert and Councilman Pam Sitton.

Absent - Councilman Mellany Piper.

3. a) Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Minutes of December 12, 2005 meeting were read by Town Clerk, Jennifer Grooms.

Councilman Bill Ivey called for a motion that the minutes be accepted with corrections to the names and the walking track issue. Councilman Larry Calvert seconded. Vote carried unanimously.

b) Reading and approval of the financial report.

The financial report of December 2005 was read by Town Clerk, Jennifer Grooms.

Councilman Larry Calvert called for a motion that the financial report be accepted. Councilman Bill Ivey seconded and the vote was carried unanimously.

4. Reports of committees.

Mayor Sue Blackmon asked Councilman Bill Ivey if he had a report on the Early Warning System. A discussion followed. Councilman Bill Ivey agreed to draw up a resolution.

Councilman Bill Ivey brought up the issue of the location of the Early Warning System. A discussion followed.

Mayor Sue Blackmon introduced the issue of replacing the street light in front of Malcolm Calvert's house on Deans Ferry Road. A discussion followed. Mayor Sue Blackmon asked Jennifer Grooms to call Alabama Power.

Mayor Blackmon asked Councilman Pam Sitton about Councilman Mellany Piper's resignation. Councilman Pam Sitton stated that she had already given it to Jennifer Grooms. Mayor Sue Blackmon asked Jennifer Grooms to read the resignation and she did. A discussion followed about the resignation being a copy and the date of the resignation. Councilman Bill Ivey made a motion to accept Councilman Mellany Piper's resignation. Councilman Pam Sitton seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Blackmon notified the council that she had talked to Commissioner Betty Fine Collins about the parking lot. She stated that she had a bid for 12,000 to resurface the parking lot including painting the parking space lines. She also stated that Commissioner Betty Fine Collins agreed to pay for 6,000 of the job. Councilman Pam Sitton asked which fund would be used. A discussion followed. Mayor Sue Blackmon stated that she would ask the accountant in which fund it should be taken.

Mayor Sue Blackmon asked Councilman Bill Ivey about the issue of making the Town Hall a sub station. Mayor Sue Blackmon asked Councilman Bill Ivey to check into the issue and gave him the names of persons to talk to in both Blount and Jefferson Counties.

Mayor Sue Blackmon asked Jennifer Grooms to make a list of all permits and licenses that were purchased each month.

5. Report of officers.

Councilman Pam Sitton introduced the issue of obtaining a survey. She stated that Mr. Shackelford had medical problems but that he or someone else would complete the survey as soon as possible.

6. Reading of petitions, applications, complaints, appeals, communications, etc.

Mayor Sue Blackmon asked Jennifer Grooms to read a letter from Brenda Lowe. The issue of the letter concerned the running of water by James and Jane Glover.

Mayor Sue Blackmon introduced the issue of a 1% sales tax. A discussion followed about reviewing the minutes.

Mayor Sue Blackmon introduced the issue of Cobb Brazeel Road. Jennifer Grooms stated that she had talked with a secretary who gave her Commissioner phone number and stated that Jennifer would have to talk to him on whether a letter was sufficient or if forms were required. Jennifer left a message for Commissioner . A discussion followed.

7. Resolutions, ordinances, orders, and other business.

Councilman Pam Sitton Made a motion to get Jonathan Wesson to review the documents regarding the land that Van Mulvehill introduced to the town for legality. Councilman Larry Calvert seconded the motion. Councilman Pam Sitton, Larry Calvert, and James Calvert voted yes. Mayor Sue Blackmon voted against and Councilman Bill Ivey abstained from voting.

Mayor Sue Blackmon introduced the issue of replacing Councilman Mellany Piper. Mayor Sue Blackmon stated that she understood that if more than a year was left in the term that an election was required. Councilman Pam Sitton stated that the Code of Alabama Book on page 78 stated that vacant seat were to be appointed. Councilman Pam Sitton asked Councilman Larry Calvert read from Code of Alabama on page 78, Section 11:43:41. A discussion followed about the declaration of Councilman Mellany Piper's resignation and input from the citizens. Councilman Pam Sitton made a motion to nominate Ralph Calvert and Councilman Larry Calvert seconded the motion. A discussion followed between the council and citizens of Countyline. Mayor Blackmon stated Councilman Mellany's Piper's resignation was not accepted until the current meeting and that a decision could not be made until the next council meeting. A discussion followed. Councilman James Calvert asked Mayor Blackmon to take a vote and she refused.

Mayor Blackmon called Councilman Larry Calvert out of order and he appealed the decision to the council. A discussion followed and Mayor Sue Blackmon tabled the issue.

Councilman Bill Ivey introduced the issue of allowing an arcade to do business in the Town of Countyline. Councilman Bill Ivey read the definition of gaming machines from Trafford's ordinance. He asked the council to consider the issue and to vote on the issue at the next council meeting. A discussion followed regarding fees. Councilman Bill Ivey proposed a \$500 business fee, \$1000 per machine fee annually to include a \$500 late fee per machine after February 1st. A discussion followed.

Councilman Larry Calvert introduced the topic of the vacant council seat. Mayor Sue Blackmon stated that no member may speak twice on the same subject without permission of the presiding officer and she refused permission. She mentioned rule number seven and called Councilman Larry Calvert out of order.

Councilman James Calvert made a motion to call a special meeting to fill the council seat vacancy on January 16, 2006. Councilman Larry Calvert seconded the motion. Councilman James Calvert, Larry Calvert, Pam Sitton, and Bill Ivey voted for the motion and Mayor Sue Blackmon abstained.

8. Public comments.

Mr. Charles Cordar asked if the clerk could be present on a Saturday to conduct Town Business.

Mayor Sue Blackmon introduced the issue of a sign for the town.

Councilman Pam Sitton motioned to adjourn. Mayor Sue Blackmon seconded. The vote was carried unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Grooms, Town Clerk.