

# **TOWN OF COUNTYLINE**

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Mayor Sue Blackmon  
Councilman Larry Calvert  
Councilman Pam Sitton  
Councilman James Calvert  
Councilman James E. Smith  
Councilman Janna Kitchens

Monthly Meeting: September 11, 2006

1. A call to order.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sue Blackmon.

2. Roll call.

Roll was called by Town Clerk Jennifer Grooms.

Present – Mayor Sue Blackmon, Councilmen Larry Calvert, James Calvert, Pam Sitton, and James E. Smith.

Absent - None

Mayor Sue Blackmon asked Jennifer Grooms who requested that the meeting be called at 6:30pm instead of 7:00pm. Jennifer responded that Councilman Larry Calvert and Pam Sitton discussed moving the meeting up so that Ms. Hayes could be present to swear in Janna Kitchens. Mayor Blackmon continued by asking when the meeting was called and when Jennifer tried to contact officers. Jennifer responded by stating that she had left a message on Saturday evening. A discussion followed. Council Pam Sitton responded by telling Jennifer not to worry about it. Mayor Sue Blackmon replied, “She better be worrying about it.”

Mayor Blackmon asked Jennifer why she had not returned her calls. Jennifer responded by asking the mayor when and where she called, because she did not have an answering service on her home phone. Jennifer continued by stating that she had discontinued her cellular phone a month before. Mayor Blackmon stated that the message said to leave a page. Jennifer responded by stating that she must have called the wrong number and that no calls from the mayor showed up on her caller identification at home. Mayor Blackmon continued by asking if Jennifer checked the messages at the Town Hall. Jennifer stated that she comes by the Town Hall once a week and checks the mail and answering machine. Mayor Blackmon stated, “We are paying you three hundred dollars a month for I don’t know what.” Councilman Larry Calvert responded by saying, “For a good job. That’s what for.” Mayor Blackmon stated that three hundred dollars was a lot of money for one hours work. Jennifer responded by attempting to explain that what she does takes a lot longer than one hour and began listing the duties she had done.

Mayor Blackmon inquired about the transfer of her mail to her personal residence.

Jennifer stated that the post office requested that the council submit a letter requesting a transfer, signed by all council members. Mayor Blackmon inquired why it had not been done. Jennifer responded by saying that the council would have to submit a notarized letter, not the clerk. Mayor Blackmon asked why they had not signed a letter. Jennifer responded saying that not all council members have been available.

3. a) Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.  
Minutes of August 14, 2006 meeting were read by Council Larry Calvert.

Mayor Blackmon asked that the new council member be sworn in.  
Kimbrell E. Hayes, Notary Public swore in Janna Kitchens as a council member for place 1.

Minutes of July 10, 2006 meeting were read by Town Clerk, Jennifer Grooms.  
Mayor Blackmon inquired whether the minutes were negative. A discussion followed.  
Mayor Blackmon requested that a letter be requested from the League of Municipalities to clear the issue. Mayor Sue Blackmon requested that the issue be tabled. Councilman Pam Sitton motioned that the issue be tabled. Councilman James E. Smith seconded. No vote was taken.

Councilman Larry Calvert asked Council Pam Sitton why she left. Councilman Sitton responded that the minutes stated why, because of comments from the audience.  
Councilman Larry Calvert asked the mayor why she did not call the member out of order. She stated that she could not control such comments. Councilman Larry Calvert stated that it was her duty.

Minutes of August 14, 2006 meeting were read by Council Larry Calvert.  
Councilman Janna Kitchens motioned to accept the minutes as read. Councilman Pam Sitton seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

b) Reading and approval of the financial report.  
None available due to missing bank statements.

4. Reports of committees.

None

5. Report of officers.

None

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

None

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

Mayor Blackmon called for old business.

Councilman Pam Sitton inquired about the notary. A discussion followed. Jennifer stated that she would pursue the matter.

Councilman Pam Sitton motioned that Ms. Hayes be paid twenty five dollars for notary services. Councilman James E. Smith seconded and the vote was carried unanimously.

Mayor Blackmon called for new business.

Councilman Pam Sitton introduced the issue of a bill from Alabama League of Municipalities. Council Pam Sitton motion that the bill be paid. Council James E. Smith seconded and the vote was carried unanimously.

Councilman Pam Sitton introduced the issue of checks issued to the town by Sheriff Mike Hale's office. Councilman Pam Sitton requested that the mayor get a letter from the sheriff's office stating that the funds were for the mayor's digression. Jennifer commented on the conversation between the officer. A discussion followed.

Mayor Sue Blackmon asked Councilman Janna Kitchens to get an estimate for the parking lot.

Mayor Blackmon requested that Councilman James E. Smith check with Councilman Betty Fine Collins about the Early Warning System.

Mayor Blackmon requested that a committee be set up with one council member and a resident. Mayor Blackmon stated that she would handle the matter.

8. Public comments.

Micheal Calvert made a comment about the condition of the flag. He stated that he would check into the matter.

Terry Jernigan volunteered to purchase the flag and be reimbursed.

Councilman Janna Kitchens motioned to replace the flag (3x5) with the amount to be at the clerks discretion.. Councilman James E. Smith seconded and the vote was carried unanimously.

Councilman James Calvert motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Pam Sitton seconded. Councilman James Calvert, Janna Kitchens, James E. Smith, and Pam Sitton voted for. Mayor Blackmon abstained.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Grooms, Town Clerk.