

Town of County Line, Alabama

Minutes of Town Council Meeting, February 11, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:09PM by Mayor Calvert.

Roll was called with Mayor Calvert present, Council Members : Michael Calvert, Dennis Finch, Ralph Calvert present. **Council Members Pam Sitton and Shannon Blackwell absent.** A Quorum being present , meeting proceeded.

The minutes of January 26, 2010 were read. Council Finch moved to accept as read with grammatical corrections. Council Michael Calvert seconded and motion passed unanimously.

The January Financial report was read. Council Michael Calvert moved accept as read, Council Finch seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Council Finch discussed the cost of the telephone for the Town Hall. Discussion followed. It was agreed to look into this matter further.

There were no reports from standing committees, officers or petitions.

Communications: The clerk read the proposed thank you letter to Mr. James Calvert which was approved. The Clerk read a letter from the "Storm Water Management Authority" request information on annexations, etc. The Clerk read a letter from Alabama Department of Transportation requesting the Town fill out a form showing our income from vehicle tags, gas taxes, etc and our expenditures. The mayor instructed the clerk to find out if this was mandatory, as we had not done so before. The Mayor said to go ahead and pay the Regional Planning Commission dues, as agreed on by the Council at an earlier meeting. The bill from Jefferson County Finance Department EMA Pro Rata fees back to 2005 was discussed. The Mayor said he will investigate further and report back at the next meeting and the council agreed to this. Discussion of the check from Jefferson County for "Road Tax" was discussed and how to use this money on road expenses. The Mayor instructed the clerk to go ahead and deposit the check in the General Fund. And the use of the monies would be decided on later.

The Mayor read the letter from Blount County requesting that the Town sign an agreement agreeing to costs of labor and the Town agreeing to maintain the roads in the future. The Mayor advised he had spoke in the past with Commissioner Pitts on this . Further , the League of Municipalities attorney, Tracy Roberts advised that if we sign this agreement, we would relieve the County of their responsibilities, and we should probably seek counsel on this matter. Discussion followed. It was agreed by the Council that the Town should not sign this agreement and we should seek counsel. The Mayor advised that we should go over the list of recommended attorneys and decide which one to use and possibly compose a letter on behalf of the town and report back to the Council. Discussion followed on the mis-use of our roads by overloaded and illegal vehicles.

Other business: discussion of cell-tower ordinance followed. Mayor instructed the clerk to have the Cell tower addendum to the business ordinance ready for the next meeting.

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The Mayor advised that he had checked on letting Council Ralph Calvert donate a battery for the Police Car and found that it was legal if the Council voted to approve it. Council Michael Calvert moved to accept the donation of a battery for the Police car from Council Ralph Calvert, Council Finch seconded, motion passed unanimously, with the thanks of the Council.

The Mayor advised that the liability insurance on the Police Car would be approximately 470.00 per year and around 1400.00 a year for a police officer, but we needed to go ahead and title and tag the police car. Council Ralph Calvert moved that the title and tag for the police car be obtained from the County and State. Council Finch seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Discussion followed on getting the name changed on the police car. Discussion of getting liability insurance followed. Council Finch moved to get liability insurance as soon as needed to get work on the car done, etc. Council Michael Calvert seconded, motion passed unanimously. The mayor asked the clerk to do an audit of what our regular expenses are in a year to see if we can put a police officer to work. Discussion followed on police jurisdiction and what fees can be charged in those areas, to possibly fund a police presence. Discussion on attracting some businesses to the Town followed. There was discussion on possible revenue in police jurisdiction. Discussion on Senator Beeson's Senate Bill to stop this type of revenue assessment in Blount County followed. The Mayor advised that he will compose a letter to Senator Beeson to see if this bill might be amended to not damage County Line. On further discussion, it was decided to try calling the Senator. There was discussion about speeding vehicles on County Line Road. Discussion of visitors from ALDOT and other agencies and needed to create a visitor log to record these visits. Motion made by Council Michael Calvert to create a visitor logbook motion carried unanimously.

Council Michael Calvert moved to have the Town get a cell phone for the mayor's use for Town business as it was costing the mayor a goodly amount of money and suggested we get Verizon unlimited for 69.99 per month. Discussion followed and the Mayor advised that the phone must be in Town's name to avoid being construed as a pay increase per the league lawyer. On further discussion, it was decided that the best plan was Verizon as the clerk had Verizon, and there be would be no minutes charged to each other. Council Michael Calvert moved to get a Verizon phone of the Mayor's choice. Council Finch seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor related communication on a map request from the Census Bureau and displayed the current map. Discussion followed on the borders of town and the fact that the Census bureau's map was wrong, and the possibility of moving the Town Limit sign to the end of the last annexation east on County Line Rd.

Motion made to adjourn, Motion passed unanimously

William Ivey

Town Clerk Reporting

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John W. Ivey
Town Clerk
