

March 22, 2004

The Town Council of County Line met on Monday March 22, 2004 at 7:00 pm at the town hall. Mayor Sue Blackmon called roll and all council was present. This was a special called meeting to hire a clerk to update the books, prepare for, and audit and the election. The attorney, Waymon Sherrer that was hired to address the council was not present. There were no minutes or financial reports. Mayor Sue Blackmon asks if there was any old business. None. New Business: Mayor Sue Blackmon stated the town has a backlog of 10 months and only the basics have been paid. By law, we are required to have an audit, but the books have to be updated and prepared for the audit. She also stated we needed a qualified person for the clerk. Mayor Sue Blackmon then asks the council to entertain Marilee Calvert for the town clerk. She then asks if there were any other recommendations for the clerk position. She stated what council please.

Discussion of Council Members:

Councilman Pam Sitton asks what we would pay a clerk. Mayor Sue Blackmon replied a minimum of \$300.00 a month. That the books needed to be reconciled and setup for approximately 2 years.

Councilman Larry Calvert stated he thought Marilee Calvert would be an excellent well-qualified person and she was a Notary Republic. Councilman Pam Sitton stated she thought Marilee Calvert was a qualified person too, but in the past the town had problems voting on money and she was in disagreement to pay a clerk \$300.00 a month. She also stated she would like to pay a certain fee to get the books caught up and then continue to pay a clerk \$150.00. Councilman Larry Calvert stated in the past the town received a ~~convolution~~ <sup>computer</sup> for \$700 or \$800 dollars and now we need to hire a qualified person who will spend time at the office and get the books to date. He also stated all council members should attend the regular monthly meetings. Councilman Pam Sitton stated it has always been a money issue in the past. The books were kept to date, minutes and financial reports at each meeting. She also stated it was not reasonable to do this when the books could have been kept to date. Council Pam Sitton the stated if the CD had not been taken out the town would still have the same money issue. Councilman Larry Calvert stated the council voted to take out the CD and it passed. Councilman Pam Sitton stated she opposed the vote. Councilman Bill Ivey asks if the clerk salary would be permanent or a review in 6 months. Mayor Sue Blackmon addressed the council as to how long they would entertain a clerk for \$300.00 a month. Councilman Pam Sitton recommended asking Marilee Calvert what fee she would charge to update the town's books. Councilman Bill Ivey stated the town must have a clerk through the election. Councilman Larry Calvert stated the town needs a clerk not only to update all the books but also to represent our town. He also stated the town a clerk who could come into the office and take care of business. He then stated we need some organization and it would be worth \$300 a month to a well-qualified person. Mayor Sue Blackmon addressed the council to hire a clerk for X amount of dollars and then review after the election. Mayor Sue Blackmon then asked council if there were any other nominations for clerk. Councilman Bill Ivey stated Marilee Calvert would be a qualified candidate. Council Pam Sitton recommended we go through the election and then discuss fiancés again. Councilman Larry Calvert recommended hiring Marilee Calvert for \$300.00 a month until the end of the fiscal year. Councilman Bill Ivey suggested lowering the councils pay. Mayor Sue Blackmon stated the pay could not be reduced until the new council coming in. Councilman Bill Ivey proposed a motion to reduce council member's pay to \$20.00 and mayor to \$30.00 per attended meetings for the new administration coming in. Councilman Larry Calvert made a second. All agreed. Motion so carried. Councilman Bill Ivey made another motion to hire Marilee Calvert beginning April 1, 2004 through October 1, 2004 for the sum of \$300.00 a month and at that time, an evaluation by the new mayor will be made. Councilman Larry Calvert made a second. All was in favor. Motion so carried. Mayor Sue Blackmon asks if there was any other business.

Discussion of Election:

Members of council and mayor discussed when and where to place the election signs. Councilman Jim Calvert stated the poll watchers could be appointed. Norma Hopper was recommended to be chairperson of the poll watchers. Brief discussion on deadlines for candidates who plan to run for office. Next regular meeting will be held on April 12, 2004. Councilman Larry Calvert was appointed by Mayor Sue Blackmon to contact Marilee Calvert. Council Larry Calvert then suggested council did not need an attorney for retainer and Mayor Sue Blackmon asked the wishes of the council and all agreed no attorney would be needed. Mayor Sue Blackmon asked for a motion to close. Motion was seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Norma Hopper

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