

Town of County Line

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Mayor Sue Blackmon
Councilman Pam Sitton
Councilman Larry Calvert
Councilman James Calvert
Councilman Janna Kitchens

Monthly Meeting: May 14, 2007 (Tentative)

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 Janna Kitchens

Absent - Councilman James E. Smith

Mayor Sue Blackmon declared the council and town under a state of emergency and turned the meeting over to Blount County Commissioner Waymon Pitts. Mr. Pitts informed the council that the mayor had asked him to inspect a culvert at Smith Mill Road. He continued by saying that the culvert was five foot in diameter and forty-two feet long. He stated that the pipe was too short and needed to be fifty-four feet long and that it was rusted out on the bottom. The culvert's condition has damaged the bank into the road. Mr. Pitts provided the mayor with a contract and estimate of 3,663.78. Councilman Janna Kitchens asked about Blount County's liability. Mr. Pitts stated that the road is in the town limits and it's responsibility. A discussion followed. Mayor Blackmon asked for a motion to fix the road. Councilman Sitton and Larry Calvert asked Mr. Pitts about obtaining bids and the type of pipe for the job. Mr. Pitts read the contract provided to the mayor. A discussion followed. Councilman Larry Calvert motioned to table the issue for further research and discussion. Mayor Blackmon asked that the minutes reflect that she has warned the council of the possible lawsuit and that Mr. Pitts used the words life-threatening. Councilman Larry Calvert asked Mr. Pitts about closing part of the road and posting signs. A discussion followed. Councilman Sitton asked Mr. Pitts about using a concrete pipe. He responded with the pros and cons of concrete. Councilman Sitton seconded the motion of tabling the issue. Councilman Larry Calvert, James Calvert, and Pam Sitton voted for. Mayor Blackmon voted against and Councilman Janna Kitchens abstained.

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

Minutes of February 12, 2007 meeting were read by Jennifer Grooms, Town Clerk. Mayor Sue Blackmon read from the paragraph starting, "Mayor Pro Temp., Sitton introduced the issuance of business licenses and permits on the second page of the

minutes and asked if it was correct. Mr. Van Mulvehill stated, "No, that is not correct." A discussion followed. Mayor Blackmon stated that the minutes needed to be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Van Mulvehill stated that Ms. Sitton told him that he wouldn't be issued any more temporary or permanent power and that the council was discussing Green Acres. Mrs. Grooms stated that Ms. Sitton's reply was no. Mr. Mulvehill stated, "Let's hear it on tape." Councilman Larry Calvert inquired about the public commenting on the minutes. Mayor Blackmon stated that she had asked for questions and Mr. Mulvehill interjected. A discussion followed. Mayor Blackmon stated that if there was any question of the falsification of the minutes we would table them and read them the next time. Councilman Pam Sitton stated that Mrs. Grooms can play the portion of the tape under question at the next meeting.

b) Reading and approval of the financial report. The February, March, and April 2007 financial reports were read by Town Clerk, Jennifer Grooms. Mayor Blackmon inquired about the charges on the report. Mrs. Grooms stated that council approved the payment of all reoccurring bills and that anything else must be approved before payment is made. Councilman Larry Calvert inquired about the increase in the street light power bill. A discussion followed. Councilman Sitton motioned that the financial reports be accepted as read. Councilman Janna Kitchens seconded and the vote was carried unanimously.

4. Reports of committees.

Mayor Blackmon asked Mr. Malcolm Calvert about the hydrant on Deans Ferry Road. He stated that he had marked it four times and someone had ran off the road and moved the marker. Councilman Pam Sitton volunteered to take care of the issue.

5. Reports of officers. None read.

6. Reading of petitions, applications, complaints, appeals, communications, etc.
Councilman Larry Calvert read and declared the resignation of Councilman James E. Smith. A discussion followed.

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

Mayor Blackmon asked Mr. Brett King to introduce the request of Mr. Van Mulvehill to de-annex two parcels of land from the Town of County Line. Mr. King explained the request and read a resolution. Councilman Sitton asked Mr. King to clarify the locations. A discussion followed. Councilman Larry Calvert asked Mr. King to present the council with more information and a map. Councilman Larry Calvert also stated the council would have to investigate the legality of the issue.

John Wilkes provided the council with a map of a parcel of land proposed for a subdivision for approval and to purchase a business license. A discussion followed and the council approved the request.

Town Clerk, Jennifer Grooms introduced the issue of the bill submitted by Charles Cordar for lawn maintenance. The council approved the current and future payment starting with April.

Councilman Sitton motioned that all new business licenses be approved by the council

before issuance. Councilman Larry Calvert seconded. Councilman Pam Sitton, Larry Calvert, James Calvert, and Janna Kitchens voted for and Mayor Blackmon abstained.

8. Public comments.

John Wilkes commented on the motion on issuance of new business licenses. A discussion followed.

Van Mulvehill asked if the clerk kept hours at the town hall. A discussion followed.

Councilperson L. Calvert motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Sitton seconded the motion. The meeting disbursed.

Minutes written by Jennifer Grooms Town Clerk.