

TOWN OF ROUND TOP REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 11th 2016

Mayor Barnell Albers called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M. at the Round Top Courthouse. Louis Sellers was absent.

The Secretary read minutes of the June meeting. Frank Hillbolt motioned approve. Steve Ditsler second. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the Treasurers report. Steve Ditsler motioned to accept the report and to transfer ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars from the Wastewater Checking Account to the Wastewater Money Market Account. Ronny Sacks second. Motion carried.

Steve Hepler asked about the status of the website which was addressed later in the meeting.

The Mayor reported that work on the Wastewater Plant expansion is progressing since the ground has dried. The large tank is expected to be delivered and installed sometime this week.

The Mayor asked Council for suggestions to improve communication with realtors and title companies concerning property sales within the Town of Round Top. In the last year, Council approved requiring that properties sold within the Town, with the exclusion of Round Top Oaks, be required to connect to the wastewater system. Many realtors and title companies and property buyers are not aware of this requirement and often find out after their sales have closed. Steve Ditsler volunteered to look into how this can be a part of the closing process and report at the next meeting.

The Mayor updated Council on the noncompliance situation at the Merry Christmas store. He had not contacted the attorney as discussed at the previous meeting because the property had been cleaned up, and he wanted to review situation with Council. However, the major issue is that the owner has never connected to the wastewater system. Ronny Sacks motioned to give the Mayor authority to contact our County Engineer and the Town's attorney to consider what should be the next course of action. Frank Hillbolt second. Motion carried.

The Mayor thanked Steve Ditsler for taking the responsibility to set up and pull the Town float in the annual July 4th parade. Steve expressed thanks for the opportunity to serve and volunteered to pull the float again next year.

The Mayor asked Frank Hillbolt to report on the progress with the DYD projects. The Mayor also reported that the flower beds have been taken care of and the sprinkler system is working as it should for one program. The next planned phase is to the move the flag poles.

The Mayor asked Jerry Hinkel to update Council on the website development. The boiler plate has been established and the next task will be to organize and load documents and pictures. He is going to meet with the Secretary and Art Stokes about photos, and hopes to be online by the end of summer.

Council reviewed the wastewater analysis reports from Aqua Tech. Results were well within the acceptable range. Jerry Hinkel motioned to accept, Ronny Sacks second. Motion carried.

Council discussed needed clarifications in the Land Use Ordinance. Steve Ditsler motioned that wording be changed to apply uniformity to building height in all districts, and to designate number of structure stories not to exceed two. Frank Hillbolt second. Motion carried.

Steve Cain presented the Building Officials monthly report. He also presented a variance request by Bethlehem Lutheran Church in conjunction with their one hundred fiftieth (150) anniversary of their founding. The Church is observing the event at different times during the year with various events. They would like approval to display a banner at those different occasions. Ronny Sacks motioned to approve the variance request and the monthly report. Jerry Hinkel second. Motion carried.

Ronny Sacks reported that he has not completed his search for an auditor. However, he expects to have a recommendation soon.

The Mayor again thanked everyone for their assistance which made for another successful July 4th parade and celebration. He stressed the importance of observing and celebrating such occasions, that we not let anyone forget and always honor those who gave unselfishly of themselves for our good, especially at a time when violence seems to be increasing in our nation.

Ronny Sacks motioned to adjourn. Frank Hillbolt second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 A.M

Barnell Albers, Mayor

Dwight M. Nittsche

Secretary / Treasurer

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