

RANDOLPH TOWN BOARD MEETING

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January 8, 2020

7:30 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Weston
Lana Peart, Clerk
Melanie Limb
Larry Kennedy
Sim Bell
Brian Weyers

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Scott Ferguson, Jesse Weyers, Wayne Batty

Mayor Weston called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Wayne Batty was given the floor to explain his reason for being in attendance. Wayne expressed his appreciation to the town for the use of our facilities for the Rich County Fair. He wanted to let us know that plans were in process for the Fair this year and they would be similar to the events of last year. It was discussed that word had got around the car show would not be a part of the fair this year. The county commissioners felt that, because Jared was a non profit organization, he need to have his own liability coverage and organize an event on his own. It was a consensus agreement that it would only be held only in Woodruff this year.

This would make more room for the scheduled fair events in the park. Because it was Mr. Batty's first year last year, he felt he could be more organized and prepared for the crowds going forward. The town will continue to work with the fair board and get things as prepared as possible for the Fair activities. The new concession stand was complimented and appeared to work well for both organizations.

The minutes from last November's meeting were discussed briefly and moved to be approved by Sim with Brian seconding, approved unanimously.

Melanie brought up some concerns she had with the Sub for Santa program and felt that it could be organized earlier next year than it had been this year. We were not able to get certificates out for summer sports or senior citizens meals. The communication with the town had been minimal and could be improved upon. Also, she felt that we needed more information on our residents who may be in need of assistance. She will talk to the Lee's and get their input and make some suggestions for next year.

Two month's bills were read and moved to be approved by Brian with Melanie seconding, approved unanimously. Melanie also expressed her opinion that, going forward, it may be a good idea to have our Christmas party at one of the local businesses.

She felt our BonRico party was somewhat excessive in cost, and the money spent on that could best be spent at a local establishment.

The Mayor stated that we had been approached by the Booster Club for additional donations this year, including another banner to be put in the Middle School. The new organization of the booster club was discussed and some of their activities mentioned. It was felt by the board that better use could be made of our contributions to the school system, and that we were not ready to increase our investment in that organization at this time. Larry moved we give our usual contribution of \$100 for a banner here at the high school and Melanie seconded, approved unanimously.

Lana presented the board with a couple of grant opportunities, a TAP grant application from UDOT and one from the state for outdoor youth activities. Both grants are due in early February, so plans will need to be made for application soon, if we can come up with a project that would work for either one.

Lana gave the board their copies of our final 2019 financial statements to review. All the reporting requirements are delivered to the State.

We talked a little bit about raising our water rates. The Mayor reminded the board that we needed to make these changes to be eligible to apply for grants or even loans. He believed we should do this incrementally over time and be ready to update our aging system when necessary. Sim thought that this needed to be completed before summer, but that we should talk with residents and get their feedback. It is not necessary to hold public hearings, but the public should definitely be informed and involved. We set a goal to have a plan in three months.

Sim also asked about the possibility of extending the water line to Sharon Weston's home. She is having well problems. Melanie expressed the hesitancy to start, once again, providing water to homes outside of city limits. It would be a large project and require booster pumps, if it was even feasible. Engineers would definitely have to be involved.

We discussed starting the road into Crawford View subdivision. Hopefully, we can begin with spring weather and start issuing building permits.

The board discussed the outstanding bill for water for Rich County. There were many varying opinions on the give and take we had enjoyed with the County in the past, which now seems unlikely or impossible. Sim made the motion we send the bill as prepared according to our records, seconded by Brian with Larry Kennedy voting yes and Melanie Limb voting no. The bill will be sent as is and we will see if the county will pay as billed or perhaps offer negotiations.

Lana was asked to check on the tourism grant for this year.

Melanie presented the board with 3 bids for the sesquicentennial luncheon. All were for pulled pork sandwiches with various side dishes. The committee estimated feeding up to 800 people. Many other items and activities are being planned and post cards are out announcing our celebration. A decision will need to be made on this in the near future.

We have received the newly updated development code from Rural Community Consultants. Lana has organized it and prepared it in a folder. Board members were asked if they wanted a paper copy, or electronic. All agreed electronic copies, provided on the website would be sufficient.

Motion was made by Melanie to dismiss at 9:45 pm, approved unanimously.

Mayor _____ Clerk _____

Date of Approval _____