

Village of Magnetic Springs

Council Meeting Minutes 12/19/2005

Meeting Attendees:

Mayor - Bob Baughman
Clerk - Kendra Parsley
Treasurer - Melinda Ritchie
Council President - Carol Verity
Kathy Cantrell
Rick Murphy
Rex Pierce
Tanya Crist Knipp

Guests:

Gypsy Johnson
Garret Pierce
Shirl Hensel
Tony Core

Not Present - Melissa Stiles

Mayor Baughman called the meeting to order. The reading of the minutes from the 11/21/2005 meeting was dispensed due to time constraints on the meeting.

State representative Tony Core was present. Baughman asked him if he had any advice on moving money from the street fund. Core advised finding out where the monies came from and from there a determination can be made as to if they could legally be moved.

Core was asked about cleaning up the abandoned properties in the village. He gave examples of ways communities that he has worked with have handled such problems. Using properties as a fire department training exercise, serving notices and working with the health department to tear down properties and charge to the owners. He recommended having an attorney to help with the process.

Verity expressed the difficulty and frustration the village has been experiencing retaining an attorney. As of yet we have been unable to retain one. No one is interested. Core expressed that he would keep his ears open. Murphy expressed that he will get some info from the bar association for the first of the year.

The levy was close. Core expressed that there is a capitol budget for specific improvement/construction-type projects that the state can help with. The example used was a water line in Richwood that the state helped with. Parsley presented the warrants. Pierce made a motion to pay the bills, Murphy seconded and all agreed.

Budget will be addressed next month.

Baughman is working on renewing the EMS contract.

Cuts in spending need to be considered. Should we cut clean-up day? Verity expressed that we should try to have clean up day if at all possible.

Tack room - we need to see what the new owner is going to do with it. Verity expressed that the former owners went two years with adult entertainment and didn't pay the fees.

Core expressed that we could take them to small claims court and the it probably wouldn't be a bad idea to invite the new owners to council.

The budget needs to be addressed in January and a Resolution for the tax levy should be made. Should we put it on the ballot as a 5mil and a separate 10 mil? Baughman asked council to think about it.

Cindy Brake from the Marysville JT had inquired about the meeting schedule for next year.

Verity made a motion to hold the meetings on the third Thursday of every month @ 7:00pm. Cantrell seconded and all agreed.

Cantrell made a motion to appoint Garret Pierce as zoning inspector. Verity seconded. Pierce abstained from the vote and the rest agreed.

Verity expressed that Hensel was going to help her with a village newsletter that will be available at the post office for residents to pick up.

Pierce made a motion to adjourn. Cantrell seconded and all agreed.

The next meeting is scheduled for 1/19/2006.