

The regular meeting of the Elberta Village Council was held on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building, 401 First Street, Elberta.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the beginning of the meeting.

Present: R. Manville, Bower, L. Manville, Holmes and Soper.

Absent: Thorsen, Jenks and Stapleton.

Guests: Ken Bonney, Joyce Gatrell, Emily Votruba, Carolee Ness, Lois Schram, Connie Manke, Jennifer Wilkens, Cheryl Gross and Vic Lane.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Soper said that under agenda item 4, it should have read over 50% of taxes.

Motion by L. Manville supported by Soper to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 16, 2012 as amended. Yeas – 4.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

L. Manville would like to have the attorney bills as an agenda item.

Motion by L. Manville supported by Soper to approve the proposed agenda by adding #1 – Attorney issues. Yeas – 4.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vic Lane discussed the fencing of his dumpster at Lane Plumbing. Lane discussed the problems he has experienced in attempting to fence in his dumpster. He pointed out that he had cleaned up the area around the dumpster and that a local contractor was supposed to enclose the dumpster. Lane asked that the Council give him a two week extension and rescind the ticket. R. Manville pointed out that Lane had been given plenty of notice to take care of the issue but that it would up to the Council if they wanted to give him an extension. He said that he was leaving the decision up to the Council. The Council was in agreement to allow Lane a two week extension and hold off on the ticket. The deadline is October 4, 2012.

Cheryl Gross discussed the cars on the beach. She was disappointed that nothing had been done to prevent the vehicular traffic on the beach. Gross said that residents at her end of the beach had put up seven signs and there was one left standing. She said that it had deterred traffic to a point. Soper asked her if she had contacted Sand Products. Gross said that she hadn't contacted Sands. R. Manville asked Gross what she would suggest to keep the traffic off of the beach. Gross said that whatever means it would take. It was agreed that a barrier at the end of the platted road would be in order. The addition of signage was also discussed. Bonney said that no one pays attention to signs. He said the "no dogs allowed" signs at the waterfront park are largely ignored. Votruba suggested promoting donations for a barrier via the Village website with the use of pay pal. The pay pal account would have to be set up through the Village Treasurer and should be a Council decision. The Council felt that the dollar amount for the project be researched before asking for donations on the web. The matter was tabled until the October meeting and the Clerk was asked to put it on the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence included the liquor license transfer for the new owners of the Mayfair Tavern, thank you note from the Elberta School Reunion group for the set up at the Mini Pond Pavilion and a sheet explaining the employee health insurance plan and their compliance of staying under the required “hard cap”.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

L.Manville said the receipt report showed a total of \$112,744.99. Motion by L.Manville supported by Holmes to approve the accounting checks in the amount of \$31,812.88 plus \$1,859.33 for P&R and payroll in the amount of \$11,331.54 for a total of \$45,646.46. Yeas – 4. L.Manville asked that balance sheets for Solstice and P&R be included in the monthly packets

Department heads were heard from.

DPW: Bonney discussed DPW activities. Soper inquired about the entrance to the South Elberta Dunes parking lot. He was told that the Dunes Management committee needed to meet to decide how and when to proceed.

Water/Sewer: Holmes reported on BLUA.

P&R: Wilkens asked that the Treasurer provide a more detailed report to them. She said that P&R would also like copies of the credit card rules. Wilkens said they were changing their meeting dates to a later in the month date. She said that this would be more helpful to the Treasurer as she doesn't get the bank statements until around the first of the month and needs time to put the treasurer's report together. Wilkens presented a list of reports they would like to have for their meetings. P&R was further discussed. P&R being on the monthly agenda was also discussed.

President's Report: R.Manville said there had been a 90% compliance with the fencing of the dumpster request. He reported on the on going concern over the low water condition of the bay and its economic outcome. He had attended a meeting with Josh Mills, Luedtke's, DEQ, DNR, etc., over the issue. R.Manville said there will be a future meeting to address the problem/solution and the public is urged to attend. R.Manville said that the Village audit is in.

Master Plan: L.Manville said that the Planning Commission didn't meet in September.

AGENDA:

1.D/A Attorney Issues. Attorney fees and liability insurance issues in conjunction with attorney fees were discussed.

Public comment was heard.

Motion accepted to adjourn.

Sharyn Bower, Clerk
Village of Elberta