

The regular meeting of the Elberta Village Council was held on Monday, December 17, 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, Jenks, L.Manville, Holmes, Gatrell, Wilkens and Stapleton..

Absent:

Guests: Laura Manville, Ken Bonney, Emily Votruba, Carolee Ness, Lois Schram, Connie Manke, Marcia Stobie, Charlie Hendershott, Mark Held, Loy Putney, Mr. Kessler and Jon Drury.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: L. Manville said that in the minutes for the special meeting part of a sentence was omitted. The sentence should have read "L.Manville also thought that spending \$275 for a special meeting was not necessary". Motion by L.Manville supported by Holmes to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on November 15, 2012 and the special meeting on November 28, 2012. Yeas – 7.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Jenks asked to have the relighting of the tree added to the agenda. Motion by Jenks supported by L.Manville to approve the proposed agenda with the addition of #5 - the relighting of the tree at the marina park. Yeas – 7.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marcia Stobie gave her Commissioner's report. She said this was her last official Village meeting as County Commissioner. R.Manville thanked Stobie for her services as commissioner. Stapleton also thanked Thorsen and Soper for their services as Council members.

CORRESPONDENCE: Various correspondence was discussed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

L.Manville said the receipt report showed a total of \$18,584.99. Motion by L.Manville supported by Holmes to approve for the month of November the accounting checks in the amount of \$29,848.69 (which includes \$940.55 for P&R) and payroll in the amount of \$17,411.61 for a total of \$47,260.30. Yeas
– 7

Department heads were heard from.

DPW Superintendent: Bonney said there were two signs (no dogs in the park) vandalized at the big park. He said that he was able to repair them. Bonney said that there was additional vandalism in the park – driving and ripping up various areas of the park. He said there is a truck presently stuck on the beach which has been ticketed by the DNR. Bonney said he was informed by the DNR that pictures that are taken of violators must be clear enough to identify the driver and the license plate so the evidence would hold up in court. He said that Bye Street to the beach is closed for the season.

Water/Sewer: Holmes said there was no meeting at BLUA this month.

P&R: Wilkens reported on P&R. She said P&R would like to form a grant exploration committee. Wilkens said that various grant require a five year recreation plan. She said the Village's present plan is set to expire in April of 2013. The Council discussed the possibility of tweaking the present plan. Manke said that the Christmas tree fund raiser had been successful so far and they still had some trees left to sell. Manke had thanked L.Manville for her generous donation to the project. She also said that P&R would like to build several benches to place on the South Dunes trail. Manke said the projected cost would be about \$100. R.Manville said that he would present the idea to the Dunes Management committee for their approval at their next meeting.

Beach: It was reported that the grant committee was still waiting to hear about the beach road grant that was submitted. It was also said there has been no action from pay pay concerning the beach road project.

Zoning Administrator: Stobie discussed the possibility of some revisions to the Zoning Ordinance. She said the Planning Commission would like a professional to review the present ZO. The Council suggested that she get an estimate on the cost of having a review.

President's Report: R.Manville welcomed new members, Gatrell and Wilkens to the Council. He also thanked Smitty's for their donation of time and equipment for helping the Village's DPW in putting up the Christmas decorations. R.Manville also thanked P&R for their all of their hard work on the Christmas Tree Project.

Master Plan: L.Manville said that the Planning Commission met on December 4. She discussed having a user friendly Zoning Ordinance on line with a chronological order at the end for upgrades and amendments.

Budget Committee: Laura Manville said the budget committee would meet in January.

AGENDA:

1.D/A Department Heads, Committees, etc. - Appointments.

R.Manville made recommendations of the following for various appointments: See attached

Appointments to the Solstice committee were discussed. R.Manville said that all of the finances for the Solstice would be handled through the Village Office and this years Solstice would act as a template for next years. Motion by L.Manville supported by Jenks to appoint the following new members to the Solstice committee: Connie Manke, Bill Soper, Grace Banktson Williams and Shayna Vinlove. Yeas – 7.

2.D/A Deficit Elimination Plan – Resolution.

R.Manville said the plan was self explanatory. Laura Manville discussed the plan at length. She explained that due to the Village's deficit we have to file a plan every year with the State Treasury Department. Laura Manville said that this year's fund balance would have been better but the LSS required some much needed repair work. She said the Village is chipping away at reducing the deficit.

Motion by Stapleton supported by Gatrell to adopt the General Fund Deficit Elimination Plan. Yeas – 7.

3.D/A Medical Marijuana Moratorium - Planning Commission. Stobie discussed with the Council the extension of a moratorium regarding the establishment of businesses and individuals engaged in the growing and distribution of medical marijuana in the Village of Elberta. She said the PC would like more time to research the question of whether and how local governments are required to provide for zoning and other regulations relating to medical marijuana. Motion by L.Manville supported by Holmes to extend the medical marijuana moratorium 180 days until June 20, 2013. Yeas – 7.

4.D/A Community Building. The rental of the Community building was discussed at length. Jenks will research rental rates and create a rental contract for the January meeting.

5.D/A Tree Relighting. The relighting of the tree at the Mini Pond was discussed. Bonney was thanked for putting up the lights on the tree. Jenks said that luminaries had been made to put at the park for the Tree Lighting event. The event will be held on December 21 at 6 p.m. Jenks said that she would provide hot chocolate for the event. The confusion over the actual name of the park was discussed.

Public comment was heard.

Wilkens said that she was concerned about the beach. She said that things were getting worse.

Motion accepted to adjourn.
Sharyn Bower, Clerk
Village of Elberta