

Pendleton Town Council
February 17, 2005
Called Meeting
6:00 PM
Minutes

After due notice to the Press, Pendleton Town Council met in the Town Hall Conference Room. Mayor and three Council Members were present. Sandra Gantt was absent.

1) Pendleton Recreation Updates & Concerns

Members of the PRA in attendance were:

Steven Lomas, President
Jimmy Walker
Steve Gibson
Mark Dahil
Robyn Leopard

Pendleton Recreation Association voiced various concerns in reference to Veterans Park.

A. Fence Repair

The PRA stated that the fences surrounding the park are in tremendous need of repair, several quotes have been given to the town for these repairs. Mr. Dahil asked if something could be done before spring baseball tryout which begins February 26, 2005. Mayor Burdette asked if Council would appropriate up to \$2500. which was the amount of the lowest previous bid? Leroy Galloway made a motion to appropriate up to \$2500 for fence repair. Frank Crenshaw seconded. Vote was unanimous.

B. Funding

The PRA is working on a “shoestring budget” and asked if it would be possible to be kept informed of any P. A. R. D. grant that may become available. The budget for PRA is \$64,000.00 revenue with \$67,000.00 expenses.

C. The Restroom Facility

The mayor stated that the numbers on the new Facility is being reworked and the town should have something by May. Robyn Leopard said that several people approached her offering to help with the labor if needed. It was stated they must have a State Contractors License to work on the facility. Robyn Leopard will provide a list of contractors that would

agree to volunteer to work on the Restroom Facility. It was also mentioned that fund-raisers with the Town's input might help to raise some of the money needed for the Veterans Park Project, Phase 1.

D. Storage Building

The PRA stated they needed a storage building and asked the Town if they would provide the building to store lawn mowers, tools etc...

E. Better communication between the PRA and Council.

The PRA agreed to appoint 2-3 people from the PRA to work with Council so they would be informed of new and on-going projects.

2) Update – Future Sewer Expansion Plan – Water Project and Scott Ward's Property

Town engineer, Chuck Joye, gave Council an update on the Water Project. Mr. Joye stated that bids have been received on the Water Project "phase 1" by 2 contractors. Qualifications are being reviewed and hopefully a decision will be made next month. The low bid on the tank was approximately \$900,000. The low bid on the booster pump station and line work, which will serve the tank, is approximately \$600,000. The Town has acquired \$1.1 million dollars in grant funds for Phase 1 of the Water Project, but will need an additional amount of \$500,000 to \$650,000.

The Administrator is obtaining quotes for a bond for the additional amount of funds needed and should have this information for the next Town Council meeting. She stated acquiring the GO Bond was a lengthy process and would take several months to complete.

Mr. Joye also discussed the future possibility of expanding the Sewer System along Lebanon Road to Williams Street and out Westinghouse Road to Hwy 76. Mr. Joye stated that if the town had the money to start the project it would take approximately 3 years to complete. Mr. Joye also stated that grants are available that would help fund the project should the town decide to expand the sewer.

Water Project-Scott Ward's Property Update.

The Town Engineers hired the company of SM&E to perform a soil boring test on the water tank site. SM&E cut a road to access the site, and in doing so, cut the road on property belonging to Scott Ward by mistake. Town Representatives met with Scott Ward and SM&E on the site. SM&E stated they would compensate Scott Ward to his satisfaction.

3) Discussion of Pendleton Village Property Minimum bid Requirements

Council discussed the Pendleton Village property that was awarded to the town at a town tax sale. The town will accept sealed bids for this property with a minimum bid of \$50,000. The lots will be bid as one lump sum bid. This property will be assigned to the high bidder and the Town will assume no responsibilities or liabilities for the property. The advertisement will run two weeks to accept bids. Frank Crenshaw made a motion to accept sealed bids with the minimum amount set at \$50,000. James Allen seconded. Vote was unanimous.

4) Discussion of the Block Wall in the Buddy Durham Parking Lot

The wall in the Buddy Durham Parking Lot is leaning and in danger of falling due to tree roots pushing against it. Council decided to remove the block wall and take the trees down. Quotes will be obtained on replacing and painting the wall.

5) Department Request:

A. Police Dept.

A new police vehicle is needed for the Police Department to replace the 1993 Ford that has an excess of 207,000 miles with repairs estimated at \$4300. This vehicle is used by the School Resource Officer. The Police Dept. does not have a spare if something happens to one of the other vehicles. Council decided to lease one vehicle now and include 2 more leased vehicles in the 2005-2006 budget. Council also decided that to keep a fleet of vehicles in proper working order, the Police Dept. would need to lease 3 vehicles every three years. This would eliminate having to replace so many vehicles at one time and give the Officers sufficient vehicles.

B. Public Works Department

Public Work Director requested 2 vehicles for the Public Works Department. Request is to obtain one truck now and include the other in the Water Sewer 2005-2006 budget. A quote of approximately \$10,000.00 was given for a new truck. This would come out of the retained earnings in the water sewer department. Frank Crenshaw made a motion to purchase the vehicle. James Allen seconded. Vote was unanimous.

6) Executive session-Personnel Issues

Motion was made by James Allen to enter into executive session to discuss the above item on the agenda. Leroy Galloway seconded. Vote was unanimous.

James Allen made a motion to come out of executive session and enter back into regular session. Leroy Galloway seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Frank Crenshaw made a motion to hire two new employees, immediately, one in the Administration Department and one in the Water Department. Funding will come from the fund balance in the Administration Department and the retained earnings in the Water Department. Leroy Galloway seconded. Vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted _____

Mayor _____

Council:

Ward 1 _____

Ward 2 _____

Ward 3 _____

Ward 4 _____

