

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS HANSEN, FRALEY, RUSSELL, MAYOR RICKETTS, CLERK FERGUSON, ATTORNEY EDISON, MR. BARR-PIONEER NEWS AND FOUR GUESTS. COMM. CLARK WAS ABSENT.

MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMM. RUSSELL AND SECONDED BY COMM. FRALEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED; MOTION PASSED.

BUDGET: A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMM. HANSEN AND SECONDED BY COMM. RUSSELL TO PAY THE REGULAR BILLS INCLUDING LANDMARK FOR PRINTING. MOTION WAS PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS: A DISCUSSION WAS HELD ABOUT THE NEED FOR ALL PROPERTY OWNERS TO KEEP THEIR PROPERTY MAINTAINED. MAYOR ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN NOTIFIED ABOUT THE COMPLAINT HE TOOK OUT ON THE HIBBARD PROPERTY ON BURKLAND BLVD. THE WHITE CAMARO CONTINUES TO BE DANGEROUS, SOME OF THE VEHICLES HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM THE BACK YARD AND SOME OF THE TRASH HAS BEEN REMOVED. THE PROPERTY OWNER PLEADED NOT GUILTY AND THE CASE IS PENDING.

COMM. FRALEY WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE BLOCKWATCH SIGNS. MANY RESIDENTS HAVE CALLED WITH QUESTIONS. MS. PULLIAM A RESIDENT VOLUNTEERED TO ASSIST MS. MUIR IN ORGANIZING THE BLOCKWATCH.

THERE WAS MUCH CONCERN ABOUT THE FIRST CITIZENS BANK OF E-TOWN BEING CONSTRUCTED ON EAST HEBRON LANE. FISCAL COURT GAVE THE BANK PRES. MR. HILLARD PERMISSION TO HAVE AN ENTRANCE ONTO EAST HEBRON LANE AFTER THE PLANNING AND ZONING DENIED THE REQUEST. ACCORDING TO ATTORNEY EDISON E. HEBRON LANE IS A COUNTY ROAD THAT THE CITY COULD TAKE OVER; HOWEVER, COUNTY HAS BEEN TOLD BY THE STATE THAT THEY CANNOT SPEND ANY STATE MONIES ON MAINTAINING A COUNTY ROAD THAT IS IN A CITY. MS. FERGUSON WAS CONCERNED THAT FISCAL COURT WILL NOT MAINTAIN THE ROAD BUT DECIDES WHAT CAN BE DONE IN OUR CITY WITHOUT DISCUSSING IT WITH CITY OFFICIALS. WE PAY COUNTY TAXES ALSO. ATTORNEY EDISON ADVISED THAT THE CITY CANNOT TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST FISCAL COURT. THE MAYOR WILL CONTINUE TO TALK TO MAGISTRATE COUCH AND MR. HILLARD ABOUT A TURNING LANE. THERE ARE POSSIBILITIES THAT THE LONG TIME PROBLEM AT THE INTERSECTION CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH SOME TEAM EFFORT.

NEW BUSINESS: THE COMMISSIONERS MADE IT PLAIN THAT THEY ARE NOT AGAINST A BANK LOCATING IN OUR CITY BUT THEY ARE AGAINST PARKING AGAINST E. HEBRON LANE AND THEY ARE AGAINST THEM HAVING AN ENTRANCE WITHOUT A TURNING LANE ONTO PRESTON. HEBRON LANE IS NOT WIDE ENOUGH FOR BUSES TO TURN AND TWO OR THREE FATAL ACCIDENTS HAVE ALREADY OCCURRED AT THAT INTERSECTION.

THE NEXT FISCAL COURT MEETING IS DEC. 2. RESIDENTS WERE ENCOURAGED TO LET FISCAL COURT KNOW HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THEIR RECENT ACTION.

MR. MCGUFFIN RESIDENT ON E. HEBRON LANE WAS PRESENT TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN AND FRUSTRATIONS ABOUT THE CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS. HE WANTS LEGAL ACTION TAKEN ABOUT THE BANK SITUATION.

ATTORNEY EDISON CONDUCTED THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 97-06: TAX ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTION DEPOSITS. HE EXPLAINED THAT WE CAN CHARGE 0.025 AND IT WILL NOT COUNT AGAINST REVENUE FOR PROPERTY TAX RATE.

AN AGENDA WAS GIVEN TO MR. BARR FOR THE NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 16, 1998. DATE WAS CHANGED DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS.

COMM. FRALEY MOVED THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN; SECONDED BY COMM. RUSSELL; MEETING ADJOURNED.

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