

Dillsboro Town Council
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 11, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Dillsboro Town Council was opened by council president Carolyn Mathes Robers with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Councilman Seward motioned to approve the minutes of the May meeting, Councilman Powers seconded, motion carried all ayes.

At this time Scott Fortner, president of the Dearborn County Park Board presented the deed for the Dillsboro Community Park to Carolyn Mathes-Robers, town council president, completing the process of the county formally turning the park over to the Town of Dillsboro.

Next on the agenda was Mr. Jeff Bittner who questioned where the annexation process stands for his property. Town Attorney Mary Ann Gay informed council that they need to annex the Shively property to comply with annexation laws. The next step in the process is for council to determine how the generated tax money will be utilized. The meeting for the fiscal plan was set for 6/28/07 at 6:30. Councilman Mary Lou Powers will call Mrs. Sonia Shively to discuss why she is opposed to annexation. Ms. Sammy Gutzwiller expressed concern at the length of time this process will take. Town Attorney Mary Ann Gay suggested that Mr. Bittner purchase the Shively property.

Beautification-The committee is waiting on the price of a walking trail, and will be applying for a grant. They will need to have 3 bids.

Police Report-Police Chief Ryan Brandt reported 25 arrests and 105 radio logs.

Town Manager Report- Town Manager Scott Fortner reported that when we reapply for the stormwater grant, we need more support letters. Also, when we had our site visit, the representative from Rural affairs recommended that we not do any construction in the proposed area until after the grant period, because that would alter the grant application. Lori from Curry & Associates will give bids on two different areas, #1, from the Main and Sunset corner to East Adams, and #2, Rullman behind the drug store/post office area. The public meeting will be July 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

DVFD-Scott Fortner reported for the Dillsboro Volunteer Fire Department. The department had assisted Aurora with a house fire in May and had set up a landing zone for air care over the past week end. Fire Chief Dino Schmaltz voiced his concerns about the response of the Dillsboro Emergency Unit. If the fire department is called to an accident scene, they have to wait until an emergency unit is on the scene and transported all patients requiring transportation. If the Dillsboro Emergency Unit is not able to respond, and a unit has to be called from another town, this takes up valuable time. There is room for improvement, and the county commissioners are not going to improve this situation, it is up to the individual towns. The DEU is missing runs at all times of the day, not just during working hours. Scott has spoken with Ed Gordon of the state EMS

Commission, and he suggested having a meeting with the DEU. The City of Aurora has paid crews in the day time hours and they are billing for services. Council inquired as to could the DVFD incorporate the DEU in with them, and Dino replied that he would not be interested in being in charge of that. Scott is to set up a meeting with town council and all of the members of the DEU.

Scott is getting 2 estimates for the building to house the dumping station and other sludge equipment. He will have them by the meeting on the 28th.

Councilman Seward motioned to adopt Resolution 2007-6, a resolution to adopt the comprehensive plan as recommended by the Dillsboro Planning Commission, Councilman Powers seconded, resolution adopted, all ayes.

Councilman Seward motioned to hire a temporary laborer at \$9.00 an hour for 25 hours a week, Councilman Powers seconded, motion carried, all ayes. Scott will interview and bring a recommendation to the June 28th meeting.

Because Rick Fields is out of town he left a letter with Scott, concerned about how the park is being used. He does not want it to become all baseball and soccer fields, and feels it should benefit all age groups, not just the youth. Town Attorney Mary Ann Gay advised that a park board must be made up of 5 members, and include someone from the school board. Council could have an advisory committee.

The town court system is going to take awhile. Aurora is working with different localities and the goal is Jan 1, 2008.

Scott is to keep working on the Muncy building across from U.S. Bank according to the unsafe building law and to get 2 appraisals.

Councilman Seward motioned to have Shelby Brown paint the big water tower at a cost of \$13,000.00 from Riverboat Revenue, Councilman Fryman seconded, motion carried all ayes.

Chris Robers has had a company make an offer on the land next to Dollar General, and he would like to make a counteroffer saying they could get a tax abatement. Town Attorney Mary Ann Gay advised that the company should provide the Town of Dillsboro with a statement of benefits, but she will look at the statutes. Scott will provide a letter indicating the the Town of Dillsboro would look favorably on a tax abatement.

Utility Department-The annual Consumer Confidence Report required to be mailed to all water customers will go out with the next billing.

Councilman Seward motioned to approve sewer adjustments, Councilman Powers seconded, motion carried, all ayes.

Paul Filter spoke concerning the garbage ordinance. He feels we need an enforcement officer. The apartment owner across from the funeral home still has not provided his tenants with garbage cans. Scott will write him a letter and send a copy of the ordinance.

Being no further business, Councilman Seward motioned to adjourn, Councilman Powers seconded, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 9:00.