

LAKEWOOD VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 14, 2018

Council Members:

Dr. Mark Vargus, Mayor
Ed Reed – Mayor Pro-Tem
Clint Bushong
Gary Newsome
Elizabeth Shields
Serena Lepley
Darrell West

Town Staff:

Linda Asbell, TRMC, Town Secretary

REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 P.M.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Vargus called the Regular Meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2018, in the Council Chambers of the Lakewood Village Town Hall, 100 Highridge Drive, Lakewood Village, Texas.

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

(Agenda Item A)

The members of Boy Scout Troup 45 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

(Agenda Item B)

Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Reed administered the oath of office and presented the election certificate to re-elected Mayor, Dr. Mark E. Vargus. Town Secretary, Linda Asbell presented a special gift to Mayor Vargus in recognition of him being the longest continuously serving member of council in the history of the town.

Mayor Vargus administered the oath of office and presented the election certificate to newly elected Councilwoman Serena Lepley and Councilman Darrell West. Councilwoman Lepley and Councilman West took their seats on the dais.

VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

(Agenda Item C)

Mr. Steve Kohansion, 15151 Berry Trail #107, Dallas, TX 75248, spoke regarding mowing liens placed on his properties. Mr. Kohansion stated he did not receive notice of the violations or liens and believes the town should forgive the liens.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(Agenda Item D)

1. Resolution Naming the Little Elm Journal as the Official Newspaper (Asbell)
2. Reappointment of Matthew Bissonnette and Dave Batchelder to the Municipal Development Board of Directors (Asbell)
3. Minutes of May 10, 2018 (Asbell)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Bushong and seconded by Councilwoman Shields, council voted five (5) “ayes,” no (0) “nays” to approve consent items as presented. *The motion carried.*

REGULAR AGENDA:

(Agenda Item E)

Mayor’s Comments to Council (Vargus)

(Agenda Item E.1)

Mayor Vargus stated the council members are volunteering their time to serve the citizens. Because Lakewood Village is small that means the council members do the work to accomplish the business of the town. Mayor Vargus stated that council members need to simply use common sense and trust the work done by other council members when researching agenda items. Council members need to act in the best interest of the town rather than being swayed by a vocal group lobbying for or against a specific action.

**Consideration of Election of Mayor Pro-Tem
(Asbell)**

(Agenda Item E.2)

Mayor Vargus and Councilman Bushong spoke supporting Mayor Pro-Tem Reed and all he has accomplished during his time on council and as Mayor Pro-Tem.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilwoman Shields and seconded by Councilman Bushong, council voted four (4) “ayes,” no (0) “nays” with one abstention (Mayor Pro-Tem Reed) to elect Ed Reed as the Mayor Pro-Tem. *The motion carried.*

**Consideration of Street Light Upgrade
(Reed)**

(Agenda Item E.3)

Mayor Pro-Tem Reed reviewed the extensive research he has completed in this project as well as the street light proposal for the cost of replacing the “barn lights” received from CoServ. The cobra lights proposed are compliant with Dark Sky Association standards and will result in a cost savings in electricity. There was some discussion about approving this project at the next council meeting following a budget amendment.

MOTION: *No motion was made.*

**Discussion of Government Accounting
Principles (Vargus)**

(Agenda Item E.4)

Mayor Vargus discussed government accounting principles. Mayor Vargus explained the difference between budget categories and administrative accounting as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governmental accounting is different from business accounting. Mayor Vargus stated the budget is adopted at the category level rather than the line item level. All municipalities in Texas have the same basic budget lines for consistency and comparability. Mayor Vargus used calculation of the sewer rate as an example of the difference between category budgeting and line item accounting. The town has one accounting system that serves three purposes, tax reporting, financial reporting (GASB), and managerial accounting. There was some discussion about filing budgets with the county.

**Discussion of Town Hall Playground
(Vargus)**

(Agenda Item E.5)

Mayor Vargus reported that the playground at Town Hall is being used more now than at any point in history but there have been no improvements made during this fiscal year. There was some discussion about installing fencing around the playground, planting trees, Councilwoman Lepley reported that she has a master plan for the park but the process was slow because members of the Parks Committee either moved or were no longer participating, she and Councilwoman Shields are the only members left on the committee. Mayor Vargus encouraged action be taken to make improvements to the playground during this fiscal year. Councilwoman Shields and Councilwoman Lepley will present project options at a future council meeting.

Discussion of Budgeting Process (Vargus)

(Agenda Item E.6)

Mayor Vargus reviewed the standard budget process and financial fluctuations due to property tax collection, franchise fee collections, and seasonal water usage. Mayor Vargus reported the town previously would review the budget and consider any necessary amendments around March of each year. The planned water system improvements are done during the winter months to reduce the risk of impact to citizens in the event of an emergency.

Discussion of 2018-2019 Budget (Vargus)

(Agenda Item E.7)

Mayor Vargus reviewed the proposed budget. There was some discussion about road repairs. The road maintenance fund was created as a way to internally set money aside for repairs. There was some discussion about the balance of the bond debt and refinancing for additional concrete roads. There was some discussion about improvements made to the sewer system and the need for a sewer master plan. There was some discussion about a water emergency interconnect to the Town of Little Elm well on Eldorado.

**Discussion of Finance Audit Committee
(Shields)**

(Agenda Item E.8)

There was some discussion about how to establish qualification criteria for members. There was some discussion about whether or not council supported the creation of this committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(Agenda Item F)

At 9:02 p.m. Mayor Vargus recessed into executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the Town Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following: (1) §551.071(2): Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter; (2) §551.087: To discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the Town of Lakewood Village has received from a business prospect that the Town seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the Town of Lakewood Village and with which the Town is conducting economic development negotiations; and/or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to the business prospect.; and (3) § 551.072 Texas Government Code to wit: deliberations about real property.

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RECONVENE:

(Agenda Item G)

Mayor Vargus reconvened the regular session of the Lakewood Village Town Council at 9:19 p.m.

REPORTS:

(Agenda Item H)

Town Secretary Asbell reported that a few spaces are still available for the CPR class to be held at Town Hall on June 30th.

Councilman Bushong thanked Dr. Carl Menckhoff for providing AED training to council and staff.

Mayor Vargus reported that he has a conflict and would like to reschedule the July 12th council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

(Agenda Item I)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilwoman Lepley and seconded by Councilman West council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Lakewood Village Town Council at 9:22 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2018. The motion carried.

These minutes approved by the Lakewood Village Town Council on the 13th day of September 2018.

APPROVED

Ed Reed
MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

Linda Asbell, TRMC, CMC
TOWN SECRETARY