

Town of Sand Rock, Alabama
Town Council Meeting

Minutes for Meeting April 5, 2011

The Sand Rock Town Council met for its monthly meeting on, Monday, April 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Present were Mayor Bill Glenn, council members Julia Smith, Saprina Oliver, Ricky Mackey and Town Clerk, Melonie Garrett. George "Bud" Mackey arrived at 7:00 p.m. Special guest were Mil Ivey, Randy Jones from Cherokee County Herald; Scott Stimpson, owner of Pro Cut Lawn Care; Dean Buttram, town lawyer; Sid Garrett, Cherokee Water Authority; Evelyn and Paul Johnson; Beth and Gene Farmer. Mayor Glenn called the meeting to order and gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Glenn recognized the special guest and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Mayor Glenn asked Town Lawyer, Dean Buttram to come and swear in new council member Gene Farmer. After the swearing in ceremony Gene Farmer joined the other council members.

Saprina Oliver called for the meeting to adjourn. Julia Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:40p.m.

Mayor Glenn called the meeting to order at 6:43pm and welcomed the new council member, Gene Farmer.

Mayor Glenn welcomed the first Mayor of Sand Rock, Mr. Paul Johnson and his wife, Evelyn.

After reviewing the minutes from the March 14, 2011 meeting the council approved the minutes on a motion by Ricky Mackey and seconded by Julia Smith. Motion carried.

Road Department

Scenic Drive- Mayor Glenn reported to the council that he had inspected the repairs that the highway department did to correct the erosion. It is a great looking job and the cost was \$3300.00.

Park Department

Softball Dugout – Ricky Mackey informed the council that it would cost \$1,000.00 to replace the metal roof and a gutter system to stop water leak. Bud Mackey made a motion for the repairs to be made. Gene Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried

Building & Grounds

Marquee Sign – Mayor Glenn read two different bids to run electricity to the marquee sign. Mayor Glenn stated that the walking track was setting on rock making it impossible to bore under it to run conduit and wiring. T H Electrical and Langley bid was for \$950.00 for trenching, running conduit and wiring. Cortez bid was at \$450.00 for the boring and trenching only. Town clerk will check with T H Electrical to see what the cost of electrical would add to Cortez bid. This matter was tabled until next meeting.

Lawn Care – Mayor Glenn asked council if they had any information that needed to be addressed on the town lawn care. The 1 year contract was expired. Mayor Glenn informed Scott Stimpson, owner of Pro Cut Lawn Care that the front shrubbery beds needed weeding and several areas needed mulch. Mayor Glenn informed Mr. Stimpson to keep a check on the creek area due to wet conditions this grass would get high fast. Saprina Oliver made a motion to renew the lawn contract with Pro Cut Lawn Care. Ricky Mackey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Department

Fire Truck – Ricky Mackey reported to the council that the new fire truck should arrive in about 2 weeks. The fire department has been able to equip the new truck with no additional loans.

Budget Department

The monthly financial report and revenue/expenditure summaries were presented to the council. On a move by Saprina Oliver and seconded by Ricky Mackey the monthly financial reports were approved.

Grants Department

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Doors – Mayor Glenn questioned the council on whether or not they would like to go ahead with replacing doors at town hall. Cherokee Glass was the only bid that was submitted. No action taken. This item was tabled to the next meeting.

Web Site – Mil Ivey informed the council that the web site should be completed and ready to go on line within a few days. She stated that she was adding pictures and would like for the council to look the site over. If any mistakes were found to please let Melonie know so corrections could be made.

New Business

Jr. BETA – Gigi Clausen, Sand Rock teacher and Jr. Beta sponsor informed the council that two Jr. Beta students would be representing Sand Rock School in the National competition in June. Maggie Lynn Lumsden received the State Secretary position and Mary Frances Brown won 1st place in a competition and was invited to compete at nationals. Nationals will be in Nashville, TN June 17-20, 2011. Sand Rock School will have 11 students that will attend. Ms Clausen stated that the group had several fund raisers on going and she asked if the Town would have a project. The group would like to have a plate lunch sale on Friday, April 29. Ricky Mackey made a motion that the group has permission to use the Town Hall at no cost to prepare food and fix plates on April 29. Saprina Oliver seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Glenn stated that the council would discuss a project for the group and address that at the May 2011 meeting.

Insurance – Bud Mackey made a motion to renew the Town insurance at \$2,348.00 for one year on a three year contract. Ricky Mackey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meetings – Mayor Glenn informed the council members of the following meetings.

Cherokee Electric Coop

The Rock - Saturday, April 9 2011 8am-11:15am

Business meeting to follow after voting

AL Lake Tourism
Cherokee County Chamber – April 19 12 noon

AL Municipal Insurance meeting
April 30, 2011

Sewer Line – Mayor Glenn informed the council that Saprina Oliver and he were invited to a group meeting on Thursday, March 31, 2011. The meeting was to discuss the sewer line that the Cherokee County Board of Education had installed. At this time Mayor Glenn thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that he was going to dismiss himself from the council meeting. Mayor Glenn left at 7:20p.m.

Mayor ProTem Oliver informed the council that she had attended a meeting with Mayor Glenn, Sid Garrett, Cherokee Water Authority, Don Stowe, BOE member and Superintendent of Education, Brian Johnson. In the meeting Mr. Sid Garrett informed the group that the water authority would not have any way of charging for sewer fees to customers. Sewer charges come in as a percentage of water usage and the water rights in the Town of Sand Rock are owned by Northeast Alabama Water Authority of Ft. Payne. Ms. Oliver asked the Cherokee County Board their asking price for the sewer line if the Town did consider purchasing it. Mr. Stowe stated that they were willing to sell it for a fare price, but would not commit to a set price at this time. Mayor Glenn and Ms. Oliver informed the group that the Town's next council meeting was scheduled for April 5, 2011 at 6:30pm. Ms. Oliver would present the Cherokee County Board of Education idea that the Town purchases the sewer line.

Dean Buttram informed the council that if they wanted to consider entering into the sewer business that a franchise would need to be established. There would have to be three steps in the process

1. Accution of the sewer line from the Cherokee County Board of Education.
2. Franchise to Cherokee Water (water authority would hold permit)
3. Contractional agreements

Ms. Oliver questioned Mr. Sid Garrett, Cherokee Water Authority, what would be the cost to purchase water meters in the municipality area. Mr. Garrett stated that meters could cost between \$2,500. -\$3,000. a customer. If the town did purchase meters they would be able to rebill the water and would have a way of collecting fees for sewer. Customers would be responsible for getting their line from their home to right of way and the

town would then be responsible for the sewer tie on. Ricky Mackey questioned who was responsible for the pumping station. Mr. Garrett stated that each home would be responsible for the pump that tied their line on, but there were pumps on the line that would be the responsibility of the system owner. Mr. Garrett suggested to the town that they consider the project as a long term investment with development phases of a 5 year, 10 year and 15 year plan. Dean Buttram asked that Ms Oliver call Mr. Don Stowe to acquire a purchase price while at the meeting. Mr. Stowe informed the council that the board would absorb 1/3 the cost, that had cost \$648,000. The board asked the Town to purchase 2/3 of the cost at \$430,000. Ms Oliver informed Mr. Stowe that she would call with an answer after the council meeting had concluded. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver asked the council what their feelings were on the purchase of the sewer line from the BOE
Town Clerk called for a roll call vote

Bud Mackey – No

Julia Smith – No

Gene Farmer- No, not at this price

Saprina Oliver- No, not at this time

Ricky Mackey – stated that he did not wish to vote on the issue

Mayor Pro Tem Oliver called for any other discussion on the matter. Bud Mackey stated that he would like for the town to check and see what water rights would cost. Ms Oliver would contact Mr. Don Stowe with the council's decision not to purchase the sewer system.

Adjourned

A motion was made by Bud Mackey and seconded by Julia Smith to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Witness: _____ Clerk: _____

_____ Date: _____