

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF PORTER HELD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Porter was called to order by Mayor Steve Dickey. Members present were: Richard Keck, Jim Bias, Matt Moore, and Steve Dickey. Sam Hendrix was absent. A quorum was present.

Others present were: Micheal Eaton, Kristin Gaither, Don Hutcheson, Therman Ray, Steve Boettcher, Micki Willard, Julie Dickey, Jake Harris, Jim Lindsey, Jerry Jenkins, Jr., Darryl Hale, Jr., James Hensley, Nick Davis, Brian Underwood, David Dickey, Ron Cates, and Shirley Herring.

Jim Bias said a prayer and then the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board members and members of the audience.

Mayor to address Board members and audience. Mayor Steve Dickey said concerning appearances from the audience, the comments will be limited to three to five minutes. After the comments, there is to be no discussion.

Necessary action concerning approval of the consent agenda. Motion was made by Richard Keck to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Jim Bias. Voted yes: Richard Keck, Jim Bias, Matt Moore, and Steve Dickey. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

Consideration of items removed from the consent agenda. There were no items removed from the consent agenda; therefore, there was nothing to consider on item #7.

Appearances or petitions from the audience. James Hensley, owner of the mini storage, located on Highway 51B, said his mini storage has been broken into, the locks cut, and items taken from the storage buildings. He said he would like to see the Board get additional police coverage at night, so the police will be more visible.

In others appearances, Mick Willard appeared before the Board. Ms. Willard said at the last meeting, she had voiced her concern about the Board members raising the meter deposit for renters from \$100.00 to \$200.00. She said Porter has about forty rental units. She said when people move to Porter, they shop in Porter and their children attend Porter schools. She said people will not move to Porter if they have to pay a \$200.00 water meter deposit. Steve Dickey said the deposit amount for renters will be discussed in the Porter Public Works Authority meeting.

There were no other appearances or petitions from the audience.

Update on the status of FY15 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) water line replacement project for the Town of Porter (Steve Boettcher, INCOG). Steve Boettcher was present at the meeting. Mr. Boettcher said the grant Porter applied for to replace the water line on Dixieland Avenue between 1st Street and 6th Street has been funded. He said this will be a two year project, with engineering being the first phase. Mr. Boettcher said the first thing will be to procure the engineer. He said the second phase will be the construction phase.

Discussion and necessary action concerning approval for Resolution #2015-4, authorizing application for financial assistance from Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Fund from Eastern Oklahoma Development District (EODD). The Board members looked over the resolution. Motion was made by Richard Keck to approve Resolution #2015-4, authorizing application for financial assistance from REAP Fund from EODD. The motion was seconded Steve Dickey. Voted yes: Richard Keck, Steve Dickey, Matt Moore, and Jim Bias. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

Discussion and necessary action concerning approval of the FY15 CDBG (#1673) Administrative Service Contract between the Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG) and the Town of Porter. The Board members had been given a copy of the contract before the meeting to look over. Steve Boettcher said this is a standard contract for administrative services for the grant. He said this contract covers the full two years of the project. Motion was made by Richard Keck to approve the FY15 CDBG (#1673) Administrative Service Contract between INCOG and the Town of Porter. The motion was seconded by Jim Bias. Voted yes: Richard Keck, Jim Bias, Matt Moore, and Steve Dickey. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

Discussion and necessary action concerning approval of purchase orders for Fire Department. Fire Chief David Dickey said the Fire Department only needs a purchase order for the \$3,000.00 payment on the new fire engine. Motion was made by Richard Keck to approve a purchase order for the \$3,000.00 payment on the new fire engine. The motion was seconded by Matt Moore. Voted yes: Richard Keck, Matt Moore, Jim Bias, and Steve Dickey. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

Discussion and necessary action concerning animal control. Steve Dickey said he put this on the agenda. He said Micheal Eaton is interested in taking over the animal control. Steve said they will need to get the dog pound back up to code. He said if Micheal takes over animal control, he should get 50 cents per hour raise. Steve said this matter could be put on the agenda for the special meeting. No action was taken on this item.

Discussion concerning Board members' water bills. Town Attorney Ron Cates looked over the ordinance which states that a Board member's water bill will be paid up to \$50.00. Mr. Cates said a Board member's compensation cannot be modified during his term in office. He said modifications may be possible through the Porter Public Works Authority, since there are no statutory limitations for the trust.

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Report from Fire Department. Fire Chief David Dickey said the fire department received a letter today from ISO stating that Porter's classification is a seven (7), which will go into effect on December 1, 2015. He said homeowners insurance will go down with this classification. David said the seven classification is within a ten mile range of Porter. David said Porter is going to start doing training in Tallahassee. He said the fire department is trying to get a mutual aid agreement with the Redbird fire department. David said the fire department is going to be setting up a water shuffle program to try to help people outside the ten mile range to get a lower ISO rating.

Report from department heads. Matt Moore, head of the Street Department, said it will be a couple of more weeks before Wagoner County Commissioner Tim Kelley can get with the County engineer to look at Belaire Avenue and First Street to see what repairs need to be done.

There was no new business to be discussed.

Motion was made by Richard Keck to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Matt Moore. Voted yes: Richard Keck, Matt Moore, Jim Bias, and Steve Dickey. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

STEVE DICKEY, MAYOR

SHIRLEY HERRING, TOWN CLERK