

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF PORTER HELD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015

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

Others present were: Sharon Payne and Shirley Herring.

Discussion and possible action concerning past due accounts on grave spaces at Greenwood Cemetery. Sharon Payne, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, appeared before the Board. Sharon said in previous years, people were allowed to make payments on grave spaces. She said some people are paying on the spaces, but some people have not paid on their spaces in several years. She wanted to know how long to give these people to pay. Sharon said the Town Attorney said if these people don't pay, the Town could take the unpaid grave spaces back. The Board members said if people are making regular payments to let them finish paying the spaces out, as long as they continue to make regular payments. Sharon suggested sending letters to the people who have not made a payment in several years and inform them that they have 90 days to pay the amount owed or the spaces will go back to the town. Steve Dickey said the Board might want to consult with the attorney on this matter. Jim Bias said if some of these people cannot be contacted due to a lack of a current address, a notice could be placed in the newspaper to inform these people that they will forfeit their grave spaces if not paid within 90 days. Steve Dickey said he thinks letters should be sent out.

Discussion and possible action concerning repairs on Belaire Avenue, Hale Avenue, and Fourth Street. Sam Hendrix and Matt Moore said the County Engineer and the County Commissioner are going to set up a meeting with the Board members to go over what needs to be done to these streets.

Discussion and possible action concerning repairing shelter at Lions Parks. Town Clerk Shirley Herring said at the regularly scheduled meeting held on December 3rd, the Board members voted to table this item until the special meeting and to ask the Lions Club about helping with the repairs. Shirley said the Lions Club had a meeting Monday night, December 14th, and she asked if they could help with the repairs. She said Roy Essary, a member of the Lions Club, is going to get some estimates on repairing the shelter.

Discussion and possible action concerning approval of a purchase order for the Fire Department for purchase of jackets for firefighters. Sam Hendrix said he got an estimate of \$865.86 for 16 jackets, with the fire department logo embroidered on each jacket included in the estimate. Motion was made by Steve Dickey to approve a purchase order for the Fire Department for the purchase of jackets for firefighters. The motion was seconded by Matt Moore. Voted yes: Steve Dickey, Matt Moore, Jim Bias, and Sam Hendrix. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action concerning approval of a purchase order for the Fire Department for purchase of tires for fire vehicle. Sam Hendrix said one of the fire vehicles have two bad tires. He said these tires have been patched several times. Motion was made by Steve Dickey to approve a purchase order for the Fire Department for the purchase of tires for fire vehicle. The motion was seconded by Matt Moore. Voted yes: Steve Dickey, Matt Moore, Jim Bias, and Sam Hendrix. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

Remarks and inquiries by governing body members. Sam Hendrix said he is getting some estimates for installing sidewalks on Main Street from Belaire Avenue to the south edge of the bar. He said he received one estimate for \$4,800.00. Sam said he is waiting on another estimate.

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

Meeting adjourned.

STEVE DICKEY, MAYOR

SHIRLEY HERRING, TOWN CLERK