

Fries Town Council
January 2, 2018
Minutes

Members Present: Bill Davis, Cynthia Grant, JoAnn Gunter, Nancy Hawks, Marie Isom, Dawn Patton and Gary Sumner.

Others Present: Richard Farmer, Mayor; Gene Adkins and Karen Snyder, Fries Community Center; Steven Clark and several citizens.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and Jo Ann Gunter gave the Invocation.

Minutes & Bills: Dawn Patton moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes and bills as presented. Marie Isom provided the second to the motion. All present voted Aye and the minutes and bills were approved.

Police Report: No officer attended and no report was sent.

Organization Updates:

1. Fries Volunteer Fire Department Update: Chad Stanley reported that for December the department answered 37 EMS calls and 9 fire related calls. The average dispatch time to have a truck in route was 7 minutes and 49 seconds, and the average time to have a truck on scene was 15 minutes and 14 seconds. For 2017 the department answered 522 EMS calls and 97 fire related calls. They had 7 members complete EMT training, 1 member complete EMT Intermediate Training and 1 member complete the Paramedic Program. For 2018 the department planned to focus on getting more members certified in the firefighting programs. They planned to host a Firefighter I class beginning January 15, and then a Firefighter II Class in April. He also reported that they planned to set an event schedule in the coming weeks and would present it at the next meeting. The Mayor thanked Chad for his report and also for the wonderful Christmas Parade. He also asked Chad if the department had been able to test the fire hydrants in town over the summer months. Chad reported that they had and had found a few that weren't working efficiently. The Mayor asked that Chad help our workers identify the ones that needed repair so that we may start repairing or replacing as necessary. Chad agreed to help.
2. Fries Community Center Report: Karen Snyder reported that Gene Adkins had installed new sinks and toilets in the dining room restrooms, replaced the receptacles in the kitchen and planned to add a receptacle for the hot table soon. She reported that the FCC Board was still discussing installing a heat pump for the kitchen and dining room area. No decision had yet been made. K—3rd basketball had finished and 4th—7th grade boys and girls basketball had started. She planned to have several student groups coming in March, and asked for help working and

feeding the students. She had an upcoming surgery scheduled for her shoulder and felt that she might not be able to work the groups alone. Gene Adkins reported that he had scheduled 2 bands for the Theatre in February and was working on scheduling more. The Mayor thanked Karen and Gene for their report and hard work.

3. Tourism Report: Marie Isom reported the following:

- She was updating our local event and tourism information on the state and county websites, as well as our own.
- She had attended several workshops and webinars concerning marketing and getting the most from social media on behalf of the town.
- The Mill Bell Committee had hoped to start on the foundation for the bell before now, but the weather set in quicker than anticipated. They planned to begin construction on the foundation when the weather warmed.
- She had been working with Cindy Rowe planning the 2018 season for the Farmer's Market. Opening day was scheduled for May 21st.
- She announced that Ms. Kate Irwin would be producing a lifestyle magazine about our area called "Here". The magazine would be a subscription magazine and she hoped that local businesses would take advantage of the advertising opportunity. Ms. Irwin planned to do articles on the Fries Theatre, the work on the outside of the building and the Fries Farmers Market. Marie also planned to advertise town and local events in the magazine.

The Mayor stated that he believed that Marie's hard work was paying off. He stated that people were finding and coming to Fries and he thanked her for her efforts.

Old Business:

1. Y Repair Project Update: The Mayor reported that the new balance for the Y Repair Project was up to \$40,457.80. Work on the third side was complete, but had not been billed to date. He expected the bill to be around \$28,000 to \$29,000, which would leave around \$11,000 available for the final side of the building.
2. Park Project Update: Kim Mallory was not able to attend and did not send a report.
3. Decals: The Mayor stated that we were waiting to hear from Roger Brooks, but the town intended to follow the county's changes.
4. Mini Golf Course Update: Steven Clark reported that he was continuing work on the clubhouse and the individual holes. He reported that he had had an issue with the Building Inspector, but they were working through it. Everything was still on course for a spring open date.

New Business:

1. Ray Howe: Mr. Howe did not attend.

Announcements:

There were no announcements.

With no further business to discuss, Dawn Patton moved to adjourn, Joann Gunter provided the second and the meeting was adjourned.

Signed: _____

Attest: _____