

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
April 21, 2015

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, April 21, 2015. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and all council members were present.

The minutes of April 7, 2015 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Bell-Guercio introduced John Willoughby, from the State of Alabama Department of Agriculture, Farmers Market Authority. Willoughby answered questions from the Council concerning basic set-up and requirements of operating a farmers market. It was the Council's opinion that a market would not work at the Town facility; however, they felt that if another location could be found the concept would work and be successful for the Town. Willoughby recommended that we start small and work our way up to a larger scale. Interested residents that attended the meeting meet with Willoughby after his portion of the meeting.

Wayne Jones, Chairman of PAZ, started the discussion on how to fix the current Zoning Ordinance which inadvertently had three missing sections. It was determined that the ordinance go back to PAZ and the process be repeated and a new ordinance adopted.

Councilman Robins reported that the sweetgum tree has been removed for a price of \$1800. An additional \$200 was spent trimming additional trees. He also advised that a training session for the video security system is scheduled for April 28, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. He also advised that the mail box entry way project is progressing.

Councilman Mendel who is also the Town Safety Officer advised that the Town received a Gold Award from our insurance company. Also, he advised that he has taken an on-line E-Verify exam and that we are up to date with the system requirements. He also questioned the ADS Security cost. The monthly cost for monitoring the AES Radio is \$35.71 per month, and the Fire monitoring is \$41.66 per month. It was determined that these prices are higher but it is because we are commercial rather than residential and these rates are in-line with commercial rates. The financials were reviewed and it was discussed and

approved that \$3000 from budget account 5122 Engineering-PAZ be moved to 5123 Engineering-Council Support. Mendel made a motion that the March financials be approved as presented. Robins seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Stauss reported that he was approached by the Town Hall Curator, Amy Eastman to make a bench and coat rack for the entrance of the Town Hall. He reported that he is going to use the logs from the sweetgum tree that was cut down to make a bench and coat rack; however, the logs must be cut and cured for a year. Using the wood cut from the property will however make a unique and meaningful piece of furniture.

Councilperson Harrington asked the Council to declare July 4, 2015 Mary Sue and Van McClurkin day in appreciation for their dedication and years of public service. Mary Sue was State Representative for sixteen years until her retirement this year.

Deputy Leigh Stockman reported a total of 135 calls for service in March, an increase over February. There were three burglary alarms and 2 wrecks worked.

Per a request from a resident, Council discussed and agreed that if Boy Scouts are in attendance at the Town Council meetings that they be recognized at the beginning of the meeting and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Downs, Town Clerk