

Town of Fifty Six
Home of Blanchard Springs
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Mayor: Earnestine McDaniel

Recorder/Treasurer: Christina Byrd

Town Council Meeting
March 10, 2025

Members present were Aaron Byrd, Rick VanEvera, and Lisa VanEvera. Visitors present were Mike and Judy Balentine, Matthew Linn, Linda Baca, Rebecca Ferguson, Scott Wible, Richard Wible, and Tim Hudspeth. The easement at the transfer station with Esker Hudspeth has been finalized. It is recorded at the county courthouse.

The generator has been ordered and they are currently looking for 1,000 gallon propane tank to put at the transfer station. Travis Trammell will be doing the work. Aaron Byrd would like Earnestine to verify this with Travis and make sure he understands work must be completed by the end of the year.

The town removes Eric Williams as the 3rd signer for the town (city). Lisa VanEvera made a motion to have Aaron Byrd added to all town (city) accounts as the 3rd signer Rick VanEvera 2nd. Aaron Byrd stated he would do it for the time being. Ordinance 126 passed. Earnestine informed the council the ANRC payment of \$15,575 has been paid. She mailed the payment certified.

ARWA has a finance program that Earnestine is looking into to get funding to redo the water towers. Aaron Byrd asked what will be put in the maintenance saving account each year. \$15,600 per year.

The new land contract with the Clements has been finalized and sent to them. They will have 30 days after the land is paid off to notify the town. Lisa VanEvera asked what happens if they default on their loan. Earnestine will check into it. Rick VanEvera read the contract aloud.

Lisa VanEvera asked for an update on the ball park. The equipment was supposed to be at park last weekend but is not there.

Lisa VanEvera asked that the community food box be moved closer to town hall. Some people in the community are uncomfortable using it where it is currently located. Christina Byrd will reach out to Mary Elder to make sure she is ok with it being moved as her son was part of putting it up.

Lisa VanEvera will be bringing a sketch of her idea of what she would like to see the property next to town hall to be used for.

Lisa VanEvera was absent at the meeting when potential council members were interviewed so she asked questions: Why do you want on council?

They all said to contribute to the community. What are your goals? Tim

Hudspeth said he doesn't have goals but rather see what the community needs. Linda Baca said the backbone of the community is important to her.

Richard Wible said he'd like to see growth in the community. Lisa asked if town representatives and employees would be treated with respect? Linda

Baca said if there is a problem with a person it should be taken to them directly.

Rick VanEvera said the city has come a long way. Residents agreed with him.

All council members agreed they thought council members should be elected and not appointed but have no choice since 2 seats are currently open.

Rick VanEvera nominated Tim Hudspeth for seat 1. Aaron Byrd 2nd. Lisa VanEvera was in favor

Aaron Byrd nominated Richard Wible for seat 5. Rick VanEvera 2nd. Lisa VanEvera was in favor.

Lisa made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Aaron Byrd. ALL IN FAVOR.

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