



**Huntsdale Town Council Meeting
March 20, 2007
Katy's Little Lodge B & B**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Debby Lancaster at 6:32 p.m.

February 20, 2007 Town Council Meeting Minutes Approved: Dallas motioned that the minutes be approved as they are. Ed McGee 2nd the motion.

Treasurers Report: Dallas motioned that the February Income Statement be approved. Kathy McGee 2nd the motion.

Financial Information

Guest speaker, Diane Sublett presented information on 9 Month Certificates of Deposit. \$5,000 minimum earning 4.89% interest. If unexpected expenses force the town to cash the CDs early, Diane assured town members that the bank could wave the fees. Fees normally run under \$25 or loss of 3 months interest.

Diane patiently answered all questions. She made suggestions as the Council deliberated and was most helpful. She assured the Town Council that First National Bank would work with them to make things as easy as possible.

Town council deliberated many options for investing the idle funds of \$11,000. Dallas Lancaster motioned that the Town purchase 2 CDs. One in the amount of \$6,000 and the other in the amount of \$5,000.

Role call vote:

Ed McGee	Yes	Kathy McGee	Yes	Dorothy Eberhart	Yes
Dallas Lancaster	Yes	Debby Lancaster	Yes		

Kathy McGee motioned that the town transfer \$1,000 from the Business Interest account to the Money Market Account where it can earn more interest. Dallas 2nd the motion.

Role call vote:

Ed McGee	Yes	Kathy McGee	Yes	Dorothy Eberhart	Yes
Dallas Lancaster	Yes	Debby Lancaster	Yes		

City Clerk, Dorothy Eberhart, agreed to email Diane Sublett instructions and a copy of the March 20, 2007 Town Council Minutes as authorization.

Old Business

Painting Yellow lines on Railroad Street

Ed McGee assured everyone present that the road will be painted when the weather clears and everything dries enough for the paint to stay.

Town Ordinances

Discussion of Town Ordinances were placed on hold for a later time.

New Business

Taxes

Attorney Pat Cronan gave an open forum discussion of taxes and implications for the town on Monday, March 19, 2007.



Mayor, Debby Lancaster, asked the town council if sales taxes and property taxes were something the town wanted to pursue. Discussion ensued.

City Clerk will request random tax revenue printouts from the State Treasurer's office. Mayor Debby Lancaster said that City Clerk should not have to put minor expenses such as the \$35 printout fee up for vote. All council members agreed.

Property Tax: Dallas Lancaster motioned that the town establish a property tax of \$0.50 per \$100 assessed value as described by attorney Pat Cronan. Ed McGee 2nd the motion.

Role call vote:

Ed McGee	Yes	Kathy McGee	No	Dorothy Eberhart	Yes
Dallas Lancaster	Yes	Debby Lancaster	Yes		

Sales Tax: Kathy McGee motioned that the town establish a 1% sales tax as described by Attorney Pat Cronan.

Role call vote:

Ed McGee	Yes	Kathy McGee	Yes	Dorothy Eberhart	Yes
Dallas Lancaster	Yes	Debby Lancaster	Yes		

Mayor, Debby Lancaster, asked the Town Council members when they wanted to put the issue on the ballot for public vote. It was decided that August was the soonest the town could have the proposal ready for filing. Debby Lancaster is going to request costs and procedural information from Art Auer who works on the elections for Boone County. Final decision of when to put the issues before the public for vote will be made after Debby presents the information to the council at the April meeting.

Debby Lancaster requested permission to have Pat Cronan write up the proposal and ordinance (if passed). Town council voiced agreement that the attorney was the most knowledgeable person for the task. All agreed that having provided free advice and help on legal/municipal/ordinances he should be the person to take it forward.

Building Code Committee

Ana Lopez requested the town invest in a copy of the 2006 International Building Codes. After discussion it was decided that with access to the codes via internet and the public library the town does not need to purchase a copy.

Ana will review changes in the editions of the 2003 to 2006 International Building Codes and report the findings to the Building Code Committee at their April meeting.

Ana is appointed to get the paperwork together for adopting the 2006 IBC and Kurt Shryack will review prior to presenting to the committee.

The floor was opened for public comments.

No one voiced items to be addressed or public announcements.

Ed McGee motioned the meeting be adjourned. Dallas Lancaster 2nd the motion.