



Town of Hawthorn Junction

Regular Minutes

Town Council

Meeting #107-23-H

6:00 PM

8 Main St.

Call to Order Mayor Cole Roscoe

Prayer Rev. Al Davis

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Cole Roscoe

Roll Call Charli Jenkin
Council Members Present: 9 - Rev. Al Davis, Chuck Hawthorn, Sarah Hawthorn, Charli Jenkin (Secretary), Marshall Jenkin, Sheila McGlenn, Dodd Plum, Harold Plum, Mayor Cole Roscoe (non-voting, ex officio)

Absent Council Members: 1 - Jonathan Jenkin

Also Present: Buster Breaux, Norma Crutchfield, Gertrude McKibben, Leroy Trotter

Approval of Agenda Charli MOVED to approve the agenda. SECONDED by Marshall. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY on voice vote.

Approval of Minutes Charli MOVED to approve the minutes from the previous council meeting. SECONDED by Sarah. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY on voice vote.

A. PETITIONS, REPORTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Update from the Mayor

Mayor Roscoe provided an update on the search for a marketing firm for the town tourism board. None of the bids submitted were within the town's budget, so the call for proposals has been extended an additional two months. Additionally, he would like to remind everyone that mid-term elections are coming up this year and if that dog decides to runs again, the race better not be so tight this time.

Reports by Committees

Charli gave a report from the Festival Committee regarding the planning for this year's Lizzy on Main celebration. She informed the council that the committee voted to follow the same schedule this year as last year's celebration. Harold said that if something's not broken, why fix it? Dodd commended Charli on her excellent work organizing the festival for the past several years, and stated his appreciation for all her hard work on the day of the festival, as well. This sentiment was echoed by Marshall and Sheila. Sarah wondered whether we shouldn't be focusing our attention on more wholesome events that would attract the right sort of people, instead of noisy, uncouth street festivals that invite a dangerous element to our fine town. Chuck concurred. Sarah added something that sounded like, Go, disaster blah on the good old blah wall radical blah finally free blah wilderness with abiding blah hole for you blah blah map guess genesis fit blah clarity enemy archery blah to another one blah blah diary for us and blah delicate underworld lottery blah gathering hail shot blah love coat blah get blah for all time, stop. Chuck inquired whether booth locations had been assigned yet, as she and Chuck had not received theirs yet. Sheila said she would appreciate it if her booth could be in a new location this year, as she doesn't want to be stuck near the portable toilets all day again. Charli said that the committee would be giving out locations in the coming weeks, and that she would make a note of Sheila's preference. Dodd inquired whether it would be possible to find a different printing service for the festival map, as there were a few embarrassing typographical errors in last year's map. Charli replied that they would likely use the same printing service, since they're the only one in the area. Marshall inquired whether anyone had given any thought to changing the parking arrangements, since last year someone kept directing museum visitors to park in the general store's lot. Dodd responded that there was no law preventing people from parking wherever they wanted. Marshall retorted that maybe he'd have to do something about that, then. Charli then inquired whether any council members would be available to volunteer during the day at the parade. The Hawthorns and Sheila all said they had to be at their booths all day, and Dodd lamented that he would be busy with his reenactments at the museum. Mayor Roscoe said that he always found himself swamped with constituents after the parade, and that most of the day was usually taken up with glad-handing and kissing babies. Marshall said the store would be busy during the festival, but that he would try to get away. Harold said he would try to stop by, if Bingo's didn't need him. Rev. Al reminded the Hawthorns that, if they changed their mind, they

could always join him at his prayer meeting that weekend. Charli said maybe she could ask Paula for help in the afternoon at least once she was done working the parade, since everyone else was so terribly busy. Charli concluded that the Festival Committee would meet at least once more before August.

Comments by the Public

Leroy Trotter, 3 Skylark Ln, raised concerns regarding parking for the festival, which he felt was insufficient last year.

Gertrude McKibben, 3 Farm St., commended Rev. Al on his plans for a 24-hour marathon prayer meeting. She said she attended last year's because she couldn't sleep in the middle of the night, and that she would much rather attend one of his sermons than the festival. She also stated that she could tell a storm was coming because her knee was swelling, like it always does before a squall.

Norma Crutchfield, 9 Farm St., wondered why Mayor Roscoe was the sole judge of the Lizard Queen pageant, and why the judge needed private one-on-one interviews with contestants.

B. BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS

B-202-33
MOTION:

Invoices for Repairs to Town Hall HVAC System.
Charli **MOVED** to approve B-202-33 for payment to Hawthorn Heating & Cooling. Dodd expressed concern that the air conditioning system is still not working properly, which may damage important documents held in the Town Hall archive. Mayor Roscoe noted that they might at least have done the job right before billing the town. Marshall said if he went around charging people for broken merchandise, he would've gone out of business a long time ago. Sarah remarked it was a wonder he hadn't gone out of business as it is. Chuck responded with something that sounded like, Go, six consummate elements blah for her old man blah with blah gracefully gull blah blah his procession blah did cantaloupe slip blah soon blah blah counterfeit boy blah sip blah desperate hot will abusing blah decibel, stop. Charli pointed out that the bill is now past due, after failing to reach a vote at last month's meeting.

ACTION:

MOTION FAILED to reach to a vote for lack of a second.

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

R-09-12

Resolution to increase tourism to Hawthorn Junction.

Sponsors: Dodd, Marshall

Spoke in favor:

Dodd Plum, 3 Plum Dr., noted that if the town is serious about boosting tourism, it should focus on marketing the town's

strengths, including its historic legacy and unique attractions. He added that expanding tourism would be beneficial to local establishments that rely on out-of-town business.

Marshall Jenkin, 2 Jenkins Way, agreed that local businesses would be helped by a stronger tourist economy, although he acknowledged that some resources would have to change if the town really began to see a significant influx of tourists. In that case, maybe the town would finally be able to attract a real chain hotel, instead of just the old Lakeview Inn.

Buster Breaux, 13 Main St., said that increasing tourism would definitely help his restaurant.

Sheila McGlenn, 6 Farm St., pointed out that real estate values would increase, the more the town is seen as a desirable tourist destination.

Mayor Roscoe, 3 Brown St., stated that sharing the beauty and noble history of Hawthorn Junction was important to him as the civic leader of the town, and promised it would be one of the platforms he will include in his run for reelection this fall.

Spoke against:

Rev. Al Davis, 2 Plum Dr., expressed his dismay to hear the town leadership so focused on earthly matters, and said that if the town were concerned about its citizens' spiritual welfare, the council would do away altogether with excessive revelry like certain godless festivals.

Chuck Hawthorn, 13 Farm St., agreed that it was important to attract the right element to town, rather than indiscriminately enticing people from who-knows-where.

Harold Plum, 4 Plum Dr., suggested that the integrity of the town was at stake when strangers started invading.

Mayor Roscoe declared the public hearing on R-09-12 closed.

D. LEGISLATIVE ACTION - FIRST READING

O-204-87

To Limit Noise Between 8 PM and 6 AM. This ordinance seeks to limit disruptive noise within the town boundaries during the evening hours. In the proposed ordinance, non-construction noise is limited to 50 dBA and construction noise is limited to 60 dBA. This will promote a more peaceful town for residents by restricting unwholesome distractions like noisy bars and loud concerts.

Sponsor: Rev. Al

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:30 PM.

APPROVED:

Cole Roscoe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Catherine Jenkin, Council Secretary