

Grand Lake Towne, Oklahoma

Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2023

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Calhoun at 6:30pm.

Roll Call of Board: Trustees present were Ken Calhoun, Mayor; Todd Adams, Pro Tem, Robert Long, Ray Mayes, Jennifer Burnett. Board members present were Sherre Johnson, Treasurer and Linda Hossler, Town Clerk.

Guests in attendance: Caren Calhoun, Betty Blomhost, Tammy Long, Dave Moper, Teena Arnold, Danny and Gayla Anderson, Rusty and Garla Brummett.

Mayor Welcome and Comments:

Ken welcomed and thanked all our residents who were in attendance for tonight's meeting.

Previous Minutes: July 11, 2023, minutes were reviewed. Robert motioned to accept minutes as presented and Ray seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Report dated July 1, 2023, was reviewed. Robert motioned to accept the report as presented and Todd seconded. Motion carried.

Sherre presented the Grand Lake Towne State Budget submission, and after review and discussion the board voted to approve as submitted. Robert motioned to accept the budget and Todd seconded. Motion carried.

Board choose to table signing and notarization of the budget until after the meeting adjourned.

Old Business: No old business.

Committee Reports:

Building: Ken Calhoun, Chairman- no report

Street Commission: Robert Long, Chairman- no report

4th of July: No report

New Business:

Economic Growth and Impact of the announcement of the American Heartland Theme Park

- a) Ken led a discussion concerning the potential economic changes the American Heartland Theme Park and development of the area could have on our town and the South Grand Lake area. Ken outlined two issues with a current property being used as

vacation rental home (Airbnb); specifically trailers and sport equipment being parked on our streets blocking the roadway and visitors not following or knowing our ordinances. Ken expressed concern with our current covenants and ordinance being vague and nonexistence to how our town would handle long term and short-term property rental. Ken asked the board if we should consider the addition of control measures and changes to our current covenants and ordinances to ensure Grand Lake Towne would be ready to address and handle potential issues for the future.

- b) The board opened the floor to our residents in attendance to hear from them on their concerns. Our residents addressed several items that they would want considered and reviewed; They included:
- a. If short term rentals are to be allowed, could this be better managed by permitting/registering property owners; define business usage within the community; address property usage of lots.
 - b. Consider a local property tax for short term rentals.
 - c. Require property owner to provide proof of insurance and follow State and local laws on property rental requirements, i.e., number of occupants, safety measures, etc.
 - d. Develop a parking plan and restrictions for additional vehicle's, sport trailers, travel trailers, RVs, etc.
 - e. Address any restrictions for the use of common areas, boat ramp, swim dock and boat docks.
 - f. Review pet restrictions and requirements.
 - g. Have a community meeting to discuss and advise the board recommendations.
- c) Ken thanked the residents for their discussion.

A motion was made by Todd to begin working on a plan to address control measures and potential changes to covenants and ordinances; Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Todd motioned to adjourn at 7:04pm and Robert seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2023, 6:30pm Grand Lake Towne Storm Shelter

Linda Hossler,
Town Clerk