



**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman
For the City of Valley View, Texas 12/20/2021**

Call meeting to order – Mayor Chalk called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. Mayor Pro Tem Spears was absent and Amanda Davis, City Attorney, was present via telephone.

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation Mayor Chalk led the pledge and Alderman Wilkerson lead the invocation.

3. Public Comments

Reva Chalk said she wanted to speak about the entertainment portion of the 150th Birthday, as she understood there were some issues with it. She stated that she wanted to ask that Brandon Davis come and that he had been asked for a few different times. She said she understood sponsorships were offered for him to play and was told that wasn't necessary. She concluded that he is an up-and-coming artist and she feels he would be good to have in the city.

Richard Skinner said that getting people to agree on things is always the best and the best outcome will keep that in mind.

4. Discuss and consider options for Contracts with performing artists at 150th Birthday Celebration, possible action.

Alderman Sandmann said she did not understand why the meeting was happening, as she thought that this already done and that the Board had put Lynn Morgan in charge to do the planning and get the contracts. She said she thought this had all been resolved 4 meetings ago.

Mayor Chalk stated that when the planning started, he said he wanted Brandon Davis here.

Alderman Scoggin said she didn't understand the issue.

Mayor Chalk said that when he and Mrs. Morgan first met for the event, he asked for this.

Alderman Holder asked why this was never brought up in the Board meetings. He said that at the meeting just the week prior, the event was specifically talked about and this was not brought up. Mayor Chalk said he was under the understanding that the City was still going to try to get Mr. Davis. He added that he understood that the lawyer said Summer Dean could be canceled because there was no contract.

Alderman Sandmann stated she still didn't understand why this had never been brought up at a Board meeting. Mayor Chalk said because it was discussed as a committee. Alderman Scoggin said that the Board still has to approve things. Mayor Chalk said that when he would come in on Thursdays, he would informally talk with Mrs. Morgan.

Alderman Wilkerson asked if there was anything illegal, immoral, or otherwise a reason to get rid of one of the existing contracts.

Alderman Wilkerson asked what the financial numbers were. Mrs. Morgan explained that the total for the three full bands under contract was \$5,500 and that Mr. Davis's quote was \$2,750. She further explained a handout that included predicted other expenses such as tables and chairs, and the summary of revenue to date.

Alderman Sandmann said she saw that the event is already listed on Mr. Davis's website. Alderman Scoggin said she didn't think that was a good advertisement since there was no contract in place.

Alderman Scoggin advised that she had not heard of any of the artists playing or being considered.

Mrs. Morgan stated that Mr. Davis can be added to the lineup at 2:30pm, but that he will have to play in the gazebo in the square with his own equipment, due to the stage being occupied. Alderman Sandmann asked if Mr. Davis was an acoustic set and Mrs. Morgan confirmed. Alderman Sandmann said she felt it was too much money for one guy.

Alderman Wilkerson stated that the issue now is if he is added and where. Alderman Sandmann said that if he's playing at the same time as soundcheck, it will probably drown out his sound. Mrs. Morgan explained that soundcheck is more for the monitors on stage and can be turned where the crowd won't hear most of it.

Alderman Sandmann asked Mayor Chalk when the first communication was with Mr. Davis. Mrs. Morgan said she wasn't sure, but the email that was included was just the most recent.

Alderman Holder stated that his concern was the Mayor coming in raising his voice and hollering at Mrs. Morgan. Alderman Scoggin asked where that happened and Alderman Holder stated it was in the office the day after the last Board meeting. Mayor Chalk tried to interject, but Alderman Holder asked him to not interrupt.

Mayor Chalk said that he had had the opportunity to speak to the attorney and the attorney advised him he had the right to cancel a contract and order Mrs. Morgan to book Mr. Davis.

Amanda Davis, City Attorney, stated that she learned that Contracts were in fact already in place which changes how things proceed. She said the consideration now is if the Board wants to allot for additional money for Mr. Davis to be added.

Mayor Chalk stated he came into the office on Friday and was told there was not a contract so Brandon could be booked. Ms. Davis corrected that the goal was not to cancel a contract already in place, but rather to change artist.

Alderman Sandmann asked that if they were to cancel a contract, would they still be responsible for the payment. Mayor Chalk said that is why he was trying to do it before there was a contract.

Alderman Wilkerson stated that we are past that and now we just need to decide if we are going to add him or not.

Mrs. Morgan stated that the last contract was received back, signed and dated December 8.

Alderman Sandmann asked if a motion was needed and Ms. Davis advised it would be for consideration of moving forward with the contract with Mr. Davis and continuing with the 25% deposit required.

Alderman Sandmann made a motion to keep the contracts in place as they are and to move on. Alderman Holder seconded the motion and the passed 4-0.

5. Adjourn.

Alderman Holder made a motion to adjourn at 6:43pm. Alderman Wilkerson seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Minutes of the Board of Aldermen were approved this 20th day of January, 2022.