



**VILLAGE OF PLEAK
JUNE 4, 2014
JOINT WORKSHOP
MINUTES**

The Board of Aldermen of the Village of Pleak, Texas held a Joint Workshop with the Planning Commission of the Village of Pleak, open to the public, on June 4, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Pleak Village Hall located at 6621 FM 2218 South, Richmond, Texas. Mayor Larry Bittner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following people attended the workshop: Mayor Larry Bittner, Mayor Pro-Tem Michael John, Brenda Jaynes, Wade Goates, Joanne McRae, Al Warnasch, City Attorney Lora Lenzsch, Fire Chief Jerry Gania, and Assistant Fire Chief Robert Schulte.

1. Council to discuss with the Planning Commission the goal of the ESD for the future of the Village of Pleak.

Howard Katz, ESD attorney for the fire department was present to discuss with everyone the procedures on how to begin the ESD process. ESD (Emergency Service District) is created through an election and has the authority to impose a tax up to ten cents per \$100.00 evaluation. The terms of the services must be stated in the petition such as fire, rescue and ambulance services. It is not required to furnish all services if the ESD is approved because the extra service cannot be added later. The petition needs a minimum of 100 signatures that are registered voters and own property in the proposed district but it is best to get about 150 just in case some of the signatures do not qualify. The petition needs to have the proposed boundaries attached when getting signatures so the voters know what they are signing for. When completed the petition is presented to commissioners court to be certified. The petition is only good for 6 months prior to the certification by commissioners' court. October or November of this year will be the best time to get started on the petition because of the time limit for a May 2015 election. When getting signatures for the petition, voters need to be from the Pleak city limits, the extraterritorial jurisdiction and any other areas that will be included in the ESD. Education to the voters is very important so they know what is going on. The ESD is governed by a 5 member board and are appointed by the commissioners' court. They have 2 year staggered terms and have no term limits. They also have to be a resident and property owner in the district. All operating decisions are made by the board.

In regards to the city, the city council can support the ESD individually, not as the whole city council. If the ESD is approved, interlocal agreements will need to be signed between the city and the ESD for the use of the building and trucks.

The next workshop will be scheduled for July 2, 2014.

2. Adjournment

Mayor Bittner adjourned the workshop.

Approved By:

Larry Bittner
Mayor Larry Bittner

Submitted By:

Ruth Elster
Ruth Elster, City Secretary

