

Amberwood HOA Meeting

April 21, 2010

Last night's meeting was primarily focused on the city council race. I have attached a copy of the early voting schedule.

Tom Witt called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm with approximately 45 attending. City council candidates Diane Hervol and Jason Welch spoke about their campaign and vision for Kyle. Each spoke for 10 minutes, answered questions for 10 minutes, and gave a 5 minute summary.

Jason Welch described his major issues with the city including capping the debt limit, zero based budgeting, getting rid of the trolleys, opposition to any public funds being provided for a proposed recreational center and no increase in city tax rate. He was asked questions about the library site, how private funds would be obtained for a recreational center, dismissal of the city manager and salary requirements, his opposition to city employee unions, and believes the city is not going to address Monarch Water due to revenue problems. He also stated he rents property in Kyle due to debt incurred attending school and does not have a record of volunteer service.

Diane Hervol described her involvement with Amberwood HOA and 3 years of service on the city planning and zoning commission. Diane described her concern over the \$73 million city debt and the need for a debt retirement plan. She also said the police department has outgrown their facility but the city could defer a decision on \$5 million in new construction for 3 years by using existing space next to City Hall. She stated her concern over the inadequacy of the existing library, the need to attract new residential and commercial investment, and would like to see requests for proposals used for open city projects and believes the bidding process could reduce cost. She was asked questions about the role of council and city manager, debt levels, opposes raising the tax rate, police unionization, agreed city needs to review Monarch Water options, and is concerned Monarch Water is limiting growth on the east side of I35.

Tom Witt recognized the social committee and volunteers for their efforts and success of this year's egg hunt. Our next neighborhood garage sale is May 1st and we are starting a new contest for most improved yard. Details for both items are explained in the next mailing to residents. Amberwood is changing landscaping service contractors May 1st. The board believes residents will notice an improvement in common area appearance. The walking trail project is ongoing and the first on-site work will commence when the bridge for the spillway is delivered. Issues related to future development of the retention pond area were deferred including ways to improve and develop and if we want the City of Kyle to include the Amberwood walking trail project in their listing of city walking trails or kept off the listing. These issues will be discussed at future HOA meetings.

Steve Wright with Texas Disposal Systems told residents about the success of the recycling program and City of Kyle administration support for continuing the program. The meeting ended at approximately 8:00 pm.

I will notify everyone when we determine a date for the next HOA neighborhood meeting. Since the school closes during the majority of the summer, we will have to determine when we can use the facility without having to pay school staff.

Tom Witt

Amberwood HOA President