

# SPECIAL MEETING OF STINNETT CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

6:30 PM

609 MACKENZIE

CALLED TO ORDER	COLIN LOCKE, MAYOR @ 6:36 pm
PRESENT	COLIN LOCKE, Mayor; APRIL COUCH, Alderman PL-2; CHAR KERR, Alderman PL-4; JEFF IRVIN, Alderman PL-5
ABSENT	RUSTY SIMS, Alderman PL-1; JUSTIN HART, Alderman PL-3;
STAFF	ANDY TRAHAN, City Administrator; LYNETTE SLOAN, City Secretary; ALAN WELLS, Fire Chief
GUESTS	Gena Wells
INVOCATION & PLEDGE	COLIN LOCKE

## Agenda

### ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION	The MAYOR advised the Hutchinson County Hospital District have suspended subsidy payments until the city has a new EMS Director. Michelle Ahlers, one of the prospects for EMS Director is in attendance. The council opted at this time to visit with her in an open forum regarding her qualifications and vision for the position. Ms. Ahlers is a certified Paramedic with a degree in Emergency Medical Services. She is also state certified as an instructor for ACLS, PALS, PHTLS, CPR, & NIMS. She is also qualified as a firefighter. Ms. Ahlers is also a veteran with the United States Coast Guard. She expressed her strong desire to be the director of an EMS service. She shared her vision to implement a program that will check in with the elderly of the community each day. She would like to visit with the school district to offer an Emergency Care Assistant elective in the High School. Ms. Ahlers will need training with Medicaid in order to move the city's EMS to internal billing of service. Housing in Stinnett is limited, but she is actively pursuing options. Lastly, she requires to be allowed to give 2 weeks' notice to her current employer if offered the position. The council had no questions for Ms. Ahlers and she was allowed to leave the meeting.
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### ITEM 3 2016 PROPOSED TAX RATE HEARING

DISCUSSION	COLIN LOCKE read the proposed tax rate of \$0.350792 per \$100 property value. No other discussion occurred.
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### ITEM 4 ORDINANCE 324-B AMENDING CITY SERVICES

DISCUSSION	LYNETTE SLOAN took the council through the changes made to ordinance 324-A including a \$1.50 rate increase to each base and consumption rate as well as adding a base rate for gas services. The last significant rate increases occurred in the 90's. Changes were made to provide for \$125 second gas deposit and \$75 second water deposit in the event of a customer's second disconnect for non-payment. Section 3 will be replaced with Section 3-A on January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016. This provides for the city to change the billing cycle of the utility bills to allow more accurate state reporting of gas and water consumption. Lynette walked the council through how the new cycle will work. Instead of the meters being read on the 15 <sup>th</sup> of each month, they will be read at the end of the month. These readings will be data processed and the bills will print and mail out on the 15 <sup>th</sup> of the month instead of the last day of the month. The change moves the due date to the 1 <sup>st</sup> of the month with cut-off of non-paid accounts on the 10 <sup>th</sup> after 1pm. In anticipation of the difficulty of change the city will advise of the change on all utility bills between now and the 1 <sup>st</sup> of January. Also, posters will be made and displayed at City Hall, Market Square, & Post Office that clearly explain the upcoming change. Lastly, in accordance with state plumbing laws, section 4.04 notes that a certified plumber must perform all 1 hour pressure tests on gas service lines. A city employee must be available for this test. This section provides instructions for scheduling these tests.
ACTION	Motion to APPROVE – JEFF IRVIN; Second – APRIL COUCH; VOTE: YEAS – 3 NAYS – 0

### ITEM 5 BUDGET HEARING

DISCUSSION	Lengthy discussion occurred between the council and Alan Wells regarding the decrease in the fire budget. In the end, COLIN LOCKE stated he was happy with the budget as it has been laid out.
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### ITEM 6 ADOPT BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 15-16

DISCUSSION	None.
ACTION	Motion to APPROVE – JEFF IRVIN; Second – CHAR KERR; VOTE: YEAS – 3 NAYS – 0

### ITEM 7 EXECUTIVE SESSION

DISCUSSION	CLOSED DOOR SESSION BEGAN 8:22pm per TGC 551.074 RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING 8:33pm
ACTION	Motion to APPROVE – JEFF IRVIN; Second – CHAR KERR; VOTE: YEAS – 3 NAYS – 0

ITEM 8

APPROPRIATE ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AS REQUIRED

DISCUSSION	The position of EMS Director will be offered to Marcus Smith at a salary of \$45,000
ACTION	Motion to APPROVE – JEFF IRVIN; Second – CHAR KERR; VOTE: YEAS – 3 NAYS – 0

ITEM 9

ADJOURN

DISCUSSION	The Mayor requested that Andy contact the council with Mr. Smith's decision on the employment offer.
ACTION	Motion to ADJOURN – APRIL COUCH; Second – CHAR KERR; VOTE: YEAS – 3 NAYS – 0

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 8:35 PM

APPROVED

*Colin Locke*  
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 COLIN LOCKE  
 MAYOR

ATTEST:

*Lynette Sloan*  
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 LYNETTE SLOAN  
 CITY SECRETARY