

SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 3rd, 2011

PRESENT: Billy John Murphy Mayor
Greg Drennan Alderman Place 1
Dianna Sursa Alderman Place 4
Mike McMahan Alderman Place 5

ABSENT: Kim Johnston Alderman Place 2
Donnie Hayes Alderman Place 3

STAFF: Mark Anderson City Manager
Jocelyn Perez City Secretary
Matt Daffern Gas Supervisor
Tonia Eberhardt EMS Director
Alan Wells Fire Chief
Drennan Rogers Police Officer

GUESTS: Mrs. Hawthorne

NEWS MEDIA: (None)

ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WELCOME GUESTS

Mayor, Billy Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., Council Member Sursa gave the invocation, and lead the pledge. Mayor Murphy took time to thank all guests for coming.

ITEM #2: PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Hawthorne asked when the "Horse Issue" would be resolved. City Manager Anderson replied that the only issue left was the underground electric and water.

Mayor Murphy informed the council that the Little League Sprinkler system has been installed and that the grass seed should come to approximately \$300.00.

ITEM #3: MONTHLY REPORTS

Maintenance: Gas Supervisor, Matt Daffern reported the following:

Gas leaks have been addressed. The Railroad Commission will not accept clamps therefore; we will be replacing the system with new poly.

The maintenance department is now fully staffed.

E.M.S.: E.M.S. Director Tonia Eberhardt reported the following:

EMS had 26 call outs in September 2011. They had 11 Football standby, 3 Code 3 and 2 Lifestar.

We have a new volunteer Rochell Darrern. Making our count 41.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Alan Wells reported the following:

Calls

August 2011 – 15 Calls

September 2011 – 11 Calls

2010 – 2011 = 157 Calls

Equipment

- ✓ The rescue tools were repaired the second week in September.
- ✓ We have new hose, new radios for the trucks and a new repeater, new software and new hydrant wrenches. A new projector has been purchased to aid in training.
- ✓ We would like to fix up the old training room upstairs so that we can conduct some classroom training. The basement is not very conducive to efficient training.
- ✓ The repeaters will be installed when the FCC license has been granted.

Grants

- ✓ 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant was submitted on September 22nd. The total cost of the grant is \$350,000 with a match of \$17,500 (5%) for a type III Wildland truck.

Other

Some new guidance has been put out regarding NIMS. I still need to make sure that everyone is current. I need copies of the NIMS certificates from all of the city council members, as well as the maintenance personnel, EMS and Police Departments. If I need to get a class set up, let me know so that we can get it scheduled.

We will be conducting hydrant tests this month.

We are planning to replace our antenna and feed line on the County tower next weekend.

Police Department: (No Report)

C.D.C.: (No Report)

City Manager: City Manager Mark Anderson reported the following:

Ambulance Service: Awaiting word from HCHD in regard to another review session to be scheduled with them, with indication this will probably take place after they move into the new hospital building.

Gas System: Leak Survey for Commercial /Business areas was done on September 7th. Three leaks were detected and repaired. Also, on September 9th, survey was done in the Uptergroves addition, where two leaks were detected and a section of line from Center Dr. to the east is being replaced.

Gas System: Railroad Commission Rep. was here on September 28th and with use of their recently acquired leak detection equipment found some leaks we need to follow up on. One was of a high percentage that we dealt with immediately.

Maintenance/Public Works Employees: Logan Garrard Began Duties on August 1st, 2011, Matt Daffern Began on August 16th, 2011, and Johnny Alderete began on September 1st, 2011.

Basic Water Calss: Garrard & Alderete attended a class for this and tested afterwards, on September 19th thru 21st, 2011. We are waiting for the results.

Vehicle Purchase: We will discuss this later on in the meeting.

ITEM #4: MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2011. – APPROVED

Following review of the minutes of the special meeting September 8th, 2011 motion was made by Council Member Sursa, seconded by Council Member McMahan, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

ITEM #5: SEPTEMBER 2011 PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS - APPROVED

The expenditures for September 2011 were submitted for the consideration of the Council. A motion was made by Council Member Sursa, seconded by Council Member McMahan, to approve payment of the expenditures for September 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

ITEM #6: CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT WITH TML-IEBP - APPROVED

The agreement was submitted to the council for consideration. A motion was made by Council Member Sursa, seconded by Council Member McMahan, to approve the Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement with TML-IEBP. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

ITEM #7: AGREEMENT WITH ES&S EQUIPMENT VOTING SYSTEMS - APPROVED

The agreement was submitted to the council for consideration. A motion was made by Council Member Drennan, seconded by Council Member McMahan, to approve the ES&S Equipment Voting Systems Agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

ITEM #8: PURCHASE OF MAITENANCE VEHICLES - APPROVED

City Manager Mark Anderson and Maintenance Employee Matthew Daffern presented to the Council possible solutions to vehicle shortages. They would like to see that each employee have their own vehicle. This year's budget had set aside \$30,000 for the expense of a new vehicle; however they would like to purchase a '2007' Chevrolet Classic 2500 HD Flatbed 4X4 with 18,000 for \$17,000. Mr. Anderson suggested to the Council to consider purchasing this vehicle and then looking for another vehicle for the city that would fit within the budget; however try to stay under \$18,000. A motion was made by Council Member Sursa, seconded by Council Member McMahan, to approve the purchase of the "2007" Chevrolet Classic for \$17,000, as well as the purchase of a 2nd vehicle not to exceed \$18,000. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

ITEM #9: TEXAS FOREST SERVICE EMERGENCY GRANT APPLICATION - APPROVED

Fire Chief Alan Wells stated that the Texas Forest Service is offering a grant that allows them to submit \$1,000 worth of receipts and in turn will reimburse the department with \$1,000 worth of cash. Motion was made by Council Member McMahan, seconded by Council Member Sursa, to approve the Texas Forest Service Emergency Grant Application. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

ITEM #9: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council went into executive session @ 6:58 p.m.

ITEM #9: ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

Council came out of executive session @ 7:26 p.m. No action was taken.

ITEM #10: ADJOURN

Motion was made by Council Member Sursa, seconded by Council Member Drennan, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:26 pm.

Billy Murphy
Mayor

ATTEST

Jocelyn Perez
City Secretary