



**Lavon City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
September 17, 2013**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:06 P.M. BY MAYOR TESKE

Members Present: Mayor Chuck Teske
Council Member Place 1, Chris Kane, Mayor Pro-Tem
Council Member Place 2, Deborah Nabors
Council Member Place 3, Melissa Stroop
Council Member Place 4, David Hawkins
Council Member Place 5, Jenny Bodwell arrived at 7:23 p.m.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Secretary Chris Wess
Police Chief Mike Jones
Accounting Clerk Pamela Engstrom

Legal Representative: None

Commission and
Board Members: None

Visitors: 4
There was a Quorum present.

II. MAYOR TESKE LED THE COUNCIL AND VISITORS IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Teske gave the invocation.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ron Scholz had a wreck the Monday after July 4th. He related a woman stopped and asked if she could do anything, and he said yes, to call 911. He wanted to compliment the Police Department and Public Works for their quick response and help. He also suggested that the Corp of Engineers clear the trees on the first curve of Lake Road to help aid in visibility.

V. ITEMS OF INTEREST/CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Nabors stated that the Lavon Area Chamber of Commerce has challenged the Sachse and Wylie Chambers of Commerce in a chili drop off. She confirmed that this is a benefit for the Wylie Christian Care Center. The deadline for this challenge will be November 8th. She affirmed the drop off center for any chili or donations is at L &D Automotive, Independent Bank, and the Daycare. Police Chief Jones relayed that National Night Out is on October 1st and if anyone would like to help out they can contact Officer Vargas. Mayor Pro-Tem Kane stated that the High School Homecoming would be the next week. He confirmed Community High School is playing Diamond Hills Jarvis and there



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would be a tailgate party before the game. Police Chief Jones relayed that they will start on the Wylie section of HWY 78 this week and, that people should expect to see the bridge be the first part of the project started on.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the PID #1 Assessment Report Summary dated 8/31/13 (Wess)*

Motion: Council Member Stroop moved to approve the PID #1 Assessment Report Summary dated 8/31/13.

Second: Council Member Nabors

In Favor: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, Council Members Nabors, Stroop and Hawkins.

Opposed: None

Motion: Carries

VII. STAFF REPORTS

- A. City Secretary Wess to discuss upcoming public hearings on changes to the zoning ordinance as requested by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Lavon Economic Corporation, and the hiring of her assistant. City Secretary Wess stated the EDC has been working on getting planned development standards written for the City's Zoning Ordinance. She confirmed that they have been working diligently to get the standards defined. The Planning and Zoning Commission have approved what the EDC had written with just a few minor changes. She said this needs to be brought to the City Council and that requires a Public Hearing. She relayed that her new assistant LeAnn McClendon started working. This has permitted the other employees to stagger their lunches, allowing City Hall to stay open during lunch hours.
- B. Accounting Clerk Engstrom to discuss the Financial Outlook for 8/31/2013. Accounting Clerk Engstrom explained the Outlook and levels of Finances. She confirmed that the City needs to put limits on spending for the next 3 months.

Council Member Bodwell arrived at 7:23 p.m.

- C. Police Chief Jones to discuss the staffing levels and coverage, school zones and parking ordinance proposal. Police Chief Jones relayed that they have hired the last open paid position. He said the Police Department is trying to build up the reserve force to 10 Reserve Officers. He confirmed that it will save the City money to hire a Reserve in the future because the Officer will already be fully trained. He stated there has been complete coverage, and the Department was fortunate to have the Council give them funds to cover overtime this year. He affirmed that the School Resource Officer Vargas is working the crosswalks, and when available the Department is



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also patrolling Presidents Boulevard and Lincoln Avenue. Police Chief Jones stated that he talked to the owners of the illegally parked cars and he had a good response from the Citizens. He confirmed that a few cars have been stopped and given citations. He believes a Parking Ordinance should be put in place, and it should be in a simplified ticket format that is affordable. Mayor Teske stated this needs to be put on a discussion item for next week.

- D. Public Works Director Dudley to discuss the progress and challenges of the City Hall Park as in irrigation, landscaping, fencing and costs. Mayor Teske stated Public Works Director Dudley is sick and not here tonight. He relayed that Public Works is waiting on the completion of the main structure and that there still is irrigation plans, electrical, and the fence to be completed. He confirmed that the City is getting multiple bids on the other items that need done.

VIII. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

- B. City Council to Consider and Act on approving Ordinance No. 2013-09-02 setting the amended budget for the Fiscal Year 10-01-2013 to 09-30-2014 (Wess) City Secretary Wess explained the budget for Computer IT Support. She stated that Whitney Solutions IT said 4 of the office computers need to be replaced. Council Member Stroop said she does not think the City can pay for new computers and a raise in the same year. Council Member Nabors stated that with the antiquated technology the employees are not able to work efficiently. The Council discussed raises for employees with a base raise of 3% and a 2% retention. Mayor Teske believes anyone with 3 years or more in Employment with the City should get the 2% retention. The Council decided all employees here for 1 year will get a 3% raise, and any employee that has been here for 3 or more years will get a 2% retention bonus. Mayor Teske discussed the budget for the Police Department and the changes that were made. Council Member Stroop had a question about Crime Prevention costs. She thought that it was going to be reduced to \$1500. Police Chief Jones stated that they did agree to reduce it from \$1800 to \$1500. It will need to be adjusted on the budget. Mayor Teske went through each page of the budget with the Council so they could make any cuts and changes needed.

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane made a motion to approve the amendments to the budget.

Second: Council Member Nabors

In Favor: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, Council Members Nabors, Stroop, Hawkins and Bodwell.

Opposed: None

Motion: Carries



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Mayor Pro-Tem made a motion to approve amendments as itemized then withdrew motion.

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-09-02 the amended budget.

Second: Council Member Nabors

In Favor: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, Council Members Nabors, Stroop, Hawkins and Bodwell.

Opposed: None

Motion: Carries

- C. City Council to Consider and Act on approving Ordinance No. 2013-09-03 an ordinance levying the Ad Valorem Tax rate of \$0.4557 per \$100.00 assessed valuation of all taxable property within corporate limits of the City. (Wess)

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane moved to approve Ordinance No. 2013-09-03 an ordinance levying the Ad Valorem Tax rate of \$0.4557 per \$100.00, which is the same as last year.

Second: Council Member Nabors

In Favor: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, Council Members Nabors, Stroop, Hawkins and Bodwell.

Opposed: None

Motion: Carries

- A. City Council to Consider and Act on addressing issues on the recent consolidation of City Hall rooms #3 & #5, including but not limited to, electrical, air conditioning, data drops, phone lines, noise, fire code violations, ADA compliance. (Teske) Council Member Hawkins stated he thought the furniture arrangement was the worst he has ever seen. Council Member Stroop believed; that because City Employees were not favorable of this action; the fire inspector, electrical, phone lines, ADA, data drop issues were all done in total retaliation against the Council's decision. She believes, and stated that this is her personal opinion, that she is being held hostage by the City employees because they did not get their way. Council Member Nabors stated she did not understand why this move ever took place and that it did not make any sense. She believes that the Council should not have been involved in operational issues. Council Member Bodwell agreed with Council Member Nabors, but she had some questions on what was the reasoning behind the move, and what was going to be done with the extra space. City Secretary Wess stated the motion read that room #5 was going to be used for the EDC. Mayor Pro-Tem Kane relayed his main issue was that he believes the employees should be in the same room as their manager. Mayor Teske



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stated the office employees are all under City Secretary Wess and they will all be in the same room.

Motion: Council Member Nabors moved to give the authority for head count placement to the Mayor and asked the Mayor to work out the HR issues with the appropriate managers.

Second: Council Member Bodwell

In Favor: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, Council Members Nabors, Hawkins and Bodwell.

Opposed: None

Abstained: Council Member Stroop

Motion: Carries

IX. CITY COUNCIL TO SET FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

Mayor Teske stated an Ordinance needs to be drafted regarding the sale of designer drugs within the City limits. Council Member Hawkins relayed he would like to see an update on the Road Package and an update on the conversation that Public Works Director Kevin had with the Engineer regarding Bobby Robinson's property. He would also like an update on the Park Project and an update on HWY 78.

X. PRESIDING OFFICER TO ADJOURN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Teske adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Duly passed and approved on this 5th day of November, 2013.

Mayor Chuck Teske

Attest:

Chris Wess, City Secretary