

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 16, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ray Schultz  
Mayor Pro tem Sherrie Williams  
Councilwomen Lori Shierry and Stephanie Wooten  
Councilmen Keith Dyer and Tim Sheppard

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PERSONNEL: Jerry Flemming, City Manager  
David Sherrill, Public Works Director  
Robert Johnson, Chief of Police  
Robbie Matthews, Parks and Recreation Director  
David Owen, Economic Development Director  
Andy Payne, Fire Chief  
Patrick Moulton, Assistant Chief, Fire Operations  
Lewis Skinner, Assistant Chief, EMS Operations  
Becky Ferguson, Director of Finance  
Amie Shultz, Library Director  
Robin Morris, Admin. Assistant/Communications Supervisor  
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation.

The Economic Development Director gave the invocation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Planning Session.

The City Manager briefed the Council on the current fiscal year. He noted the Charter states it must be reviewed every five years and this is the fifth year and that the City Municipal Judge and City Attorney need to be reappointed. The RAC lease agreement expires this year and will need to be rewritten. He discussed Christmas decorations and the possibility of moving some of them, in particular the train, to Lake Gordon. It was also pointed out the Fire Department will have to get a new fire truck this next year but the new trucks are too large to fit in the current bays. The Economic Development building must have a new roof and mold removed from the walls and flooring. The staff is needing suggestions and direction for a new animal reclaim center. The staff plans to review the Code of Ordinances dealing with mobile homes and mobile home parks.

The Public Works Director gave a brief update on his departments. Several employees will be testing to receive new license and some will be upgrading their licenses. He also informed the Council that the State will be putting in four way stop signs at the entrances to the City at both Johnson Road and Pacific. He also noted in April the inside of the water tower tanks will be inspected.

The Parks and Recreation Director told the Council his department has been replacing the lighting at the walking track with LED lights as the old lights burn out. They will also be installing a French drainage system at the pool to help divert the water that stands and stagnates. He also explained how one of the light post in the median on West Park was broken by one of the Christmas banners that basically acted as a sail during high winds. The plan for this next Christmas is to put up greenery and bows on the decorative light poles downtown.

The Chief of Police spoke about his department's aging patrol cars and replacing those with SUV type vehicles. Also discussed was the need for an animal reclaim center and adding tornado sirens throughout town.

The Fire Chief stated the Fire Department has recently been restructured with two assistant chiefs, one for EMS operations and one for fire operations. They now have close to thirty volunteers and have recently started a junior firefighter program. This program is for fifteen to eighteen year olds or until high school graduation. Assistant Chief Skinner said they have found a 2008 Ford crew cab for \$14,000.00 they would like to have to replace one of their aging rescue vehicles.

The Library Director briefed the Council on recent repairs to the library, including to the elevator and HVAC.

The Economic Development Director stated this year the City should get funded for a multi-family apartment complex. Also being discussed is the possibility of a senior citizen complex. He is working on U.S. Highway 287 exit signs that display logos of businesses to let travelers know what is available at each exit. It takes a minimum of two businesses for each exit and costs those business \$2,000.00 per year.

Mayor Pro tem Williams discussed an RV park and a cost of \$10,000.00 for a feasibility study. She does not believe the City should spend that for a study. Councilman Dyer agreed and thinks an RV park should be privately owned. The Mayor Pro tem stated the City Charter needs to be reviewed and the City needs to revisit an animal reclaim center.

Councilwoman Shierry believes the City should contact the Tandy Foundation for help in the historic preservation of the Tom Burnett Memorial Highway.

Councilwoman Wooten would like the City to have a highlight of ordinances to give out to new residents.

Councilman Sheppard suggested that if a food truck goes back to the pool this season there should be a way for people not visiting the pool to purchase food. He also wants to see a new City complex.

The Mayor reminded everyone present of the importance of key personnel receiving NIMS (National Incident Management System) training. Failure to follow those requirements could cost the City grants and funding.

The meeting adjourned at 2:49.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

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Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Janice Newman