

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, November 20 2012 at 6 pm.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Kenneth Lott called the meeting to order. He stated the meetings are conducted in strict compliance with Roberts Rule of Order.

2. Roll Call

Council Present: Gary Coker, Dale Lemon, Ray Bailey, James Wise and Pat Moss. Also present: Cindy King, City Manager; Tim Wells, Chief of Police; Wendell Becker, Utilities Superintendent and Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney.

3. Invocation

Invocation was given by Mayor Kenneth Lott.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Wendell Becker.

5. Presentation of Citizens: NONE

Visitors: Dan and Peggy Ellis, Sandra Blaine, Jay Pierce, Gary and Alice Hood, William Hunter, Jaylin White-Wick.

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes - October 16, 2012

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes from October 16, 2012, as written. James Wise seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

B. Approval of Bills - \$38,748.46

Gary Coker made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$38,748.46. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

7. Public Hearings

8. Fire Department Report

Cindy King gave the report.

9. Old Business

A. Discuss/ Approve Amendments to Zoning Ordinance – Gary Coker

Gary Coker stated that he did not understand how the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was written last month, concerning to remove the requirement to have a one car garage or carport. He didn't realize the garage or carport was left off. Gary would like to have that portion put back on. James Wise and Pat Moss stated that they didn't realize it either.

Gary Coker made a motion to amend the motion that was made last month for the R2 and R2B to add or require a one car carport or one car garage. James Wise seconded. Ray Bailey and Pat Moss voted yes. Dale Lemon opposed.

B. Approve Amendment to Animal Ordinance

Charlie Stevenson read the amendment which states, it will make it an offense for a person not to immediately remove and dispose of feces left by their dog on property, public or private, not owned by the owner of the dog and an offense not to have in their possession some container or instrument to dispose of that feces.

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the amendment. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Update on Sidewalks along Elm Street

Cindy stated that there had been some confusion with Mr. Bruce on Elm Street concerning the next phase of sidewalks. He was the only resident not signing the waver to allow the city to construct sidewalks on Elm Street. He now understands the easement and will be in next week to sign the waver, so now we can begin the next phase.

10. New Business

A. Award Bid for Peach Street EST and GST #2. O'Malley / Tim Robertson

On November 8, 2012 we opened bids for the rehab of the Peach Street ground storage tank and elevated storage tank. The low bidder went to Gulf States in the amount of \$249,430.00. Tim said O'Malley has worked with them before and would recommend them to council.

Dale Lemon made a motion to award bid to Gulf States in the amount of \$249,430.00. Ray Bailey seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Variance Request to allow Fireworks at Pride Day

Dale Lemon made a motion to allow the variance to allow Fireworks at Pride Day. Pat Moss seconded. All were in favor.

C. Discuss/Approve Hour Change for City Employees – Gary Coker

Gary stated that he had talked with several city employees on changing the hours of the city. Cindy stated the changes would be taking only 30 minutes for lunch and staying until 5:30. This would be four extra hours Monday – Thursday allowing us to close at noon on Fridays.

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve the change in hours, 8 – 5:30 Monday – Thursday and 8 – 12 on Fridays. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Approve Membership Dues for the Chamber of Commerce 2013.
Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the dues for the Chamber of Commerce 2013 in the amount of \$150.00. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

E. Approve Ad for 2013 Chamber Directory
Dale Lemon made a motion to approve a ½ page ad in the amount of \$350.00 for the 2013 Chamber Directory. James Wise seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

F. Discuss Changes to Community Center Rules Regarding Number of Officers Required.
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11. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports:

12. Closed Executive Session: Discuss City Manager

OPEN MEETING:

13. Discussion and action from Executive Session

14. Adjournment: 6:45 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2012

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary