

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, December 18 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, Homer Toscano Dir. of Public Works and Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney.

3. Invocation

Invocation was given by Charlie Stevenson.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and lead by Police Chief Tim Wells.

5. Presentation of Citizens: Mayor Lott read a proclamation to honor William Anderson for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Visitors: Dan and Peggy Ellis, Agatha Sanchez, Gary and Alice Hood, Hassell and Auson Anderson, William Anderson and Madelyn Finch.

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2012

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the minutes from November 20, 2012, as written. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

B. Approval of Bills - \$27,888.46

Ray Bailey made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$27,888.46. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

7. Public Hearings

8. Fire Department Report

Tim Webb gave the Fire Department Report. They had their election for new officers for 2013, they are as follows: Fire Chief: Roger Barton, Asst. Chief: Craig King, Captains: Tim Webb and Johnny Liserio. 1st Lieutenant Cory Braden, Mascot Christina Johnson.

9. Old Business

A. Approve Amendments to Zoning Ordinance – Gary Coker

Charlie Stevenson read the ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Section 110-69 making changes to the regulations for the R2 Zone; Section 110-69.2 and R2B Zone, making changes in parking requirements. Charlie stated that off street parking was changed to require in both zones, a minimum one car carport or garage.

Ray Bailey made a motion to approve the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance concerning the requirements of one car carport or garage. Gary Coker seconded. James Wise and Pat Moss voted yes. Dale Lemon opposed. Motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Discuss Changes to Community Center Rules Regarding Number of Officers Required.

Chief Tim Wells asked to change the community center rules regarding the number of offices required when hired for alcohol consumption. Chief Wells would like one officer for every 100 people. He stated that over 100 people, if an outbreak happened that would be a lot of people to control for one officer.

Charlie Stevenson suggested that Chief Wells and Cindy get together and come up with a policy.

Dale Lemon made a motion to table until next month. Ray Bailey seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Approve Name Change for Compost Park / Agatha Sanchez

Agatha Sanchez with Beautification presented the council with a proposal to change the Compost Park's name to "The Exa Mae Keller Memorial Park" in honor of the City of Sweeny's former City Manager.

Dale Lemon made a motion to change the name of the compost park to "The Exa Mae Keller Memorial Park". Pat Moss seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Discuss / Approve Options for Wrecked Police Vehicle

Ray Bailey made a motion to let the insurance company come and pick up the wrecked vehicle, no salvage. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Discuss / Approve Purchase of New Police Vehicle

Cindy addressed the council with a bid for a used 2010 Crown Vic. for \$13,500.00 with 71,000 miles on it from Southwest Public Safety or a new 2012 Chevy Tahoe \$32,000.

Ray Bailey asked if the 2010 Crown Vic came with a warranty. Chief Wells said he didn't think it came with a warranty

Dale Lemon made a motion to purchase the used 2010 Crown Vic for \$13,500.00. Pat Moss seconded. James Wise and Gary Coker voted yes. Ray Bailey abstained.

E. Discuss / Approve to go to for Bids on Fire Marshal Vehicle

Cindy stated we have the new Fire Marshal Vehicle on order. We need to decide what we need to do with the 2003 Crown Vic the Fire Marshal has now.

Dale Lemon made a motion to give the Fire Marshal car, the 2003 Crown Vic. to the Fire Department. Ray Bailey seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

F. Approve 2013 Holidays

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the 2013 holidays. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

11. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports:

12. Closed Executive Session:

OPEN MEETING:

13. Discussion and action from Executive Session

14. Adjournment: 6:42 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2012

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary