

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, April 15, 2008

1. Call To Order

Mayor - Pro Tem Gary Coker called the meeting to order. Reminded Council and audience meetings are conducted in strict compliance with Roberts Rule of Order.

2. Invocation

Invocation was given by Charlie Stevenson

3. Roll Call

Council present: Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Coker, Rodney Weems, Linda Diaz and Thomas Lemon. Absent: Neal Bess Jr.

Also present: Tim Moss, City Manager; Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney, Homer Toscano, Director of Public Works; and Gary Stroud, Chief of Police.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5. Presentations by Citizens -

Visitors: Al Lindley, Frank Lawrence, Fred Kanter, Gloria Harrison, Stg. J. McDonald, Rhonda Slay, DeElle Fabrygel, Pat and Courtney Patterson, Jim Darrell, Becky Wojcik, Ronald Lynn, Mary Lou Lynn.

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes - March 18, 2008

B. Approval of Bills- \$36,444.94

Rodney Weems made a motion to accept the consent items as read. Linda Diaz seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

7. Public Hearings

A. Increase Accessory Building Size

Rodney Weems spoke; the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments has suggested to increase the size of accessory building's to be 8% of lot size; with a maximum of 3 buildings per lot.

8. Fire Department Report

No one present from Fire Department to give report.

9. Old Business

A. Amend Parks and Recreation Ordinance 102-94/ Neal Bess

Neal Bess absent; requested to table until May meeting. Thomas Lemon made a motion to table until May meeting. Rodney Weems seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

B. Final Plat Approval Subdivision of Property at 1303 Ave A / Drew Jolly

Discussion made. Rodney Weems made a motion to approve the final plat subdivision of property located at 1303 Ave A. Thomas Lemon seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

C. Final Plat Approval Subdivision of Property at 204 Silverleaf / Lisa Achten

Discussion made. Rodney Weems made a motion to approve the final plat subdivision of property located at 204 Silverleaf. Linda Diaz seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Action on Public Hearing

Discussion made. Rodney Weems made a motion to change the Zoning Ordinance Sec. 110-69.2; size of accessory building from 400 sq. foot to 8% of lot size and limited to 3 storage buildings per lot. Thomas Lemon seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

B. Proclaim National Nurses Week - May 6-12 / Linda Diaz

Mayor Pro- Tem Gary Coker read the proclamation and Linda Diaz read a poem. No action taken.

C. Proclaim National Police Week - May 11-17 / Linda Diaz

Mayor Pro- Tem Gary Coker read the proclamation and Linda Diaz read a poem. No action taken.

D. Preliminary Approval to Subdivide Property at 101 N. FM 524 / Linda Garza

Ms. Garza spoke on her behalf. Discussion made. Tim Moss stated he would like to have in the contract that the City could keep our gas gate station on the subdivided property. Rodney Weems made a motion to give preliminary approval to subdivide property at 101 N. FM 524. Thomas Lemon seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

E. Zoning on 2nd St. / Harvey Vogel

Harvey Vogel not in attendance. No action taken.

F. Set Term Limits for Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Discussion made. Al Lindley, Frank Lawrence, and Colby Lawrence term expires May '09. Rodney Weems and Danny Sheffield term expires May '10. Rodney Weems made a motion to accept the terms as stated. Thomas Lemon seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

G. Discuss Ordinance for Contractors Working in the City / Rodney Weems

Discussion made. Tim Moss and Charlie Stevenson will get together and draft an ordinance. They will report back to Council at May meeting.

H. Approval to Hire 5 School Students for the Summer

Discussion made. Thomas Lemon made a motion to hire 5 school students for summer help. Rodney Weems seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

I. Speed Bump Requested at 500 block of N. Oak Street / Heather White- Burrow
Discussion made. Police Chief Gary Stroud gave Council options the City could consider on N. Oak St. Rodney Weems made a motion to take no action. Linda Diaz seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

11. Reports of Advisory Boards & Commissions
None

12. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports

Gary Coker – None

Thomas Lemon – Thanked all the nurses for their service and coming to the meeting.

Neal Bess – Absent

Rodney Weems – None

Linda Diaz – None

Tim Moss – TML gas audit report; City of Sweeny a score of 100 for the sixth year.

Chief Stroud – None

Homer Toscano – None

13. Announcements
None

14. Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code

§ 511.071, § 551.072 and § 551.074. To Discuss:

OPEN MEETING:

15. Discussion and action on any items discussed in Executive Session

16. Adjournment

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2008

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary