

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, July 17, 2007

1. Call To Order

Mayor Piper called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

Invocation was given

3. Roll Call

Council present: Mayor Larry Piper, Gary Coker, Thomas Lemon, Neal Bess Jr., Rodney Weems, and Linda Diaz

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, Sue Netherly, Martha Webb, Frank Lawrence, John Taylor, Emma Richardson, Richard Wright, Dicky Williams, Craig Peterson, Dennis Mays, Micky Bible, Gail Bible, Connie Osbourne, Ken McConnell, Wendy Toler, Michael LaBeth, Keva LaBeth, Melissa Sherwood, and Troy Sherwood.

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes - June 19, 2007, June 25, 2007 and July 10, 2007.

B. Approval of Bills- \$ 18,089.65

Gary Coker made a motion to approve the above consent items. Neal Bess seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

7. Public Hearings

8. Fire Department Report

Devin Lemon gave Fire Department report. 2 auto accidents, 4 false alarms at High School, 2 structure fires, 1 gas leak, 2 asst. hospital with Life Flight, and 1 disregarded. No activity at the Fire Field due to weather. We voted in 2 new firefighters; and have 4 new applications. Current roster at 25. Thanks for support on 60th Anniversary, and Fill the Boot.

9. Old Business

A. 1012 Alice

Project complete. No action taken.

B. Consider Bids on Tank Trailer

One bid received from Gary Copeland. Bid stated he would allow the Police Department to lease the property to park impounded vehicles on. This lease at \$150.00 a month for 3 years totaling \$5400.00; would be equivalent to bid on tank trailer. Discussion made. Thomas Lemon made a motion to accept Gary Copeland's bid as read. No-one seconded. Motion died; no second. Council discussed again. Gary Coker made a motion to table bid proposal and written until August 21, 2007. Neal Bess seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Emma Richardson 1504 Camellia / Fence Variance

Ms. Richardson spoke about how wild animals have destroyed her yard. Request for variance so she could put a fence in City easement to protect her yard from said animals. Discussion made. Neal Bess made a motion to give variance to put a fence in City easement; with homeowner having responsibility for access to utility workers. Thomas Lemon seconded. All in favor; motion carried. Charlie Stevenson will have an agreement written.

B. Red Goodrum/ Travel Trailer

Mr. Goodrum not present. No action taken.

C. Sweeny Businesses / SEDC Monies

Dicky Williams, Gayle Bible, and Craig Peterson spoke on behalf of the area businesses. No action taken. Gary Coker request amendment to by-laws for S.E.D.C. board membership to be on Agenda at August 21st meeting.

D. SEDC Project

No action taken.

E. Smoking Ban Ordinance / Neal Bess

Neal Bess spoke about the Ordinance; stated wanted Council to read over. Neal Bess made a motion to table until August 21, 2007. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

F. Public Participation/ Consumer Confidence Water Report

Tim Moss spoke. No action taken.

G. Set Date for Next Budget Workshop

Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 7:00PM.

11. Reports of Advisory Boards & Commissions

None

12. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports

Gary Coker – None

Thomas Lemon – None

Neal Bess Jr. – Request list of “In Trust” property; to put back on tax roll to possibly get discount on 65 or older persons. Place on Agenda for August 21st meeting.

Mayor – None

Rodney Weems – Request revising Police report on theft vs. solved cases report. Amendments on budget changes. Fiscal fraud policy.

Linda Diaz – None

Tim Moss – Thank Mrs. Bible for comments.

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.

OPEN MEETING:

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

16. Adjournment

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2007

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary