

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 6 pm.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Coker 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; 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 Council Ray Bailey.

**5. Presentation of Citizens: NONE**

**Visitors:** Dan and Peggy Ellis, Alice Hood, Rodney Weems, Nancy Brown, Bill Brown, Leighton Guarnere, John Rambo, Ralph Nairn, Sandra Blaine, Vera Ross, William Hunter.

**6. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes – December 18, 2012**

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the minutes from December 18, 2012, as written. Ray Bailey seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

**B. Approval of Bills - \$19,190.52**

Ray Bailey made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$19,190.52. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

**7. Public Hearings**

**8. Fire Department Report**

Roger Barton gave the Fire Department Report. Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Coker swore in the new officers for 2013, they are as follows: Fire Chief: Roger Barton, Asst. Chief: Craig King, Captains: Tim Webb and Johnny Liserio. 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Cory Braden, Mascot Christina Johnson.

**9. Old Business**

**A. Approve Changes to Community Center Security Requirements**

Last month Chief Wells addressed the council and asked to change the community center rules regarding the number of officers required when hired for alcohol consumption. Chief Wells would like one officer for every 100 people. Cindy King got with other cities in our area and gave a proposal for the council. Cindy stated this would raise the amount someone would pay to rent the community center, \$120.00 per 100 guests... just for security. Dale Lemon made a motion to leave the policy as it is. No changes. Ray Bailey seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**10. New Business**

**A. Discuss/Approve Request for 3 way stop sign at 7<sup>th</sup> and Stevenson / Ralph Nairn.**

Ralph Nairn addressed the council and stated people speed down his street on 7<sup>th</sup> Street and he would like to have a 3 way stop sign at Stevenson and both directions on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Lt. Chad Makara stated we would get an officer to patrol and make a traffic study and report back to the council. Dale Lemon made a motion to table for next month pending the traffic study report. Ray Bailey seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Review/ Approve Investment Policy**

Cindy King stated this is reviewed each year. Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the Investment Policy for 2013. Ray Bailey seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**C. Approve Adoption of A.J.**

The City of Sweeny K-9 Officer A.J. recently became ill. After many tests done in the Veterinary Hospital the diagnosis was kidney failure and the doctor recommended that he did not return to active duty. Officer Larry Odom, the K-9 Handler, requested if he could adopt A.J. from the City of Sweeny. Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the adoption of A.J. to Officer Larry Odom. Ray Bailey seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**D. Discuss / Approve to Place on May Ballot: Vote to Approve RV park in City Limits. / Rodney Weems**

Rodney Weems withdrew his request.

**11. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports:**

**12. Closed Executive Session: 6:34PM**

**OPEN MEETING: 6:45PM**

**13. Discussion and action from Executive Session: NONE**

Dale Lemon made a motion to adjourn. Ray Bailey seconded. All were in favor.  
Motion carried.

**14. Adjournment: 6:46PM**

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.**

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**Reatta Minshew, City Secretary**