

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 6 pm.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Rodney Weems called the meeting to order. He stated the meetings are conducted in compliance with Roberts Rule of Order.

**2. Roll Call**

Council Present: Gary Coker, Dale Lemon, Ray Bailey, Rachel Wells. Pat Moss was absent. Also present: Cindy King, City Manager; Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney; John Barnard , Chief of Police; Homer Toscano, Dir. of Public Works.

**3. Invocation**

Invocation was given by Charlie Stevenson.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and lead by Fire Marshall Devin Lemon.

**5. Presentation of Citizens:**

**Visitors:** Brian and Paula Brooks, Gary Hood, Peggy Ellis, Donna Gregurek, Kevin Caddedhead, Vincent Strother, Randy Miksch, Debbie Williams, Rita McMillan, Earl and Rebecca Mathis.

**6. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes – May 28 and June 18, 2013**

Gary Coker made a motion to approve the minutes from May 28, 2013, as written with one amendment to item 10. D. It should read 0.64 cents instead of \$64.00. Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

**B. Approval of Bills -- \$27,877.49**

Dale Lemon made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$27,877.49. Gary Coker seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

**7. Public Hearings**

Consumer Confidence Report / No public response. 6:05 p.m.

**8. Fire Department Report**

Roger Barton gave the report.

**9. Old Business**

**A. Discuss / Approve Electronic Bill Pay Options**

Cindy King stated that after additional research to UDB, our utility computer software, we can have electronic bill pay with no additional cost to the city. The citizen will fill out a form at City Hall stating they would like their bill payment to be drafted out of their checking account.

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the electronic bill pay option. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

**10. New Business**

**A. Approve Audit for 2011-2012 Kennermer-Masters / Kevin Caddenhead**

Dale Lemon made a motion to accept the audit for 2011-2012 from Kennermer-Masters. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

**B. Discuss Windstream Internet Services**

Randy Misch and Donna Gregruek from Sweeny ISD spoke on behalf of SISD about Windstream Internet Service. They stated the school needs more bandwidth, about 200 to 300. Currently SISD has 20 bandwidth.

Rachel Wells made a motion for Charlie Stevenson to write a letter of concern to Windstream Internet for the City of Sweeny and SISD with the concerns the school and citizens are not able to connect and stay on the internet for a long length of time. Ray Baily seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

**C. Approve Consumer Confidence Report**

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the 2012 Consumer Confidence Report. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

**D. Discuss / Approve to Renew Contract with Joni Copeland.**

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve to renew contract with Joni Copeland with the use of her property for storage. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

**E. Approve Amendment to Sick Time Policy**

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the amendment to sick time policy, allowing employees to give away sick days to other employees, not more than 10 days per calendar years or 15 days for employees who 15 or more years of service. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

**F. Approve Amendments to Zoning Ordinance**

**1. R2 Accessory Building Requirements**

**2. R2 Carport Setbacks**

**3. R2B**

Gary Coker made a motion to approve the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as follows.

R2 Accessory Building Requirements: To increase to 8 % of lot size and maximum of three buildings;

R2 Carport Setbacks: To allow carports to extend to front of property.

R2B Carport Setbacks: To allow carports to extend to front of property.

Dale Lemon seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

**G. Approve to Open an Enterprise Checking Account**

Dale Lemon made a motion to approve the opening of an Enterprise Checking Account at First State Bank in Sweeny. Rachel Wells seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

**H. Discuss Feasibility of City Health Inspector VS County / Ray Bailey**

After discussion Ray Bailey withdrew his agenda item.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Discuss setting a date for a special meeting with SISD to discuss the 22 acres surplus property to develop it for residential homes for Monday July 22, 2013 at 5pm.

**11. Closed Executive Session**

**OPEN MEETING**

**12. Discussion and action from Executive Session**

**13. Adjournment: 7:12 p.m.**

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

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**Reatta Minshew, City Secretary**