

A regular meeting and public hearing of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, December 15, 2009.

1. Call To Order

Mayor Lott called the meeting to order. Reminded Council and audience meetings are conducted in strict compliance with Roberts Rule of Order.

2. Roll Call

Council present: Gary Coker, Dale Lemon, Mayor Pro-Tem Neal Bess Jr, Linda Diaz.
Absent: Ray Bailey.

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

3. Invocation

Invocation was given by Mayor Kenneth Lott

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Devin Lemon

5. Presentations by Citizens -

Visitors: James Wise, Gloria Harrison, Holly Romero, Debbie Williams, Travis Nelson, Chris Jones, Johnny Liserio, Paul Jordan, Ryan Crouch, and Tim Webb.

6. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes - November 17, 2009

Neal Bess made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

B. Approval of Bills - \$20,114.97

Neal Bess made a motion to approve the bills. Dale Lemon seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

7. Public Hearings

None

8. Fire Department Report

Devin Lemon - Introduced new officers to Council. Tim Webb gave report. Total of 10 calls, Sweeny Fire and Rescue will assist with Toys for Tots again this year. We have adopted one family for Christmas and Fire Department Installation Banquet will be on January 30th. Current roster at 25 w/ new applications.

9. Old Business

A. Appointment of Assistant City Manager / Tim Moss

Tim Moss spoke; reminded Council that the Assistant City Manager position was voted on last month; and presented Council with a job description for that position. Tim stated he would not like to make this a separate position but to add this position to current duties of recipient. Tim Moss then recommended Cindy King for the position and gave reasons for his recommendation. This position would also include a 50 cent raise to current salary. Discussion made. Neal Bess made a motion to appoint Cindy King to the Assistant City Manager position. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Final Approval for sale of Partial Property of Kids Campus / Linda Garza

Linda Garza spoke on her behalf. Ms. Garza did have plats with her; and had preliminary approval from Council in 2008. Neal Bess made a motion to give final approval of sale of partial property of Kids Campus. Dale Lemon seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

B. Approve 2010 Holidays / Tim Moss

Tim Moss presented Council with a 2010 Holiday schedule. It is the same as in years past. Gary Coker made a motion to approve the 2010 holidays as presented. Dale Lemon seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

C. EDC Contract for Administrative Services / Tim Moss.

No action taken.

D. Industrial Park Update / James Wise

Mr Wise presented and gave update on industrial park. Final total cost for property \$275,178.77; \$5,000.00 earnest monies has been paid for a remaining amount of \$270,178.77. Closing date of Friday, December 18, 2009. Neal Bess made a motion to approve purchasing property for industrial park in the amount of \$270,178.77. Linda Diaz seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

11. Reports of Advisory Boards & Commissions

None

12. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports

Mayor Lott – Reminded Council of Mary Ruth Rodenbaugh Chili Lunch on December 17. Mayor and Tim also met with representative from SISD regarding the sale of in trust properties and they will look into this. Mayor would like to address Chamber to include a change in bylaws that either Mayor or Mayor Pro - Tem would be able serve on the Chamber Board of Directors. Mayor also wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Gary Coker – None

Dale Lemon – None

Neal Bess – Sorry to have missed City Christmas Party he had to work. Fire Department needs new roof estimated cost \$30,000.00 will have to be included in next budget.

Ray Bailey – Absent

Linda Diaz – None

Tim Moss – Mentioned funding from Hurricane Ike grants; we have been recommended by HGAC to receive \$365,090.00 for generators to be placed at lift stations and various city buildings. Tim also gave Council a breakdown of funding that the city has been approved to receive in grant monies totaling \$963,405.00.

Chief Stroud – Absent

Homer Toscano – None

13. Announcements

None

14. Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071, § 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 7:48 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2009

Reatta Minshew, City Secretary