

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Joe Ward  
Mayor Pro tem Dan Fears  
Councilwomen Sherrie Williams and Stephanie Wooten  
Councilmen Ray Schultz and Joe Singer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PERSONNEL: Michael C. Price, City Manager  
Belvin Lytle, Public Works Director  
Robert Johnson, Chief of Police  
David Owen, Economic Development Director  
Robbie Matthews, Parks and Recreation Director  
Randy Fulbright, Fire Chief  
John Scholl, Water Plant Operator  
Lynn Stone, Laborer  
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton Annie Smith  
Lisa Brackett Don Ehlert  
Cindy Clifton Jerry Clifton

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation.

Councilman Singer gave the invocation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Recognition of Special Guest(s)/Action(s).

The Mayor took this opportunity to recognize several individuals for the work during the "Blizzard of 2009" that occurred Christmas Eve. He first read a letter for the Iowa Park C.I.S.D. thanking the City for their help in clearing the schools driveways and parking areas. He then read an e-mail from Craig French, State National Bank, thanking those City employees who spent time away from their families during the holidays. The Mayor next recognized organizations/businesses. They were as follows:

First Baptist Church, Faith Baptist Church's Clothes Closet, Lakeview Church of God, Evening Lions Club of Iowa Park, Lowe's Grocery and Manager Jimmy Allensworth, Iowa Park Recreational Activity Center, Garcia Construction Company and owner Jimmy Garcia, and The Bake Shop and owner Tony Jordan.

Individuals recognized were as follows:

Tim Hunter, Don Ehlert, Ted and Charlene Gray, Victoria and Daniel Robertson, Paul and Cassy Gray, G. L. and Jan Smith, Mickie, Marge, Mia, Michael and Matthew Gaiton, Randy Price, James and Cassi Bever, Sherrie and Floyd Williams, Dan Fears, Stephanie Wooten, Graten Eiben, J. R. Clark, Mike Freeman, David Hutson, Mitch and Kasey Lowrance, Bo and Carol Ridlehuber, Judy and David Ohm, Matt and Jennie Ohm, Wanda Headings, Vivian Chaney, Denny McCarthy, and Johnny Hodges.

City employees recognized were as follows:

Belvin Lytle, David Bolin, David Sherrill, James Horn, Eddie Browning, Charles Ficklin, Archie Layfield, Freddie Smith, Lynn Stone, John Scholl, Orville McIlvanie, Matt Ohm, Jimmie Eaton, Steve Davis, Sherry Fowler, Terry Wooten, Donald Stevens, Stephen Jones, Chris Kelmer, Joel Skinner, Amie Schultz, John Hare, Matt Schlaud, Robin Morris, Tanyan Lewis and the Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilwoman Wooten thanked Mike Price and the City employees who gave up their holiday to help. Councilwoman Williams gave a special thanks to the families who's loved ones were out working during the holiday.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Citizens' Input.

Jerry Clifton stated he would like to host a fish fry for all City employees and their immediate families sometime in May or June and possibly have it at Oscar Park, weather permitting. He would like a tentative head count as soon as possible.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: General Consent.

- A. Approval and Acceptance of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 14, 2009.

Motion was made by Councilman Singer and seconded by Councilman Schultz, approving the General Consent item. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Appointment.

- A. Approve the Appointment of Three Members of the Council and an Undetermined Number of Staff Members to a Committee to Meet With Local Organizations to Discuss the Establishment of Nationally Sponsored and Recognized Boys' and Girls' Club.

The Mayor suggested Councilman Fears, Councilwoman Williams and himself along with Mike Price, Robert Johnson and David Owen to the committee. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilman Schultz, approving the Mayor's appointment to a committee to meet with local organizations to discuss the establishment of nationally sponsored and recognized Boys' and Girls' Club. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Ordinance.

- A. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Amending the Code of Ordinances at Section 606.4 (A) to Increase the Allowed Height of Business Signs Within a C-A/R Zone.

The City Manager explained that the Board of Adjustment has had to grant variances to local businesses to erect a commercial sign higher than the thirty-feet currently allowed in a C-A/R zone. This proposed ordinance would not have a height limit based on linear feet but would allow the sign to go as high as possible so long as a setback of one hundred and ten percent of the sign's height is used to keep the sign from falling onto any adjoining property's structures. Motion was made by Councilman Singer and seconded by Councilwoman Williams, approving and adopting Ordinance Number 1098, amending the Code of Ordinances at Section 606.4 (A) to increase the allowed height of business signs within a C-A/R zone. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Resolution.

- A. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Expressing Opposition to Any Electrical Transmission Line Locations That Could Negatively Impact Current and Future Ground Missions and Flight Operations Conducted at Sheppard Air Force Base.

The proposed route ONCOR plans for a 345-kilovolt electrical transmission line runs from the Riley substation near Oklaunion southeast to the Krum West switching station in Denton County. ONCOR has an alternate route that runs north and east of Sheppard Air Force Base, which could affect current and future operations at Sheppard. Once passed, a copy of this resolution will be sent to ONCOR Electrical Distribution Company and the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Wichita County and the cities of Burkburnett and Wichita Falls have passed similar resolutions. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Singer, approving and adopting Resolution Number 10-01, expressing opposition to any electrical transmission line

locations that could negatively impact current and future ground missions and flight operations conducted at Sheppard Air Force Base. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: City Manager's Report.

- A. Discuss and Consider Approving the List of Streets to be Slurried and/or Rebuilt for Fiscal Year 2009/2010.

After a brief discuss, the Council agreed to only rebuild two streets at a cost of \$93,100.00 and use the remaining money for additional streets to slurry.

It was the consensus of the Council for the following streets to be approved for total resurfacing:

Valley Drive from James Drive to Hope Lane  
Edgehill Trail from Johnson Road to Park Plaza

It was the consensus of the Council for the following streets to be approved for slurry seal:

Alameda Street from Wall Street east to Victoria Avenue  
Penn Street from Washington Avenue north to Alameda Street  
Penn Street from Washington Avenue south to Cash Street  
Texowa Avenue from East Highway north to Cash Street  
Yosemite Street from Lafayette Street south to Chestnut Street  
Rita Lane from Mary Drive south to Access Road  
Jackson Avenue from railroad tracks south to Lafayette Street  
Aldine Street west from Wall Street to Pacific Avenue  
Victoria Avenue from Ruby Street south to Emerald Avenue  
Daisy Street from Jackson Avenue west to Pacific Avenue  
Poe Street from Pacific Avenue east to Jackson Avenue  
Park Avenue from Pecan Street south to Diamond Avenue  
Crystal Street from Wall Street west to Colorado Street

Motion was made by Councilman Singer and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten, approving the list of streets to be slurried and/or rebuilt for fiscal year 2009/2010. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. Discuss and Consider Authorizing the City Manager to Hire an Architect to Evaluate the Building/Structure at 500 West Highway to Determine its Suitability for City Offices and Departments Along With a Community Center.

The City Manager explained the architect will work with the staff to determine each department's needs to decide if a large community center and city offices will fit inside the building. The staff hopes for the community center to seat up to 500 people. The architect should be out the week of January 25<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Singer, authorizing the City manager to hire an architect to evaluate the building/structure at 500 West Highway to determine its suitability for city offices and departments along with a community center. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010.

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Mayor Joe Ward

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Janice Newman