

TOLAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 20, 2011 – REGULAR MEETING

The City of Tolar Council met on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Terry Johnson, Mayor
Matt Hutsell Mayor Pro Tem
Sally Grimes
Barbara Gilliam
Kevin Fron

Absent Lindsay Morgan

City Staff Present: Joyce Johnson, City Secretary
R.C. Cox, Chief of Police
Jeff Mackey, Director of Public Works

Citizens Present Ryan Purvis
Russell Purvis
Corey Purvis
Dan Boutwell, Municipal Planning Resources
Diane Hildreth, Duncan Disposal Services

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was established and the regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Matt Hutsell, Sally Grimes, Barbara Gilliam and Kevin Fron were present.
Lindsay Morgan was absent.

CITIZENS APPEARANCE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 18, 2010 regular meeting

Motion by Barbara Gilliam, second by Kevin Fron to approve minutes as presented.
Motion carried 4-0

B. November 01, 2010 special meeting

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Barbara Gilliam to approve minutes as presented.
Motion carried 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discuss and take necessary action for the JD Neely Community Center

Possible members for the Advisory Board was discussed. Mayor Johnson has a possible candidate for the board, he will get her name and phone number.

Rental rates for the center needs to be discussed at next meeting.

B. Discuss and possibility take necessary action concerning zoning of the City of Tolar

Dan Boutwell of Municipal Planning Resource Group spoke to council on the need to review the Use Tables in the zoning ordinance. He would like for council to make a list and send to him any questions or areas of concern that they might have on the zoning ordinance.

Also discussed was the necessity of abolishing the P & Z committee and letting the council serve as the committee by Ordinance to avoid any complications in the future when the zoning process starts. It was noted that this had been in the past by a motion only in the minutes. Ordinance 11-01 was presented to council. Matt Hutsell read ordinance caption aloud.

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Barbara Gilliam to adopt Ordinance 11-01
Motion carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss and consider contacting TXDOT to lower speed limit from 65 mph to 45 mph at the W. Hwy 377 city limits.

Chief Cox would like to see the speed limit lowered to 45 mph all the way through town. Current speed limit of 65 mph coming into the city is too high and dangerous. Would like for the council to give him permission to contact TXDOT to lower the speed limit.

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Barbara Gilliam for Chief Cox to contact TXDOT about lowering the speed limit.
Motion carried 4-0

B. Discuss and take possible action on adding an additional part time officer

Chief Cox would like for the council to consider hiring an additional part time officer to work opposite hours of the part time officer currently have. Would like for the wages and number of hours worked to be the same as Officer Clouser.

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Sally Grimes to hire an additional part time officer with pay rate of \$ 15.00 per hour and not to exceed 20 hours a week on a trial basis for 90 days.
Motion carried 4-0

C. Discuss and approve entering into a joint election agreement with the Hood County Elections Administrator for the May 14, 2011 general election.

Motion by Sally Grimes, second by Kevin Fron to enter into the Joint Election Agreement.
Motion carried 4-0

D. Discuss and consider approval of rate increase request from Duncan Disposal

Diane Hildreth from Duncan Disposal presented the rate increase request to council. Last rate increase approved was two years ago. Rate increases should be requested yearly, which has not been done in the past. Rate increases are based on the CPI of the Dallas- Fort Worth area. This

year's increase would be for 0.56%, which would increase the residential rate by .07 cents for residential, commercial and industrial accounts. Increase would be effective starting March 1, 2011.

Motion by Sally Grimes, second by Matt Hutsell to approve rate increase as presented.
Motion carried 4-0

E. Discuss and approve financials, bank reconciliations and accounts payables

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Barbara Gilliam to approve as presented.
Motion carried 4-0

STAFF REPORTS

A. Police Report

Verbal report was given by Chief Cox. Number of citations written and arrests made. Complaint was received on one officer. Chief Cox investigated; complaint was without merit, no further action needed. Twelve hundred dollars has been made towards an additional patrol car purchase, this was derived from scrap metal from old unused car bodies.

Department is looking into starting a donation campaign for the purchase of a K-9 dog.
No motion was made.

B. Court Report

Written report provided to council, no action taken

C. Public Works Report

Written report provided to council, no action taken

D. Administrative Report

Election will need to be called at February meeting. New contract has been signed with First Choice Power that will lower the city rate for electric services from 11.3 cents per KWH to 8.2 cents per KWH, contract will be valid till December 2014. Yearly city audit will be conducted in the month of February.

E. Updates from council members on city projects
No updates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION ON ITEMS TAKEN UP IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office closed February 21, 2011

ADJOURN

Motion by Barbara Gilliam, to adjourn meeting at 8:19 p.m., second by Matt Hutsell.
Motion carried 4-0

APPROVED: _____
Terry R. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Joyce Johnson, City Secretary