

TOLAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 25, 2010 – REGULAR MEETING

The City of Tolar Council met on January 25, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Terry Johnson, Mayor
Matt Hutsell
Sally Grimes
Lindsay Morgan
Barbara Gilliam
Kevin Fron

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

Citizens Present Kathie Cherry
Bruce Gibbs

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, Lindsay Morgan, Barbara Gilliam, Kevin Fron were all present.

CITIZENS APPEARANCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 23, 2009 regular meeting

Motion by Lindsay Morgan, second by Matt Hutsell to approve minutes as presented.
Motion carried 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

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

Kathie Cherry met with L & W Paving to discuss the paving of the parking lot. Paving can't be done until around March. However they would like to go ahead do the ground work and put the gravel in place. It ill take about four thousand tons of gravel to do entire parking lot. Cost of gravel will be \$ 5000.00 dollars. Mr. Mabery will haul the gravel at no charge, city will supply the water at no charge. Handicap accessibility will be change to one entry located on the east side of the building. Mrs. Cherry has checked with Jerry Motley (building inspector) and he is ok with change. It will meet ADA code.

Mrs. Cherry would like for the excess ceiling tile and grid to be donate to TISD. Council was ok with the donation. Penny Auction will be held at the end of March.

There is no wiring for the range in the kitchen area and a couple of lights in the bathroom area needs to be done. Mrs. Cherry is to contact Warren Marshall to get this done.

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Barbara Gilliam to proceed with the development of the parking lot and the handicapped accessibility location.

Motion carried 5-0

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

City Secretary spoke to Mr. Boutwell this morning concerning the progress of the zoning. Since the project is running behind schedule due to personal conflicts, Mr. Boutwell will be doing the project pro bono with the exception of his mileage and copies and a few other miscellaneous expenditures. Aerial photos and concept plan brochure should be delivered next week for the council to review. Land use map and ordinance will also be forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss and consider request by TISD for the waiver of sewer tap fee for the AG barn

Mr. Gibbs addressed the council. TISD would like to run a sewer line to 7th Street, install a pump station and connect to the city sewage for the addition of the AG barn. TISD would like for the city to waive the required tap fee of \$ 1200.00. Jeff Mackey, Director of Public Works has been in contact with Mr. Gibbs and has no problem with the connection or the waiver of the fee. Mayor asked for motion, councilmember Lindsay Morgan is employed by TISD stated she would be abstaining from voting

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Sally Grimes to waive the required tap fee.

Motion carried 4-0

B. Discuss and consider comments received form TXDOT concerning the landscaping of Median at FM 56 and Hwy 377

Sally Grimes has already submitted a new plan to them for approval to James Parker at TXDOT. Plans includes low growing plants, rock edge and walkway.

No action taken

C. Discuss and consider lease agreement and monthly fee amount for Internet Texas
No action this item was tabled.

D. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 10-01 amending the 2008-2009 budget

Amended budgets were presented. Funds were reallocated to cover overages and shortages.

Motion by Lindsay Morgan, second by Barbara Gilliam to approve Ordinance 10-01 amending the 2008-2009 budget.

Motion carried 5-0

- E. Discuss and possibly consider enforcement of H.B. 55 prohibiting cell phone usage in school crossing zones

TISD would like for the city to enforce H.B. 55 and would pay for half of the costs of the signs. Chief Cox noted that the only area we could enforce would be on Hwy 377. To enforce in other areas ordinance would need to be reviewed and amended. Ordinance to be reviewed and estimate for signs will be obtained. City attorney will be contacted concerning the ordinance amendments. Mayor asked for motion to table until further research is completed.

Motion by Barbara Gilliam, second by Kevin Fron to table till next month's meeting.
Motion carried 5-0

- F. Discuss and approve financials, bank reconciliations and accounts payable

Motion by Lindsay Morgan, second by Sally Grimes to approve as presented.
Motion carried 5-0

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

None

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Police Report

Written report was provided to the council by Chief Cox. Number of citations, arrest made during the month. TISD expressed their gratitude for the PD Department and commended Chief Cox for a job well done.

No motion was made

- B. Court Report

Written report provided to council. New court software has been installed.
No motion was made.

Motion carried 5-0

- C. Administrative Report

City website was discussed. Needs to be more user friendly, updated to draw in people and businesses. Sally Grimes has been in touch with Terry Vanlandingham, he has agreed to work on this in small increments to keep cost down. Discussion was held concerning the cost of a server and software for city to keep it current and updated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION ON ITEMS TAKEN UP IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 22, 2010 regular meeting

Office closed on February 15th for Presidents Day

ADJOURN

Motion by Barbara Gilliam, second by Matt Hutsell to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.
Motion carried 5-0

APPROVED: _____
Terry Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Joyce Johnson, City Secretary