

TOLAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MARCH 15, 2010 – REGULAR MEETING

The City of Tolar Council met on March 15, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Matt Hutsell, Mayor Pro Tem
Sally Grimes
Barbara Gilliam
Kevin Fron
Lindsay Morgan

Absent: Terry Johnson, Mayor

City Staff Present: Joyce Johnson, City Secretary
Rodney Cox, Chief of Police

Citizens Present Kathie Cherry

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 and Kevin Fron were present. Terry Johnson was absent.

CITIZENS APPEARANCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 22, 2010 regular meeting

Motion by Sally Grimes, second by Barbara Gilliam to approve minutes as presented.
Motion carried 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

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

Mrs. Cherry updated council on the progress of installation of the HVAC units. Units were picked up from Airco by Wayne Bleeker, he will install on Wednesday of this week.

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

Contact to be made with Mr. Boutwell, council would like to pay original contract amount if not paying it makes it a low priority getting the zoning done.

C. Discuss and consider options and funding of hiring a part time patrol officer

Cost of hiring a part time officer on a trial basis including pay of \$ 15.00 per hour, retirement and all insurance cost for a twenty four hour work week would be \$ 22, 001.67. If he works under a thousand hours a year retirement funds would not be required. Chief Cox would like to do this on a trial basis for six weeks.

Motion by Lindsay Morgan, second by Sally Grimes to allow Chief Cox to hire a part time officer on a trial basis at \$ 15.00 per hour for twenty four hours a week and re-evaluate in June.
Motion carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of proclamation by Mayor Johnson declaring March "American Red Cross Month" And brief speech from American Red Cross representative on the local chapter initiatives

Proclamation was read in its entirety by Mayor Pro Tem Matt Hutsell

B. Discuss and accept 2009 Racial Profiling Report

Report was presented by Chief Rodney Cox.

Motion by Sally Grimes, second by Barbara Gilliam to accept 2009 Racial Profiling Report
Motion carried 5-0

C. Discuss and approve financials, bank reconciliations and accounts payable

Motion by Kevin Fron, second by Sally Grimes to approve as presented.
Motion carried 5-0

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

A. Discuss improvements in look and use of the city web site

Council members Sally Grimes would like to redesign the city web site. Web site currently does not look appealing to attract businesses and people. City has very limited access to web site. Mr. Vandlandingham will still be used as IT tech. Web site will be designed first before going online.

Motion by Lindsay Morgan, second by Sally Grimes to improve look and use of city web site and to table any use funds till next meeting.
Motion carried 5-0

B. Discuss and consider Tolar Beautification Projects

Council member Sally Grimes discussed the possibility of getting city signs made welcoming people to Tolar. Signs would be rock and metal and would also include landscaping and some type of lights. Would like to start on the Granbury side of the railroad tussle. Mrs. Grimes will contact the art teacher at THS to see if students could make some designs for the city sign.

Also discussed was the Adopt a Highway Program. Mrs. Grimes will obtain more information on this for council.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Police Report

Written report provided to council. No motion made

B. Court Report

Written report provided to council. No motion made

C. Public Works Report

Written report provided to council. No motion made.

D. Administrative Report

No report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION ON ITEMS TAKEN UP IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 19, 2006 regular meeting

ADJOURN

Motion by Kevin Fron, second by Lindsay Morgan to adjourn meeting at 8:28 pm
Motion carried 5-0

APPROVED: _____
Terry Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Joyce Johnson, City Secretary