

TOLAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES –MARCH 17, 2008 – REGULAR MEETING

The City of Tolar Council met on March 17, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Terry Johnson, Mayor
Matt Hutsell
Lindsay Morgan
Barbara Gilliam
Charlotte Mabery
Absent: Charles Carroll, Mayor Pro Tem
City Staff Present: Joyce Johnson, City Secretary
Mike Allen, Chief of Police
Rena Lovell, Assistant City Secretary
Citizens Present: Dale & Becky Sparks
Fred & Sally Grimes
Kathie Cherry

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Matt Hutsell, Lindsay Morgan, Barbara Gilliam, and Charlotte Mabery were present. Charles Carroll was absent.

CITIZENS APPEARANCE

Dale Sparks addressed the council concerning Scott Knapp's proposed single story apartment complex. Concerns were that the apartments would look like a motel, increased pedestrian safety, they would be a leech on city and city services, citizen's safety, and the property value would decrease, also that over the years it would become a "red light" district with flashing neon signs and rooms would be rented by the hour. They do not want apartments to be developed.

Sally Grimes addressed the council also. Dale Sparks covered most of her concerns. City should be looking for small young families, not catering to single people, it's just not good for Tolar and one bedroom apartments are not the way to go.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 02-25-2008 Regular meeting

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

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS

None

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

None

OLD BUSINESS

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

Fish fry fundraisers to be held April 19th, raffle tickets for 42" television will be sold. Future fundraiser suggested were ongoing supper every third Saturday and possibly a pancake breakfast. Thank you cards will to be sent to Cody Eberhart and Mike Plumlee for donated services.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discuss and consider schedule for Police Officers

Chief Allen stated when he was hired by Tom Brown his schedule was to be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, with the new construction of subdivision he will need to be out more at night, and he does not take holidays he always works on them. Chief Allen will do whatever the council wants. Mayor Johnson would like to see him take off either the day before or after a holiday. Matt Hutsell would like to see him work one day a week in the office. Council instructed Chief Allen to continue as he is doing now, no changes made.

- B. Discuss, consider and possibly take action on re-establishing the P& Z Committee
- C. Discuss and consider the need for a Master Plan for future zoning and development
- F. Discuss and set dates for P&Z Workshop.

These items were discussed together. Lindsay Morgan addresses fellow council members concerning the need to move forward with re-establishing the P&Z committee. It has been discussed in the past but nothing has been done to address the future of Tolar. Master Plan for five and ten years needs to be done. Before appointing P& Z members, council needs to decide what they want them to do, have a direction for them to go. Mrs. Morgan would like to start developing a Master Plan to have at P&Z Workshop and update Chapter 205 of the Code of Ordinances.

Motion by Lindsay Morgan, second by Matt Hutsell to have P&Z Workshop and update Chapter 205 of the Code of Ordinances on April 7th at 3:00 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0.

- D. Discuss and consider having the city surveyed and platted.

City needs to have an updated survey and plat done for future planning and zoning.

Mayor Johnson suggested that we out for bids to get the best price.

Motion by Lindsay Morgan, second by Charlotte Mabery authorizing Mayor Johnson to go out for bids to have city surveyed and platted.

Motion carried 4-0.

- E. Discuss and set dates for Ordinance Workshop to update existing city ordinances and create new ones if needed.

Motion by Lindsay Morgan, second by Matt Hutsell to have ordinance workshop on May 5th at 5:00 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Police Report, Racial Profiling Report

Written Racial Profiling Report was presented by Chief Allen.

Motion by Barbara Gilliam second by Charlotte Mabery to approve racial profiling report as presented.

Motion carried 4-0.

Written Police Report was presented by Chief Allen, he also informed council that he would be out April 13 through the 18 for school to be held in Huntsville. Also that Bob Douglas will be attended firearms training, TCLOSE requires one to be on staff. Chief Allen would like to

reimburse Officer Douglas for the cost of the class and ammo that will be needed; this could be done from the Police Training Fund.
Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Barbara Gilliam to reimburse the fund with the stipulation that Officer Douglas pass the class before we pay.
Motion carried 4-0

Chief Allen requested permission to purchase a 410 shotgun for animal control (skunks). Council did not approve, instructed him to use 12 gauge shotgun that he currently has.
Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Barbara Gilliam to approve police report with corrected date.
Motion carried 4-0.

B. Court Report

Written report presented by Renae Lovell.
Motion by Barbara Gilliam, second by Matt Hutsell to approve court report as presented.
Motion carried 4-0.

C. Approve bank reconciliations, bills and financial statement

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Barbara Gilliam to approve bank reconciliations, bills, financial statements as presented.
Motion carried 4-0

D. Administrative Report

Council was presented with Judge Roberts written resignation. Discussion was held concerning possible replacements. Judge Watson in Granbury declined. Judge McPherson would be interested in filling the position for a fee of \$150.00 per court session. Mayor Johnson asked for council permission to speak with Judge McPherson and hire her if she meets his approval.
Motion by Charlotte Mabery, second by Matt Hutsell for Mayor Johnson to speak with Judge McPherson and hire if she meets his approval.
Motion carried 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular meeting April 21, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Barbara Gilliam to adjourn meeting at 7:50 p.m.
Motion carried 4-0

APPROVED:

Terry Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Johnson, City Secretary