

TOLAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 20, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING

The City of Tolar Council met on April 20, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Terry Johnson, Mayor
Matt Hutsell
Charles Carroll
Lindsay Morgan
Barbara Gilliam
Kevin Fron

City Staff Present: Renae Lovell, Assistant City Secretary
Bill Haynes, Interim Chief of Police

Citizens Present: Kathie Cherry

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Matt Hutsell, Charles Carroll, Lindsay Morgan, Barbara Gilliam, Kevin Fron were all present.

CITIZENS APPEARANCE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 03-16-09 Regular Meeting

Motion by Lindsay Morgan, 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

Kathie Cherry reported that \$1,596.00 was raised at the fish fry. Next fish fry is May 16th. A BBQ grill will be the raffle item. Enough fish was purchased this time for the next fish fry as well. Gwen Mabery donated the paper supplies.

The Penny Auction will be held May 9th, 2009. Kathie explained how a penny auction works.

Warren Marshall and several men from the Baptist Church were to work on the electrical on Saturday. Materials for the job are there now. Grid for the ceiling is up. All plumbing is in working order. Will need to decide on the flooring pretty soon. Barbara Gilliam had a price of \$4,000.00 to stain the concrete floors. Patching the "bad Spots" in the floor was discussed. Ready for the hardware (doorknobs, etc.) to be installed. The pantry and the

supply room will need to be keyed locks.

Kathie questioned as to whether or not it was time to start a Board of Directors. Lindsay stated that she thought that would be a good idea. There was some discussion concerning keeping the old bi-laws or creating new ones. Kathie said that she could bring folks that were interested in that topic to the next meeting.

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

Lindsay Morgan attended the Hood County Economic Development monthly meeting. She would like to see Tolar represented each time. She explained that she receives an email advising her of the scheduled meeting. She would like all council members to receive the email also.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss and consider hiring part time worker to do the mowing

Matt Hutsell would like to see the city hire a young person to help with the mowing this summer at a pay rate of \$7.00 per hour. Lindsay stated that Mr. Sullins would know a good responsible kid. Kevin asked if this was in the budget. Mayor Johnson responded that it was not. Mayor Johnson suggested that council research the budget to see if the city could afford to hire someone.

The item was tabled until next meeting.

B. Introduction of new reserve officers Fortner, Gentry and Mosley

Officer Mosley was unable to be here. Adam Fortner and Jason Gentry were introduced to council by interim Chief of Police, Bill Haynes. Both young men have a heavy military background and are very well respected. No questions from council. Mayor Johnson thanked the officers for their service to the City of Tolar.

C. Discuss and consider the purchase of the new Spillman computerized dispatch system that Hood County will be implementing

Chief Haynes explained that because of extensive problems with the current system, Hood County will be converting to the new computerized dispatch system. There had been a suggestion from Judge David Wallis of an opportunity to purchase the computer, installation and licensing for approximately \$3000.00. The Tolar VFD will be implementing the same system as of May 11th, 2009. Matt Hutsell explained how the new system would work.

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Kevin Fron to approve the purchase of one computer dispatch system.

Motion carried 5-0.

D. Discuss and consider the possibility of selling old patrol cars as surplus property to Hood County to be used as trade in for fully equipped used patrol car

Chief Haynes explained that Roger Deeds is trading in eleven old patrol cars. The price of a new Crown Victoria is \$22,000.00. He would like to see the city trade in the two old patrol cars for one new/used fully equipped patrol car from Hood County. The cost to the city would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,000.00. He also expressed his thoughts on the Dodge Charger – he feels like it is a liability to the city and would like to get rid of it.

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Kevin Fron to trade the two old patrol cars for one new/used fully equipped patrol car from Hood County.
Motion carried 5-0.

E. Approve Proclamation declaring the month of May as "Motorcycle Awareness Month"

Motion by Barbara Gilliam, second by Lindsay Morgan to approve proclamation declaring the month of May as "Motorcycle Awareness Month".
Motion carried 5-0.

F. Discuss and approve bank reconciliation's, accounts payable and financial reports

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was needed

ACTION ON ITEMS TAKEN UP IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 18, 2009 regular meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
Office closed May 25th for Memorial Day

ADJOURN

Motion by Charles Carroll, second by Barbara Gilliam to adjourn meeting at 7:45 p.m.
Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED: _____
Terry Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Joyce Johnson, City Secretary