

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

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

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

Absent: Lindsay Morgan

City Staff Present: Joyce Johnson, City Secretary
Jeff Mackey, Director of Public Works
Rodney Cox, Chief of Police
Frank Ham
David Dodd, City Attorney

Citizens Present: Kathie Cherry
Kim Sullins
Ray Wilson
Nicki Sherley
Gwen Mabery

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was established and the regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

CITIZENS APPEARANCE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 15, 2009 regular 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

Kathie Cherry gave a progress update on the work that needs to be done. Mrs. Cherry will be getting quotes for the duct work for the AC units. Volunteers will be used to install the ceiling grid.

Council was provided a list for possible Board of Director Candidates and Criteria for Board of Directors.

Motion by Kevin Fron, second by Barbara Gilliam to allow the electricians to do duct work.
Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held concerning the name plaque that has been made. Names are missing and the plaque needs to be corrected. Plaque was donated by Terry Leatherman.

Bathroom stalls need to be ordered. In prior conversations it was decided that plastic stalls would be ordered. After further discussion concerning the price of the stalls, it was decided that metal would be the best choice at this time.

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Lindsay Morgan to order metal stalls instead of plastic.
Motion carried 5-0

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

Planning and zoning workshop to be held on July 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discuss and consider the possibility of renewing agreement between ERF Wireless (formerly Internet Texas) for tower space

Representative for ERF was not present.

Motion by Lindsay Morgan, second by Barbara Gilliam to table this item till next meeting.
Motion carried 5-0

- B. Discuss and consider making Jerry Motley the Floodplain Administrator for the city

Discussion was held concerning the cost the city would incur of \$ 2000.00 to recertify Mr. Motley. Council questioned whether Mr. Motley would reimburse the city for the costs to recertify him in the way of not charging for work relating to the floodplain and if he left the city's employment would he reimburse city for the remainder. Joyce Johnson will talk to Mr. Motley.

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Lindsay Morgan to pay for the classes to recertify Mr. Motley with the understanding that he works off the cost of the class and if he leaves the city, remainder of cost will need to be reimbursed.

Motion carried 5-0

- C. Discuss and appoint a new Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Johnson recommended Barbara Gilliam. Council member Lindsay Morgan nominated Matt Hutsell. Decision was made with a coin toss. Barbara Gilliam choose heads, Matt Hutsell choose tails. Results was tails.

Motion by Lindsay Morgan, second by Sally Grimes to appoint Matt Hutsell as Mayor Pro Tem.
Motion carried 4-0

D. Discuss and consider how to acquire the necessary easement needed to provide water to the new Church of Christ location.

Mayor Johnson recommended that Jeff Mackey do the negotiations with the landowners. Mr. Mackey suggested that the settlement be to offer a water tap or \$ 500.00 and come back before the council with their request for a final vote.

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Barbara Gilliam to let Jeff Mackey be in charge of easement needed to extend the water lines.

Motion carried 5-0

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

A. Discuss the Police Department and the possibility of hiring a full time officer

Council member Barbara Gilliam presented this item. Complaints have been received concerning kids running the streets and there has been several vehicle break-ins. Mrs. Gilliam recommended Rodney Cox who was present for the meeting and previously submitted an application earlier this year. Mr. Cox addressed council and presented them with written recommendations and qualifications. Mr. Cox is interested in a full time position. Discussion was held concerning probationary period and whether to do position as an interim Chief. Mayor Johnson requested a five minute break.

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Barbara Gilliam to break for five minutes.

Motion carried 5-0

Council reconvened at 8:03 p.m. Council requested executive session for further discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council entered into executive session at 8:03 p.m. Motion was made by Barbara Gilliam, second by Sally Grimes. Motion carried 5-0

Council exited executive session at 8:14 p.m. Motion was made by Kevin Fron, second by Barbara Gilliam. Motion carried 5-0

ACTION ON ITEMS TAKEN UP IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regular meeting was reconvened.

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Lindsay Morgan to hire Rodney Cox as Chief of Police with starting pay to be \$ 36,500 dollars with a probationary period of one year to start on date of hire with the stipulation that all necessary licensing and certifications pending be obtained first.

Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Cox accepted motion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 20, 2009 regular meeting 7:00 p.m.

July 03, 2009 office closed

ADJOURN

Motion by Barbara Gilliam, second by Sally Grimes to adjourn meeting at 8:16 p.m.
Motion carried 5-0

APPROVED: _____
Terry Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Joyce Johnson, City Secretary