

CITY OF SPRINGTOWN
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING.. SEPTEMBER 24, 2009
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Doug Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M., September 24, 2009.

Council Members Present: Annette Burk Tom W. Clayton
 Doug Hughes Tony D. Smith
 Denise Taylor Robert E. Wilson

Staff Present: City Administrator, Mark Krey
 City Secretary, Jhanna Bogan

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of August 27th & September 10, 2009 minutes.

Councilman Robert E. Wilson moved to accept the August 27th & September 10, 2009 minutes.

Second by Councilwoman Annette Burk

Five (5) For None (0) Opposed

Motion Carried

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Financial Report – The finance director will report the expenditures and receipts of the city by account for the previous month and a comparison with the previous year, as well as status of the balance of such accounts and funds and any anomalies in receipts and expenditures.

Finance Manager Kim Mathis updated Council on Financial status of the City.

City Administrator – The City Administrator will update the Council on the status of Water Treatment and Waste Water Plant Projects, E. 5th St. extension & prep work for Walnut Creek Bridge & 9th St. Projects.

City Administrator Mark Krey provided an update to Council on the 2007 Raw Water Line Replacement Project. He stated that the final walk through had been completed and that he was waiting for a letter from Tarrant County. He stated that the first inspector had signed off; however they brought in another inspector that said some of the bar ditches were not in line with the road. He stated that the city had bought two sets of cat cages that were powder coated. He stated that the Certificate of Obligation Series 2009 Bridge project was about half way through the bid process. He said that twelve companies had picked up packets so far; some design & build and others were bid only. He stated that all surveys, core test and geotechnical tests were complete. He also stated that the topol and geographical surveys are finished on the East Loop project. He said that the Rene Bates auction grossed over \$14,000 and there was another auction scheduled to begin on Monday.

Councilwoman Denise Taylor asked if we had an update on the Odom project.

Mark Krey replied that the phone line had been installed last week and that they were getting the underground utilities installed before the roads were poured.

Mayor Doug Hughes wanted to thank the entire staff and each employee for getting all the items and projects completed this fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS (Consideration and/or action)

Consideration and/or action on approving the final plat showing Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Bullion Addition, an addition to the City of Springtown, Parker County, Texas and being 0.67 acre

situated in the Joseph Ward Survey, Abstract No. 1608, Parker County, Texas and being that same tract of land described by deed conveyed to Dennis et ux Theresa Bullion recorded in Volume 2668, Page 673, and Volume 2705, Page 847 Official Records, Parker County, Texas.

Councilman Tom W. Clayton moved to approve the final plat showing Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Bullion Addition, an addition to the City of Springtown, Parker County, Texas and being 0.67 acre situated in the Joseph Ward Survey, Abstract No. 1608, Parker County, Texas and being that same tract of land described by deed conveyed to Dennis et ux Theresa Bullion recorded in Volume 2668, Page 673, and Volume 2705, Page 847 Official Records, Parker County, Texas.

Second by Councilwoman Annette Burk

Five (5) For None (0) Opposed

Motion Carried

Discussion and update from Verizon concerning High Speed Internet.

Barbara Walker from Verizon stated that the hardware was in and that every indication is that we will have DSL in by next council meeting. This service will be provided to 7,500 homes in the Azle, Reno and Springtown area. She stated that they will advertise in the newspaper, website and will be quite loud when they come. She said for right now there are two National Packages being offered. One the Triple Play that includes DSL internet, Direct TV with DVR and home phone with unlimited long distance for \$75.00 per month for the first, three months and then \$99.00 per month for months four through twelve. She stated the technicians are trained and that they will turn everyone on at once with no staggering.

Mayor Pro Tem Tony D. Smith asked what speed the internet would be at.

Ms. Walker stated that a lot would be at 3 mg with some at higher speeds.

Councilman Robert E. Wilson asked if Verizon charged for higher speeds.

Ms. Walker replied that there would be a 7.1 mg speed offered for an additional \$10.00 per month for the Turbo package.

Ms. Walker stated that there would also be some local packages available.

Councilman Robert E. Wilson asked if each customer would be required to purchase special equipment.

Ms. Walker replied that the best of her knowledge no.

Councilman Wilson asked if Verizon would offer contracts and if so, what would be the duration.

Ms. Walker replied yes, that she suspects the contracts to be one year.

Ms. Walker stated that there would be additional news releases advertising this new service. She also stated that they were very excited and happy to have this come together. She stated that Verizon had made a significant financial investment to make this happen.

Mayor Doug Hughes stated that a lot of people have expressed an interest in the high speed internet and were looking forward to this service being offered in the area.

Open discussion with no action taken

Consideration and/or action on Ordinance for placement of stop sign on East 5th Street.

Consideration and/or action on Ordinance establishing a speed limit on East 5th Street.

Chief Ed Crowdis stated that he has surveyed the area for three weeks and the traffic has been very light. He stated that the posted speed limit between Main Street and Avenue E should be at 25 mph with the exception of the School Zone and a stop sign should be placed on 5th Street at the intersection of Avenue E.

Councilman Robert E. Wilson asked if Dip signs should be placed on the speed limit signs.

Chief Crowdis replied that 18 mph is the most you could go over the dip.

Councilman Wilson stated that 15 mph would be the safest speed.

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Councilwoman Annette Burk moved to adopt Ordinance 706 for the placement of a stop sign on 5th Street at the intersection of Avenue E and adopt Ordinance 707 establishing a speed limit of 25 mph on East 5th Street except for in the School Zone.

Second by Councilman Robert E. Wilson

Five (5) For None (0) Opposed

Motion Carried

Consideration and/or action on Ordinance adopting the 2009/2010 Municipal Budget.

Councilman Robert E. Wilson moved adopt Ordinance 708 adopting the 2009/2010 Municipal Budget.

Second by Councilman Tom W. Clayton

Five (5) For None (0) Opposed

Motion Carried

Consideration and/or action to Ratify property tax increase reflected in budget.

Councilwoman Denise Taylor moved to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget.

Second by Councilman Robert E. Wilson

Five (5) For None (0) Opposed

Motion Carried

Consideration and/or action on Ordinance setting the 2009/2010 tax rate.

Councilwoman Annette Burk moved adopt Ordinance 709 setting the 2009/2010 tax rate at .6075 and stated "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .6075, which is effectively a 3.16% percent increase in the tax rate".

Second by Councilwoman Denise Taylor

Five (5) For None (0) Opposed

Motion Carried

Consideration and/or action on Ordinance amending the schedule of fees.

Councilwoman Denise Taylor moved adopt Ordinance 710 amending the schedule of fees.

Second by Councilman Tom W. Clayton

Five (5) For None (0) Opposed

Motion Carried

Consideration and/or action on Ordinance adopting a new City Limits Boundary Map.

Councilman Robert E. Wilson moved adopt Ordinance 711 adopting a new City Limits Boundary Map.

Second by Councilwoman Denise Taylor

Five (5) For None (0) Opposed

Motion Carried

Consideration and/or action on City of Springtown Holiday Schedule.

City Administrator Mark Krey stated that we would be working half crews on Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Martin Luther King Day, and Presidents Day. Employees will have two floating holidays during the year.

Councilwoman Denise Taylor moved approve the holiday schedule.

Second by Councilman Tom W. Clayton

Five (5) For None (0) Opposed

Motion Carried

Consideration and/or action on Resolution Nominating Candidate for the Parker County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

City Administrator Mark Krey stated that the number of votes each entity gets is based on the tax load. The higher the tax bills the more votes. He said that the city has historically gone with SISD and the only person that we can think of; that we know is Steve Harris who is currently on the board.

Councilman Tom W. Clayton moved to approve Resolution 470 nominating Steve Harris as a candidate for the Parker County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Second by Councilman Robert E. Wilson

Five (5) For None (0) Opposed

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Robert E. Wilson moved to adjourn meeting at 7:28 PM.

Second by Councilwoman Denise Taylor

Five (5) For None (0) Opposed

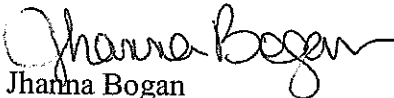
Motion Carried

Approved:



Doug Hughes
Mayor

Respectfully Submitted:



Jhanna Bogan
City Secretary