

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

May 26, 2015

The regular meeting of the Liberal City Commission was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located at 325 North Washington on Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Joe Denoyer, Vice Mayor Dean Aragon, Dave Harrison, Jack Carlile and Tony Martinez.

City Staff Present: City Manager Mark Hall, Finance Director Chris Ford, City Clerk Debbie Giskie, Human Resources Director Sheena Schmutz, Zoning Administrator Kory Krause, Water Services Director Cal Burke, Chief of Police Al Sill and City Attorney Shirla McQueen.

Mayor Denoyer declared the meeting called to order, and City Clerk Giskie read the roll call declaring a quorum present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the invocation was given by Rev. Jack Jacob of the First Southern Baptist Church.

1. Awards/Proclamations/Presentations. *No items were presented.*

2. Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Denoyer requested approval of the agenda.

Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the agenda, as presented, with Vice Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes.

Commissioner Carlile moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2015 regular meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Aragon and carried unanimously.

4. Items from Citizens.

Mayor Denoyer read the rules of the Commission and requested members of the audience approach the podium to address the Commission.

- Kelly Malwitz, Liberal resident, appeared before the Commission to voice concern of recent events of Mr. Harrison and Mr. Aragon appearing to be intoxicated at local establishments and the reported hit and run accident involving Mr. Harrison.
- Chief Sill advised there is a pending court case hearing and discussion tonight would be hearsay and detrimental to the case.
- City Attorney McQueen concurred with Chief Sill and stated this issue cannot be discussed further.
- James Desmuke, Liberal, asked about the police procedures used in the reported accident. Chief Sill indicated the officers had used the correct procedures.
- Billy Reeves, Liberal, expressed appreciation for all the Commissioners do, but felt the commissioners should lead by example.
- Following further discussion, it was noted this issue can be discussed further after the case is completed.

5. Items from Groups.

Mayor Denoyer read the rules of the Commission and requested members of the audience approach the podium to address the Commission. *No items were presented.*

6. Consent Agenda.

- a. Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes:
 1. Liberal Housing Authority, April 14, 2015.
 - b. Approval of Lease Renewals:
 1. Clingan Tires, Inc.
- Mayor Denoyer inquired if the Commission wished to remove any items for further discussion.

Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, with Commissioner Carlile seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. CNG Energy Addition.

- Zoning Administrator Krause presented the Final Plat for CNG Energy Addition and noted this is for the construction of a natural gas station. He explained the plat was discussed and reviewed by the Planning Commission and they recommended forwarding it to the City Commission for acceptance.
- Commissioner Carlile questioned if there will be large tanks on the property. CNG Energy partner Rock Ormiston advised there will be small tanks that will serve as buffer from the compressor and will be less flammable.

Commissioner Harrison moved to accept the Final Plat of the CNG Energy Addition, as presented. Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

8. Purchase of Valve Spreader - Water Plant.

- Water Services Director Burke advised this equipment was seen recently at a trade show. He explained the spreader will have the capability of saving on parts and time on repairing a leak and that it will pay for itself in 12 to 18 months. Mr. Burke advised the only negative issue is the fact that this equipment is exclusive and isn't available from another supplier.
- Mayor Denoyer inquired if this was a budgeted item. Mr. Burke advised it was not budgeted but it can be absorbed in the tool line item.

Commissioner Carlile moved to approve the purchase of the Valve Spreader and attachments from Specialty Maintenance Products (SMP) in the amount of \$3,148.25, as presented, with Vice Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

- City Manager Hall reported there will be a Self-Help Housing groundbreaking at 1440 Charles Street tomorrow. He also reminded the Commission of the Council of Governments meeting this Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at SCCC.
- Mr. Hall noted the departments are busy trying to stay on top of the weed growth plus working on all the other projects. He expressed appreciation to City staff for all their hard work.
- Chief Sill reported the police department recently went through a promotion process and had brought the individuals who were promoted to the meeting this evening for introductions.

- He introduced the following officers: Lieutenant Jared Ratzlaff who will work in the administration division; Sergeant Brandt Helsel who is in the patrol division; Sergeant Jason Ott who is in the investigations division and Corporals Jacob Cosper and Jacob Hampton who are in the patrol division.
- Mayor Denoyer expressed appreciation what each officer does on a daily basis. The Commission and audience applauded the officers.

10. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Martinez thanked City staff for all they are doing to control the weeds and also congratulated the promoted officers.

Commissioner Carlile extended his congratulations to the officers who were promoted.

Commissioner Carlile advised that a group of local people met last Friday with the Mexican Consulate and there are plans underway to bring Mexican art to the Baker Arts Center.

Vice Mayor Aragon congratulated the police officers that were promoted and thanked City staff for their work on the weeds.

Mayor Denoyer advised the Liberal Cemetery looked great and noted it took a concerted effort to get everything done. He thanked the citizens for coming forward and noted it is good to bring issues to the Commission's attentions.

- Mayor Denoyer noted there are a lot of good things going on in our community now and in the months to come. He thanked Mr. Ormiston for bringing his idea to the community. He also thanked City staff for all their efforts.

Commissioner Harrison had no items to present.

11. VOUCHERS.

\$832,866.81, dated May 26, 2015. *Commissioner Carlile* moved to approve the vouchers, as presented, with *Vice Mayor Aragon* seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Vice Mayor Aragon.

Joe Denoyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra S. Giskie, CMC, City Clerk