



**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2010**

Present:

Beverly Phares, Mayor

Councilmembers:

Robert Lorange, Mayor Pro Tem
Tammy Cowdery (arrived 6:15 pm)
Leo Wheelchel
Chuck Bradford

Guests:

Andy Franks, A.L. Franks Engineering
David Stewart, A.L. Franks Engineering

City Staff:

Dessie Enns, City Secretary
Tom Townsend, Public Works Director
Hannah Sutton, Assistant to City Secretary
Michael Kirby, Public Works Employee
Charles Cristen, Public Works Employee

Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum of the Councilmembers present, the Regular meeting of the Redwater City council was called to order by Mayor Phares at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, in the Council Chambers at Redwater City Hall, 120 Redwater Blvd. W, Redwater, TX. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Chuck Bradford.

Presentations and Recognitions

- (a) **Andy Franks: A.L. Franks Engineering, Inc.** – Andy Franks reintroduced himself and David Stewart to the Council. Both previously worked for NRS Engineers and worked on several projects for the City of Redwater. Mr. Franks owns his own firm now and has completed his two year non-compete clause with NRS.

Public Comments – Open Forum

None

Reports

- (a) Mayor – Beverly Phares
- **Introduction of Hannah Sutton** – Hannah is the new assistant to city secretary
 - **Thank you note** – City received a thank you from Judge Carlow for the donation to Ambassador's Gateway Farm in memory of his mother in law
 - **Notice of Dessie's graduation** – letter from Texas Municipal Clerks Association notifying Mayor of Dessie's successful completion of Texas Municipal Clerk Certification Program

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- **Update on disaster mitigation grant** – application has been reviewed and will soon be recommended for funding. Next step is for TDRA to contract with ATCOG.
 - **Check from worker's comp** – received refund check from TMLIRP for workers comp for \$1,926.
 - **Sponsorship of FFA** – \$100 for ad on 2010 poster
 - **Office cleaning** – Kylie Perry will clean the office every 2 weeks
- (b) Public Works – Tom Townsend
- **Dismissal of employee** – dismissed January 13 for continually being late
 - **Introduction of two new employees** – Michael Kirby, who worked for a construction company previously; and Charles Cristen who worked for a plumbing contractor in New Boston. Both have been with the City about 2 weeks and are doing well.
 - **Water/Wastewater Report** –
 - Presented report to Council on operating costs of wastewater plant.
 - Had a phone line installed and purchased autodialer for elevated storage – it will call Tom's phones if storage tank overflows.
 - Having trouble with backhoe not starting.
- (c) Secretary – Dessie Enns:
Council reviewed monthly Financial Reports
- **Monthly General Fund Financial Report**
 - **Monthly Water/Sewer Financial Report**
- (d) Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance – Hannah Sutton
- **Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs** – no vehicle maintenance
 - **Cut off list** – only one person on last month's list has not paid yet
 - **ACH processing** – 124 Customers, \$7,038.04

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Lorange, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve and adopt the consent agenda as follows:

- (a) **Approval of minutes of the December 14, 2009 special meeting**
- (b) **Approval of minutes of the January 11, 2010 regular meeting**
- (c) **Approval of accounts payable for December 26 – January 25, 2010**

The motion carried.

Authorizations by Council

- (a) **Consider/approve appointing Ronnie Bell to City Council Place 1; with Oath of Office to be Administered by City Secretary**
Ronnie Bell will be unable to serve on the Council due to a change in his job hours.

MOTION: No action taken.

- (b) **Order Election to be held May 8, 2010**

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MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Lorange and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to order Election to be held May 8, 2010. The motion carried.

- (c) **Consider/approve use of offsite computer backup company**
Dessie provided Council with information on Mozy Pro, Backblaze, and Carbonite.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Lorange and a second by Councilmember Whelchel, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve use of Mozy Pro as the City's offsite computer backup company. The motion carried.

- (d) **Consider/approve change in Solid Waste plan**
Mayor Phares suggested a change of projects on the Solid Waste Grant from clearing bamboo to obtaining a dumpster from Waste Management to leave at the Wastewater Plant until after the Spring cleanup, and using the grant funds to pay individuals to work Saturdays picking up metal from customers for recycling. The dumpster and metal pickup would be available for several weeks.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Bradford, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve change to the Solid Waste plan. The motion carried.

Ordinances/Resolutions

- (a) **Consider/approve Resolution No. R-10-08-20, Adoption of Joint Hazard Mitigation Plan**

RESOLUTION NO. R-10-08-20: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOINT MITIGATION ACTION PLAN

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve Resolution No. R-10-08-20, authorizing adoption of joint Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion carried.

Other Business

- (a) **Set date for Annual Spring Cleanup Day**
Mayor Phares suggested May 1 so citizens would have more time to make use of the metal recycling dumpster.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Lorange, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve setting date for Spring Cleanup on May 1, 2010. The motion carried.

- (b) **Consider/Take action on pursuing Solid Waste Grant 2010**
Grant would be used to pay for salaries of individuals to work on Saturdays at a recycling dumpster, possibly located at the school, and to pay for Waste Management to haul the recyclables at \$185 per dump.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Lorange, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve pursuing Solid Waste Grant 2010. The motion carried.

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- (c) **Consider/Take action on pursuing USDA Grant for Storm Warning Sirens**
Mayor Phares presented information to Council regarding cost and potential locations of storm warning sirens; and stated the City's match could be up to \$20,000.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Lorange and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve pursuing USDA Grant for Storm Warning Sirens, including paying matching funds up to \$20,000, if needed. The motion carried.

Adjourn

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Lorange, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the regular session of the Redwater City Council at 8:05 pm on Tuesday, February 16, 2010. The motion carried.

These minutes approved on the 1 day of March, 2010.



Beverly Phares, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Dessie Enns, CITY SECRETARY