

**City of Timpson**  
**Regular Meeting June 15<sup>th</sup> 2010**

The Timpson City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 5:30 PM with Mayor Debra Smith presiding. Councilman Hailey, Councilman Grace, Mayor Pro-Tem Wolfe and Councilwoman Ramsey were all present. Others present included: Tommy Sparks, Larry Burns, Pat Oats, Jim Barrett, Lavanna Bussey, Tammy Mikesh, and Mrs. Pena with the Timpson/Tenaha News.

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Smith called the meeting to order

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Pro-Tem Wolfe gave the invocation

**CITIZENS' INPUT:** None

**COUNCIL ITEMS:** Councilman Grace stated that the Communication system in the fire trucks needs maintenance because members of the department are having trouble communicating when they are in certain locations.

**Minutes and Financial Reports:**

***Minutes:*** The Council reviewed the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 and the Special meeting held on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2010. Councilman Hailey offered a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and all were in favor.

***Financial Statements:*** The financial statements for the month of May 2010 were presented. Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the financial statements as printed. Councilman Hailey seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes.

***Payable:*** Accounts payable were presented for the month of June 2010 totaling \$113,590.45. The accounts payable included Detec purchases of \$81,618.26 and regular payables of \$ 31972.19. Councilwoman Ramsey made a motion to approve the account payables. Councilman Grace seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes.

**Old Business:**

- A. **Kenny Walker/Box car in So-So Park:** Mr. Walker was not present for discussion. The Council had a brief discussion with Mr. Jim Barrett with the First Methodist Church. Mr. Barrett stated that he believes that the First Baptist Church is the owner of the box car and holds the charter. After more discussion, Councilman Wolfe offered a motion to table the item so that the City can determine who the owner of the box car is. Councilman Hailey seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes.
- B. **Construction Agreement with Doyle Scroggins:** After reviewing the amendments made to the contract, Councilman Wolfe stated that Mr. Scroggins did not need to grade all of the ditches in the City and that we need to make sure he is informed of the areas that do not need to be graded. Councilman Wolfe also stated that Mr. Scroggins will only be paid for the total footage graded. After more discussion, Councilman Grace offered a motion to accept the contract. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes.

**New Business:**

- A. **Frank Campos & the 2008-2009 Audit:** Mr. Campos presented the audit. Mr. Campos pointed out that the City Water/Sewer fund is still showing a deficit and that the City needs to evaluate this fund to look at what options are available to generate more revenue. Mr. Campos stated that overall the City is in good financial condition. After more discussion, Councilman Hailey offered a motion to approve the findings of the audit. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes.
- B. **Pat Oats regarding DRS01087 Ike Disaster Recovery:** Mr. Pat Oats presented the City with options pertaining to recent bids received for this generator that will be placed at the lift station on North Third Street. Mr. Oats stated that the City could award the bid to the low bidder, Absolute Industries, in the amount of \$32,875.00. The City would be required to expend the difference in the amount of \$9,995.00 if this bid is awarded. The other alternative would be to reject all bids received and obtain cost quotations from generator suppliers. The City could purchase the generator and use City resources for the installation. After an in depth discussion, Councilwoman Ramsey offered a motion to reject all bids and obtain cost quotations from generator suppliers. Councilman Hailey seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes.
- C. **Lavanna Bussey regarding safety on Church Street:** Mrs. Bussey addressed the Council stating that her neighborhood was not safe because individuals speed down the streets. Mrs. Bussey asked the City to install speed bumps on Church Street so that these individuals will have to slow down. Chief Poindexter stated that if he could obtain the license plate or owner of the vehicles, he could address the situation. Chief Poindexter stated that he and his officers will make an effort to patrol the area more frequently. After more discussion, Councilman Hailey offered a motion to table the item

so that the City can get the cost of the installation of the speed bumps and clarify any liability issues that the City may have if an automobile is damaged by a speed bump. Councilman Grace seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes.

- D. Tammy Mikesh & contractor Cecil Cheshire regarding fencing in the City Alley behind the Timpson Senior Apartments:** Mr. Cheshire was not present for the meeting. Mayor Smith asked Mrs. Mikesh why the fencing was placed in the City Alley. Mrs. Mikesh stated that the property owner had authorized the placing of the fence to enhance safety of the tenants, not knowing it was located in a City alley. Mrs. Mikesh also presented the Council with a petition signed by the tenants requesting that the fencing be left due to safety reasons. Mrs. Mikesh stated that they had been doing the maintenance on the alleyway. Questions were raised as to whether the fencing should be removed. Mayor Smith stated that the City may be able to lease the alley to the apartments but also stated that in an emergency situation, the fencing could pose a problem. Mayor Smith stated that this would be reviewed and that the City will contact Mrs. Mikesh when a decision has been made. No official action was taken on this item.
- E. After Hour/Emergency call outs for the Public Works Department and the Police Department:** Mayor Smith stated that the employees of the Public Works department and the Police Department have been called out after hours for unnecessary reasons. Mayor Smith stated that she wants the public to utilize the dispatchers and the ability to call the employees if there is an emergency, however, she asked for everyone's cooperation in making sure that there is an "actual emergency" before calling the City dispatchers /employees after hours. Mayor Smith stated that when these employees are contacted they are getting paid overtime, and when there is no emergency, this is an unnecessary expense to the City. No action was taken on this item.
- F. Resolution of Authority:** After a brief discussion, Councilman Grace offered a motion to update the signature cards at Austin Bank, removing Mayor McDonald and Chester Kirkley, adding Mayor Smith and Mayor Pro-Tem Ronnie Wolfe. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes.
- G. Policy regarding authorized persons who may contact the City attorney:** After a brief discussion, Councilman Wolfe offered a motion to adopt this policy stating that the only person(s) authorized to contact the City attorney are the Mayor and the City Secretary. Councilman Hailey seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes. The councilmember's were provided with contact number for TML where they can get FREE legal advice when needed.
- H. Amendment of the Community Building Rental Contract:** After a brief discussion, Councilman Grace offered a motion to amend the fees for rental of the building as well as the fees for services of City employees/Police officers. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes. The new fee schedule will be as follows: 4 hour rental-\$50.00, each additional 2 hours-25.00; maximum daily rental of \$100.00; 2 day rental for the same event-\$150.00; fees for City Employee/Police Officer-\$25.00 per hour.
- I. Ordinance Creating a Citizens Advisory Committee:** After a discussion on the importance of a Citizens advisory Committee, Councilman Wolfe offered a motion to pass the ordinance creating the committee. Councilman Hailey seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes. The members were then asked to give the name of the person they have chosen to serve on the committee. Councilwoman Ramsey chose Tracy Hooper or Chief Poindexter; Councilman Hailey chose Hilda Pena; Councilman Grace chose Tiffany Curtis, Councilman Wolfe chose Paul Bailey, and Mayor Smith chose Lenny Gaddis. The committee will begin meeting prior to the monthly Council meetings, first meeting will be in July.
- J. Cops Grant-Hiring Program:** The City Secretary asked for permission to submit another application for the 2010 grant period explaining that this grant will pay the salary and fringe benefits for an entry level officer for a 36 month period. The City would be required to employ the officer at the City's expense for twelve months following the 36 month period. Councilman Hailey offered a motion to approve the submission of the application. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes.
- K. Vacancy:** After a brief discussion, Councilman Grace offered a motion to appoint Lenny Gaddis to the vacant seat. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion. Councilman Wolfe and Councilman Hailey voted against the motion. Mayor Smith against the appointment, breaking the tie, motion failed. Councilman Wolfe then offered a motion to leave the seat vacant until the next election. Councilman Hailey seconded the motion. Councilwoman Ramsey and Councilman Grace voted against the motion. Mayor Smith voted in favor of leaving the seat vacant, breaking the tie, motion passed.

#### **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:**

**City Secretary:** The City Secretary stated that she had completed the required testing for Code Enforcement Certification & as soon as Chief Poindexter took and passed his test, the needed enforcement of building codes, weeds/grass junked vehicles, etc. could be done. The City Secretary also reminded the Councilmember's of available training and dates if they would like to attend.

**Police Department:** Chief Poindexter stated that the department responded to a total of 128 calls, 24 being "call-outs".

**Public Works Department:** N/A

**Municipal Court:** Paula Mullins reported that 115 citations/138 violations were issued in the month of May 2010 and total gross revenue for the court was \$13,580.09.

**Adjournment:** Councilman Hailey offered a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion and all were in favor of adjourning.

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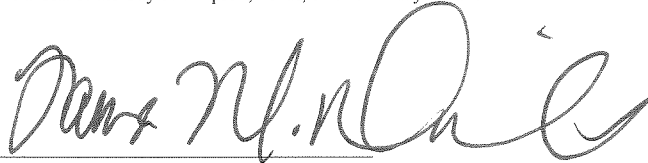
Mayor Debra Pate Smith

THE STATE OF TEXAS)  
COUNTY OF SHELBY)

*CERTIFICATION*

I, Tanya Windham, City Secretary of the City of Timpson, Texas, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the records of the City of Timpson, Texas, and that the following are true and correct copies of the Minutes of the City Council Meeting June 15<sup>th</sup> 2010.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal of the City of Timpson, Texas, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010



Tanya Windham  
City Secretary, City of Timpson, TX