

City of Timpson
Regular Meeting November 16th 2010

The Timpson City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday November 16th 2010 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Debra Smith presiding. Councilman Grace, Mayor Pro-Tem Wolfe, and Councilwoman Ramsey were all present. Councilman Hailey was absent. Others present included Fire Chief Pete Andrews, County Commissioner Bradley Allen, Robin Crawford owner of Quickstop, Mrs. Pena with the Timpson/Tenaha News and Scott Flowers with the Light and Champion

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Smith called the meeting to order

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro-Tem Wolfe gave the invocation

CITIZENS' INPUT: Susan Miller and Danny Monger with Taylor Funeral Home thanked the Mayor and City Council for replacing a portion of the sidewalk at Taylor Funeral Home and for all for the assistance they have been receiving from the Police Department during funerals.

COUNCIL ITEMS: Mayor Smith stated that the City, County, and School are still working on coming to an agreement regarding the Runnels property. County Commissioner Bradley Allen spoke on behalf of the county stating the county judge Rick Campbell and the county commissioners are willing to work with the City on any issues that come up that they may be able to assist with.

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Mr. Ashbraner, Mr. Platt, and Mrs. Pena were present. The Mayor welcomed discussion on any areas of interest or concern. The Mayor also advised the committee that the City Secretary would be contacting them to ask for assistance with the Christmas activities that are planned in December.

Minutes and Financial Reports:

Minutes: After a brief discussion, Councilman Grace moved to approve the minutes from the October 19th regular meeting. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes.

Financial Statements: After a brief discussion, Councilman Grace moved to approve the financial statements for the month of October. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes.

Payable: Regular payables of \$32,100.28 and Deep East Texas Purchases of \$128,110.50 were presented. After a brief discussion, Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the accounts payable for the month of November. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and all were in favor.

New Business:

- A. **Joey Franks and fencing of her property that may obstruct a portion of the City Alley:** Mrs. Franks and Nathan with Subway were not present for discussion. After a brief discussion, Councilman Wolfe moved to postpone this item until January because Mrs. Franks and Nathan with Subway were not present. Councilman Grace seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- B. **John Tutt Regarding Martin Luther King Jr. Day Festivities:** Mr. John Tutt addressed the City Council asking permission to have a Freedom Walk on January 17, 2011 beginning at 10:30 a.m. The walk will start at So-So Park and will end at MLK Park. Other events are scheduled following the Freedom Walk. Councilwoman Ramsey moved to approve the Freedom Walk and following events. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- C. **Paul Smith representing the Chamber of Commerce and Robin Crawford owner of Timpson Quick Stop regarding the approval of striping a portion of Railroad Street behind Timpson Quick Stop and the purchase of signs that will need to be placed on Railroad Street:** Paul Smith spoke on behalf of the Chamber. He explained that because customers have been cited for parking on Railroad Street Mrs. Crawford is losing money. The Chamber of Commerce feels that because her business brings in a substantial amount of revenue for the City in sales tax and property tax, the City should assist her with arranging for additional parking behind quickstop. Mr. Smith stated that Mrs. Crawford has been very generous towards the City and its citizens over the years and recommended that the City do whatever possible to accommodate Mrs. Crawford so that her business is not affected by the circumstances, which directly affect the City sales tax revenue. Mrs. Crawford suggested striping one side of Railroad Street so that her customers can determine where her parking lot ends and the City Street begins. She also requested changing the area that is no parking to "no overnight parking". After a brief discussion by the Council, Councilman Wolfe offered a motion to stripe one side of Railroad Street, the portion abuding Mrs. Crawford's property so that customers can clearly see where the parking lot ends. The motion also included the purchase and placement of "no overnight parking" signs. Councilman Grace seconded the motion and all were in favor. The City will purchase the paint for the striping and public works employee Larry Burns will do the striping with his machine.
- D. **Striping of parking area beside City Hall and striping of the parking lot in front of City Hall:** After a brief discussion, Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the striping of the parking lot in front of City Hall and beside City hall. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes. The City will purchase the paint and public works employee Larry Burns will do the striping with his machine.
- E. **Paul Smith on behalf of the Timpson Chamber of Commerce, presenting a donation to the City of Timpson Parks and Recreation Account:** Mr. Paul Smith, President of the Chamber of

Commerce, presented a check to the City of Timpson Park and Recreation fund for \$2500.00. Mr. Smith stated that the Chamber is excited about working with the City and is proud to assist with the purchase of the playground equipment.

- F. **City Electricity furnished to Kevin and Angela Bradford at 546 US hwy 59 South:** Mayor Smith informed the City Council that Deep East Texas had installed underground utilities that should have been installed by the City because this property is in the City Limits. Mayor Smith informed the Council that deep east Texas would sell the facilities to the City of Timpson for \$3130.04. This does not include any labor for installation. The City will also be receiving an \$1100.00 check from Mr. and Mrs. Bradford to cover the expense of the installation. Mayor Smith stated that if the Council accepts this agreement, a minimum use/charge agreement would need to be drafted and signed by Mr. Bradford stating he will pay a minimum of \$160.00 per month to the City of Timpson because of the type of transformer he is using. After a brief discussion, Councilman Wolfe offered a motion to approve the agreement(s). Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and all agreed.
- G. **Ordinance 2010-11-16-1 Amending the Policies and Regulations Governing the Operation of the Utilities in the City of Timpson:** After a brief review of this ordinance, Councilman Wolfe moved to amend the ordinance to state that existing Commercial customers that desire to open an additional business in the City of Timpson will not be required to put up an electric deposit for the additional business if they have not had a late payment in the past twelve months. The water deposit of \$100.00 will be required for each business. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and all were in favor. Councilman Wolfe then offered a motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-11-16-1 as amended. Councilman Grace seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- H. **Amend the City of Timpson Personnel Policies and procedures handbook section 6.04 Overtime compensation:** After a brief discussion, Councilman Wolfe offered a motion to amend the handbook to state that if an employee is called in to work on a holiday, they will be compensated at an overtime rate. This applies to all employees regardless of how many hours they have worked during the pay period. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes.
- I. **New Bench donated by Ms. Laura Oliver:** Mayor Smith stated that Ms. Oliver has purchased a bench from Lowes and would like to have it engraved in memory of her family and have it placed on the square or in So-So Park. This would be at her expense and the City would not be liable for any damage to or theft of the bench. Councilwoman Ramsey offered a motion to approve placing the bench at either location but stated she would like to see it placed on the square. Councilman Grace seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- J. **City Christmas Party:** After a brief discussion, Councilwoman Ramsey offered a motion approving the City Christmas Party for December 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion and all were in favor. Mayor Smith stated she would be preparing the food and if anyone wanted to help, let her know.
- K. **Executive Session 551.074, Government Code, for the purpose of conducting interviews for the full time mowing position.** The council retired into executive session at 6:38 p.m.
- L. **Reconvene to open session:** The council reconvened to open session at 7:35 p.m.
- M. **Discussion/Action regarding hiring an individual to the full time mowing position:** After a brief discussion, Councilman Wolfe moved to hire Johnny Greer for the position. Mr. Greer is currently working part time for the City. The motion stated that Mr. Greer would be placed on a 90-day probationary period and would be paid \$8.00 per hour. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and all were in favor.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Police Department: Chief Graham stated that the department responded to 62 calls in the month of October including 29 agency assists, 3 loose livestock, 4 disturbances, 9 alarm calls, 3 thefts, 1 robbery, 3 assaults, 1 animal cruelty, 2 criminal trespass, 1 traffic accident, 2 welfare checks, 4 extra patrol requests, and 3 arrests


Public Works Department: N/A

Municipal Court: Tanya Windham reported the gross revenue for the court in October was \$24,733.75, city portion-\$13,603.56

City Secretary: Tanya Windham stated that Cobb Lumber has donated all materials for two eight-foot picnic benches in each City Park and Timpson FFA is building the benches for the City. She also stated that County Judge Rick Campbell donated \$1000.00 to the City of Timpson Parks and Recreation account. The Council was reminded of the Christmas events planned for December 11th.

Adjournment: Councilman Grace offered a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

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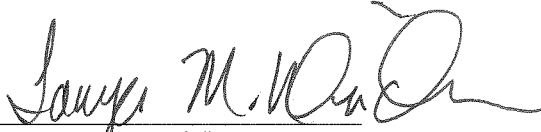
Mayor Debra Pate Smith

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 November 16th 2010.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal of the City of Timpson, Texas, on this 17th day of November 2010.



Tanya Windham
City Secretary, City of Timpson, TX