

CITY OF TIMPSON
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21ST 2010

The Timpson City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday September 21st 2010 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Debra Smith presiding. Councilman Grace, Councilwoman Ramsey, Councilman Hailey and Councilman Wolfe were present.

Called to Order: Mayor Smith called the meeting to order

Invocation: Councilman Grace gave the invocation

Pledge: United States Pledge, Texas Pledge

Citizens Advisory Committee: Members of the committee present included Nolan Ashbraner, Tiffany Curtis, and Hilda Pena. John Tutt and Roy Platt did not attend. Tiffany inquired about playground equipment for the park. Mayor Smith stated that the City would be applying for a grant in January that will assist with the purchase of the playground equipment if the City receives funding. Mayor Smith also asked if the Citizens advisory committee could meet with her on October 5th at 5:00 p.m.

Citizens Input: None

Council Items: None

Minutes: The Council reviewed the minutes from the special meetings held on August 23rd 2010 and September 7th 2010 Councilman Hailey offered a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion and the votes were all ayes.

Financial Statements: The financial statements for the month of August 2010 were presented. Councilman Wolfe offered a motion to approve the financial statements. Councilman Grace seconded the motion and the votes were all ayes.

Payables: Accounts payable were presented for the month of September 2010. The accounts payable included Detec purchases of \$126,476.71 and regular payables of \$ 23744.86 for a total of \$150,221.57. Councilman Wolfe offered a motion to approve the accounts payable for \$150,221.57. Councilman Hailey seconded the motion and all were in favor. Mayor Smith reminded the Council that copies of the bills are maintained by the City secretary and are available to the Council should a question/concern arise.

Old Business:

A. TMIRRP Board of Trustee Nominations: The City Council made their selection for the ballot as follows: Councilwoman Ramsey offered a motion to select Michael Nyren for place 6. Motion seconded by Councilman Wolfe and the votes were all ayes. Councilman Wolfe offered a motion to select Lawanna Williams for place 7. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and the votes were all ayes. Councilwoman Ramsey offered a motion to select Larry Melton for place 8. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion and the votes were all ayes. The Mayor stated that Andres Garza would be selected for place 9 because there is no opposition on the ballot.

New Business:

A. Ordinance 2010-09-21-1 Revising the City of Timpson Franchise agreement with Center Point Energy: After a brief discussion regarding this ordinance, Councilwoman Ramsey offered a motion to approve the ordinance increasing the City franchise fee currently at 3% to 5%, a 2% increase. The new franchise agreement will also change original jurisdiction stating that Center Point will go before the state regarding any rate cases in lieu of coming before the City Council. Councilman Hailey seconded the motion. Councilman Wolfe voted in favor of the motion, Councilman Grace against. The motion passed by majority vote.

B. Ordinance 2010-09-21-2 Repealing the application of the exemption from local sales and use taxes on receipts from the sale of telecommunication services within the City of Timpson: After a discussion, Councilman Wolfe offered a motion to approve this ordinance, repealing the sales tax exemption on telecommunication services within the City. This repeal will result in collections of 1% sales tax on telecommunication services by the City. The City will begin receiving revenue approximately (90) ninety days from the date this ordinance is adopted. Councilman Hailey seconded the motion and all were in favor.

C. Solid Waste Collection Agreement: After a brief discussion, Councilman Wolfe offered a motion to advertise for bids on the City of Timpson solid waste collection service. Councilman Hailey seconded the motion and the votes were all ayes.

- D. Sidewalk Restoration at Taylor Funeral Home:** After a brief discussion and a review of photographs of the sidewalk, Councilman Wolfe offered a motion to obtain quotes from at least three entities for repair of this sidewalk. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and the votes were all ayes.
- E. Water Main leak repair on Hwy 87:** After a brief discussion of the requirement by TxDot to have licensed flaggers available and the requirement to compact the hole with 12" of lime stone base and 4" of asphalt to match existing pavement after the leak is repaired, Councilman Hailey offered a motion to obtain quotes from at least three entities on the repair of this leak. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and the votes were all ayes.
- F. Sale of K-9 in the Police Department:** After a brief discussion, Councilwoman Ramsey offered a motion to approve the sale of Sully for \$2500.00 to the Lockhart Police Department. If the Lockhart Police Department does not purchase Sully, he will be sold to another entity for \$2500.00. Councilman Grace seconded the motion and the votes were all ayes.
- G. Bids for bank depository services:** After reviewing proposals from Austin bank and Bancorp South, Councilman Grace offered a motion to award the contract to Austin Bank for a three (3) year term effective October 1st 2010. Councilman Hailey seconded the motion and the votes were all ayes.
- H. Bids for mowing City Property:** The Council reviewed bids submitted for mowing City property from Cathy Windham in the amount of \$75.00 per mowing of the City Square, L & L Lawn Maintenance in the amount of \$30,000.00 annually for mowing all of the properties listed in the RFP, E & L Lawn Service in the amount of \$33,705.00 annually for mowing all of the properties listed in the RFP, and Andrew McClendon in the amount of \$21,120.00 annually for mowing all of the properties listed in the RFP. Councilman Wolfe offered a motion to table the bids for further review. Councilman Grace seconded the motion and the votes were all ayes.
- I. Bids submitted on the 1981 Dodge Truck owned by the Timpson Volunteer Fire Department:** There were no bids received, therefore, Councilman Wolfe offered a motion to allow the Fire Department to sale this truck "as is" for \$800.00. Councilman Hailey seconded the motion and the votes were all ayes.
- J. Part-Time Public Works Position:** After a brief discussion, Mayor Smith stated that the Council would retire into executive session, pursuant to Government Code 551.074, personnel matters, to discuss the part-time employment of Johnny Greer. **The Council retired into executive session, G.C. 551.074, personnel matters, at 7:17 p.m. The Council reconvened to open session at 7:22 p.m.** Councilman Wolfe stated that the City of Timpson requires all employees to have a valid Texas Drivers License, and because Mr. Greer does not possess a valid Texas Drivers License, the City is unable to hire him at this time. Councilman Wolfe offered a motion to give the Mayor the authority to hire Mr. Greer on a part-time basis, 24 hours per week, at a rate of \$8.00 per hour, when Mr. Greer can show proof that he has obtained a valid Texas Drivers License. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and the votes were all ayes.
- K. Bids on Annual Fire Hydrant:** After a brief discussion, Councilman Wolfe offered a motion to advertise for bids for the City of Timpson annual fire hydrant audit. Councilman Grace seconded the motion and the votes were ayes.
- L. Part-Time Animal control officer:** After a brief discussion, Councilman Grace offered a motion to give the City Secretary permission to hire a part-time animal control officer to replace Jack Burrous. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion and the votes were all ayes. Mr. Burrous has not been responding to animal control calls resulting in an overpopulation of stray animals in the City limits.

City Secretary/Code Enforcement: The City Secretary stated that there would be a Harvest Festival in the MLK Park on October 23rd from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The City Secretary also stated that Code violation letters have been sent to Al Skinner on Bear Drive and Brenda Milford on North Second Street. Officer Kent Graham has been assisting with enforcement of these violations. The City Secretary stated that there would be a special called meeting on September 24th at 5:00 to adopt the 2010/2011 budget and tax rate.


Police Department: Officer Kent Graham reported that there were approximately 67 calls in the month of August. The department received five (5) calls for alarms, there was one (1) possession of a controlled substance case, five (5) disturbances, three (3) assaults, one(1) burglary, two (2) unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (both vehicles recovered), two (2) criminal mischief cases, one (1) theft, one (1) suspicious person, one (1) elderly abuse, one (1) arson, one (1) domestic violence.

Public Works Department: Tommy Sparks was not present to give a report

Municipal Court: Paula Mullins reported that 130 citations were issued in August 2010. The gross revenue for the month was \$16,710.75.

Adjournment: Councilman Grace made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Councilwoman Ramsey seconded the motion. All were in favor of adjourning.

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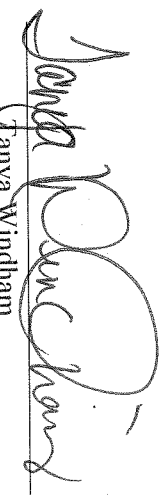
Mayor Debra Pate Smith

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 September 21st 2010.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal of the City of Timpson, Texas, on this 22nd day of September 2010



Tanya Windham
City Secretary, City of Timpson, TX