

REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 23, 2010

Mayor Jeff Bearden called the Regular Meeting of the City Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, and a quorum was declared present, with all members present.

Present: Mayor Jeff Bearden

Commissioners: Jimmy Dennis, Russell Brownlow, Travis Taylor and Phil McCuistion

Staff Present: City Manager Mitch Grant, City Attorney Trish Byars, Fire Chief Kent Smead, Police Chief Tom Wilson, Finance Director Anne Garmon, Public Works Director Bob Cochran, Community Development Director Monica Wilkinson, and City Secretary Linda Byers.

Commissioner Taylor led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags, followed by the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bearden opened the meeting to Public Comment from those who had submitted Requests to Speak during Public Comment Forms.

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Brownlow moved the following items, under the Consent Agenda are approved:

- A. Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on October 26, 2010 and the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on October 25, 2010.
- B. Accept a grant from the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Grant Assistance Program for a Type 6, 2009 F-550 Skeeter, 400 gallon Flat-bed brush truck for use as a Wildland Fire Truck.
- C. Accept a Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant in the amount of \$67,460 and another in the amount of \$33,730.
- D. The Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report by a Law Enforcement Agency for the Vernon Police Department.
- E. A request from The Christmas Parade Committee to temporarily close the 1700 block of Pease Street on Saturday, December 11, 2010 from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm for the Christmas Parade entertainment.
- F. Lease Purchase Financing bid received from the Herring Bank to finance fire apparatus and police vehicles.
- G. Approve the Monthly Investment Report reflecting interest earnings in the amount of \$7,619.55, and Vouchers for October 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010 in the amount of \$835,032.62.

Commissioner McCuistion seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

ION EXCHANGE VESSEL REHABILITATION BIDS

City Manager Grant explained that bids were opened on November 18 at the Kimley-Horn & Associates offices in Fort Worth. There were four bids received, with all of the firms being pre-qualified before bidding by Kimley-Horn. Mr. Grant recommended that the City accept the apparent low bid from NG Painting LP from Kerrville, Texas in the amount of \$101,000.

Public Works Director Cochran noted that this company refurbished the water towers several years ago, and did a good job. City Manager Grant also noted that there would be an on-site Engineer for quality control.

Commissioner McCuistion made the motion to accept the apparent low bid from NG Painting LP.

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

RESCHEDULE DECEMBER REGULAR MEETING

Following discussion about the regular meeting date for December being the week between Christmas and New Year's, and whether or not to move the meeting date to December 21, 2010, Commissioner Taylor made the motion to move the regular December Meeting to Tuesday, December 21.

Commissioner Brownlow seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

CITY COMMISSION CALENDAR FOR 2011

Commissioner Dennis made the motion to approve the proposed calendar listing City Commission Meeting dates and Holidays for the City of Vernon for 2011.

Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

USE PLAN FOR CEMETERY DONATION

City Manager Grant explained that the City received donations in the amount of \$2,000 for the installation of trees at the Eastview Cemetery. The City will also apply for a Chapman Tree Grant in the amount of \$2,500. He and Public Works Director Cochran presented a plan for planting trees and installing drip irrigation lines in Block 21 – 23 in the southwest section of the cemetery.

Commissioner Dennis and Commissioner Taylor both commended the staff for the appearance of Eastview Cemetery.

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to approve the use plan for the cemetery improvement donation.

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Commissioner McCuiston seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE PURCHASE

City Manager Grant explained that the purchase of this 2011 Ford Expedition has been budgeted, and the purchase price of \$21,601.01 was good only until year-end.

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to approve the purchase of the 2011 Ford Expedition.

Commissioner Brownlow seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 911

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VERNON, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITIES AGGREGATION POWER PROJECT, INC. (CAPP) TO NEGOTIATE AN EXTENSION TO THE CURRENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY AND NECESSARY RELATED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NEXT ERA FOR A FIXED PRICE PER KWH THAT IS LOWER THAN CONTRACT RATES FOR 2011-2013, SAID EXTENSION TO CONTINUE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2018; AUTHORIZING CAPP TO ACT AS AN AGENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICITY; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF CAPP TO EXECUTE AN EXTENSION TO THE CURRENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR DELIVERIES OF ELECTRICITY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011 OR AS SOON AFTER FINALIZATION OF A CONTRACT AS POSSIBLE; COMMITTING TO BUDGET FOR ENERGY PURCHASES AND TO HONOR THE CITY'S COMMITMENTS TO PURCHASE POWER THROUGH CAPP FOR ITS ELECTRICAL NEEDS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018.

City Manager Grant explained that the current City contract does not expire until 2013, and this new contract will guarantee stabilized prices through 2018, and make budgeting easier. This resolution authorizes the Chairman of CAPP to execute an extension of the current electric supply agreement.

Commissioner Dennis made the motion to approve Resolution No. 911.

Commissioner McCuiston seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 910

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF VERNON, TEXAS APPROVING THE WILBARGER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSAL TO MOVE THEIR OFFICE LOCATION AND ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH WILBARGER COUNTY.

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to approve Resolution No. 910.

Commissioner Brownlow seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT

City Manager advised the Commission that they needed to appoint a Main Street Advisory Board following the City receiving Main Street Designation from the Texas Historical Commission. Under our current ordinance the commission needs to appoint a seven member board. The terms are normally three years, but three of the initial members will be appointed for 3-year terms, two members for 2-year terms, and two members for 1-year initial terms. Mr. Grant also recommended appointment of at least three alternates and some ex-officio members as follows:

- Downtown Business owner
- Downtown property owner
- Planning and Zoning representative
- Industrial Foundation representative
- At Large Member
- At Large Member
- At Large Member
- Alternate 1
- Alternate 2
- Alternate 3
- Ex-Officio – Community Development Director
- Ex-Officio – BDC Representative
- Ex-Officio – Chamber Manager

Mr. Grant asked for approval to appoint the Board from the nominees. Training for new Board members and the new Main Street Director will be January 24-26, 2010.

Commissioner Dennis made the motion to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to appoint the Main Street Advisory Board and work out staggered terms for the Board.

Commissioner McCuistion seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

TOURISM COMMITTEE

City Manager Grant explained that the City Commission recommends members for the Chamber of Commerce to make the appointments. Gary Don Harkey and James Pilcher did not want to be reappointed. Christy Lehman and Beau Byars were recommended to be added to the list of the City nominees:

- Robert Webb
- Ashley Kieshnick
- Gerald Thiele
- Jim Gryseels
- Christy Lehman
- Beau Byars

Commissioner Dennis made the motion to approve these nominations for the Tourism Committee.

Commissioner Brownlow seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2010

Commissioner Brownlow made the motion to approve a Special City Commission Meeting to be held December 9, 2010 for the City Employees Christmas Luncheon and Service Award Presentation.

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

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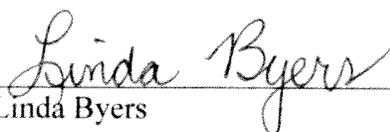
Commissioner McCuiston made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.



Jeff Bearden
Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda Byers
City Secretary