

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2003 AT 5:00 P.M.  
AT TOMBALL CITY HALL, 401 MARKET STREET, TOMBALL, TEXAS, 77375

- 1.0 MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR HARRINGTON. OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN MARTIN  
COUNCILMAN GATLIN  
COUNCILMAN STOVALL  
COUNCILMAN FORD  
COUNCILMAN HOLLAND

OTHERS PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER - BEN GRIFFIN  
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER - MARY COKER  
CITY SECRETARY - DORIS SPEER  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS - MARK MCCLURE  
CHIEF OF POLICE – MICHAEL BLAKE  
FINANCE DIRECTOR - SHERRIE MATTSON  
FIRE CHIEF - GENE WHITENACK  
CITY ENGINEER – DAVID KELLEY

- 2.0 NO PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED.

- 3.0 COUNCIL ENTERED INTO WORKSHOP AT 5:10 P.M.:

- A. JEFF STALLONES GAVE PRESENTATION ON PROBLEMS WITH NON-PRODUCTIVE WELLS. A GROUP OF BUSINESSMEN WISH TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY TO DEVELOP AN OIL AND GAS ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS; ONCE ORDINANCE HAS BEEN DRAFTED, IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE CITY FOR CONSIDERATION. MR. STALLONES' GROUP WILL UNDERWRITE THE ATTORNEYS' FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT.
- B. BEN GRIFFIN GAVE UPDATE ON DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT. COUNCILMAN HOLLAND REQUESTED CITY ADDRESS PORTIONS OF SIDEWALK ON MAIN STREET WHICH ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR.
- C. COUNCILMAN HOLLAND GAVE UPDATE ON CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE'S FIRST MEETING AND REQUESTED COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION FOR FINANCING CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ADVERTISING AND MARKETING THROUGH AN INCREASE IN THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX.

- D. SHERRIE MATTSON PRESENTED UPDATE ON GAS PRICES; BEN GRIFFIN WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR PRICES AND ADVISE COUNCIL IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO TAKE ACTION REGARDING UTILITY RATES
- E. KIT PFEIFFER PRESENTED TISD'S REQUEST FOR TWO RESOURCE OFFICERS. COUNCIL REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING TISD'S BUDGET AND STAFFING BEFORE MAKING A DECISION.

MAYOR HARRINGTON CALLED A RECESS AT 6:45 P.M.; MEETING RECONVENED AT 6:55 P.M.

- F. MARK McCLURE PRESENTED UPDATE ON M-118 AND M-121 DRAINAGE PROGRESS; HE WILL RETURN TO COUNCIL IN NEAR FUTURE TO REQUEST FUNDING TO COMPLETE THESE TWO CHANNELS.
- G. ROY LACKEY PRESENTED REQUEST FROM M.U.D. #368 FOR AN EMERGENCY INTERCONNECT WITH THE CITY OF TOMBALL AT THE INTERSECTION OF BOUDREAUX ROAD AND SH 249.
- H. MARY COKER PRESENTED INFORMATION REGARDING REGULATION OF APARTMENT MAINTENANCE; CITY ATTORNEY ADVISES THAT CITY CAN ENFORCE NUISANCE AND BUILDING CODE VIOLATIONS, BUT NOT AESTHETIC VIOLATIONS.
- I. BEN GRIFFIN PRESENTED THE ISSUE OF REVISITING ZONING FOR THE CITY OF TOMBALL; CITY MAY REVISIT THIS ISSUE AGAIN IN THE FUTURE.
- J. MARK McCLURE PRESENTED THE NEED FOR AN OVERPASS AT MEDICAL COMPLEX DRIVE. TxDOT HAS REJECTED IDEA, SAYING THAT MEDICAL COMPLEX DRIVE IS TOO CLOSE TO FM 2920 TO BE ABLE TO INSTALL AN ADDITIONAL OVERPASS. MARK WILL TRY TO SET UP A MEETING WITH TxDOT TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.
- K. GENE WHITENACK PRESENTED INFORMATION REGARDING RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS (RFPDs) AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICTS (ESDs); HE ADVISED THAT AN RFPD OR ESD TAXING AUTHORITY COULD BE CREATED TO SERVE THE ENTIRE 35 SQUARE MILES COMPRISING TOMBALL AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA OR AN RFPD OR ESD COULD BE ESTABLISHED TO SERVE ONLY THE 24 SQUARE MILES OUTSIDE TOMBALL AND TOMBALL WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SERVE ONLY ITS 10.5 SQUARE MILE AREA. IF AN RFPD WERE ESTABLISHED TO SERVE THE CITY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, APPROXIMATELY \$420,000 PER YEAR WOULD BE REALIZED, AT \$0.05 TAXING RATE, TO OPERATE THE RFPD.

- L. BRIAN PETRILLA ADVISED THAT HARRIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL CONSIDER A PETITION TO CALL FOR AN ELECTION TO ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT (ESD) ON BEHALF OF NWEMS.
- 4.0 MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN HOLLAND FOR ADJOURNMENT; SECOND BY COUNCILMAN STOVALL.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

*(signed) Doris J. Speer*  
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DORIS J. SPEER, TRMC  
CITY SECRETARY

*(signed) H. G. Harrington*  
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H. G. HARRINGTON  
MAYOR