

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD ON JUNE 3, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

COUNCILMAN HOLLAND - EXCUSED

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 COUNCIL ENTERED INTO WORKSHOP AT 6:10 P.M.:

2.1 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WERE PRESENTED REGARDING NEW
PHONE SYSTEM, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT UPGRADES AND REPLACEMENTS,
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT NEW PURCHASES AND REPLACEMENTS.

COUNCILMAN GATLIN REQUESTED A COMPARISON OF PROPOSED 2003-2004
PROJECTS WITH CURRENT 2002-2003 PROJECTS AT NEXT BUDGET MEETING.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING THE NEED TO EVALUATE THE OLD
NORTH SIDE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TO SAVE ENERGY AND
PREVENT BREAKDOWNS.

COUNCILMAN MARTIN SUGGESTED THE NEED FOR A WRITTEN POLICY
COVERING POSSIBLE EMERGENCY DIVERSION TO THE SOUTH SIDE
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

VEHICLE EQUIPMENT NEEDS WERE DISCUSSED; BEN GRIFFIN ADVISED THAT THE CITY COULD APPLY FOR GRANT MONEY TO REPLACE THE COMMUNITY CENTER VAN.

MARK McCLURE PRESENTED THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, ALONG WITH THEIR PRIORITIZATION. COUNCILMAN GATLIN ASKED THAT THE SOUTH CHESTNUT TO LIZZIE PROJECT BE MADE A PRIORITY 1 ITEM.

- 2.2 PERSONNEL REQUESTS AND STAFFING NEEDS FOR 2003-2004 WERE PRESENTED BY BEN GRIFFIN, MICHAEL BLAKE, GENE WHITENACK, AND MARK McCLURE.
- 6.0 DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING HOLDERRIETH FIRE STATION. CITY STAFF RECOMMENDATION IS TO REBID THE PROJECT AND HIRE NEW ARCHITECT, JOE POWERS, TO OVERSEE RE-BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT. REQUEST WILL BE PLACED ON THE JUNE 16, 2003 AGENDA FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION.

MAYOR HARRINGTON CALLED A RECESS AT 8:15 P.M.; MEETING RECONVENED AT 8:30 P.M.

- 2.2 PRESENTATION OF PROPOSAL TO HIRE A FOUR-MAN CREW VS. CONTRACTING FOR WATER AND SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT WAS GIVEN BY BEN GRIFFIN AND MARK McCLURE. COST TO CONTRACT PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$5,100,000; ESTIMATED COST TO HIRE A FOUR-MAN CREW, WHICH WOULD BE DEDICATED TO THE OLD TOWN TOMBALL WATER AND SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM OVER A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD, IS \$1,400,000. BUDGET PROJECTIONS WILL BE PRESENTED AT NEXT BUDGET MEETING.
- 2.3 DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING BILLING INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE TOMBALL FIRE DEPARTMENT; THIS WOULD AIDE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN RECOUPING SOME OF THE EXPENSES INVOLVED IN PROVIDING SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND IN THE EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION. CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL WAS UNANIMOUS IN EXPLORING THIS OPTION; COUNCIL REQUESTED THAT GENE WHITENACK OBTAIN A SAMPLE ORDINANCE FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION.
- 2.4 DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING UTILITY RATES. BEN GRIFFIN REQUESTED THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER A FIVE PERCENT INCREASE IN UTILITY RATES. CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL WAS UNANIMOUS IN EXPLORING THIS OPTION. BUDGET PROJECTIONS WILL BE PRESENTED AT NEXT BUDGET MEETING.

- 2.5 DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING BUDGET PRIORITIES. BEN GRIFFIN REQUESTED THAT COUNCIL PROVIDE INPUT AT NEXT BUDGET MEETING REGARDING PRIORITIES FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.
- 7.0 DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING SUBSTANDARD HOUSING. BEN GRIFFIN AND MARK McCLURE REQUESTED THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REQUIRE THAT HOUSES BEING MOVED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OR INTO THE CITY LIMITS MUST MEET THE SAME BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS AS NEW HOMES AND THAT OCCUPANCY LIMITS BE SET FOR RENTAL UNITS.
- 3.0 DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING THE CURRENT GAS CONTRACT. COUNCILMAN GATLIN AND BEN GRIFFIN PRESENTED PRICING POSSIBILITIES, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF LOCKING IN THE CONTRACT FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS. CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL WAS UNANIMOUS IN EXPLORING THIS OPTION.
- 4.0 DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING FIRE DISTRICT OPTIONS; THIS ITEM WILL BE PLACED ON CITY MANAGER'S NOTES FOR JUNE 16, 2003 MEETING.
- 5.0 DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMAND TRUCK. TRUCK CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH STATE PURCHASING, IN AN AMOUNT OF \$832,000; REQUEST WILL BE PLACED ON JUNE 16, 2003 AGENDA FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION.
- 8.0 MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN MARTIN FOR ADJOURNMENT; SECOND BY COUNCILMAN STOVALL.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

(signed) Doris J. Speer

DORIS J. SPEER, TRMC
CITY SECRETARY

(signed) H. G. Harrington

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MAYOR