

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 8, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Billy John Murphy Mayor
Greg Drennan Alderman Place 1
Kim Johnston Alderman Place 2
Donnie Hayes Alderman Place 3
Dianna Sursa Alderman Place 4

ABSENT: Mike McMahan Alderman Place 5

STAFF: Mark Anderson City Manager
Jocelyn Perez City Secretary
Marie Farbro Chief of Police
Drennan Rogers Police Officer
Alan Wells Fire Chief
Tonia Eberhardt EMS Director
Angela Hoff Pool Manager

GUESTS: Numerous Concerned Citizens

NEWS MEDIA: Tara Hopkins Borger News Herald

ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WELCOME GUESTS

Mayor, Billy Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M., Council Member Hayes gave the invocation, and lead the pledge. Mayor Murphy took time to thank all guests for coming.

ITEM #2: TONIA EBERHARDT – PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 30, 2011 AS CALEB AND ZACK LANTELME DAY

EMS Director Tonia Eberhardt acknowledged that back on May 30, 2011 Michael Lantelme was electrocuted. His brothers Caleb and Zack stepped in to save him. Mr. Murphy declared that May 30th as Caleb and Zack Lantelme Day.

ITEM #3: PUBLIC COMMENT

James Hawthorne

Mr. Hawthorne addressed the council about accumulation of trash and debris over by him on 9th and Brown. Mayor Murphy stated that he thought the residence could be cited for littering. He asked if Mr. Hawthorne would please come to City Hall and fill out a complaint.

Mandy Cook

Who will be helping Marie patrol while Drennan is at K-9 school. Mayor Murphy stated that there will be coverage from other sources including Borger, Hutchinson County Sheriff's Department, and 3 Highway patrolmen.

Kelly Tull

Mrs. Tull would like to see the street light on the corner of 4th and Brown fixed for safety reasons.

Mrs. Herring

She is concerned how complaints are handled with the Police Department.

ITEM #4: SUSAN REED – PROGRESS REPORT ON “EYES ON STINNETT” NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We have started the Neighborhood Watch and have had great feedback.

- ✓ Currently have magnets for cars.
- ✓ Started a Web-Site.
- ✓ Would appreciate feedback from the Council and the City.
- ✓ Working closely with Police Department.

ITEM #5: APRIL COUCH – FOLLOW-UP WITH THE COUNCIL ON THE CONCERNS PRESENTED AT THE JULY MEETING AND THE OVERALL RUNNING OF THE CITY

Mrs. Couch confronted the council about the following items:

1. Does the Police Department have Policies and Procedures?
 - a. Mayor Murphy replied with the help of TML those were implemented back in June 2011.
2. Does the Financials from the City get updated on a regular basis?
 - a. Numerous Council Members replied yes we get them every month.
3. Whose job is it at the office to see if things are getting done?
 - a. Mayor Murphy replied it is the City Manager’s job; however the City Secretary and Mayor are also liable.
4. Do we have Bi-Laws on the internet that can be seen?
 - a. Mayor Murphy questioned do you mean Ordinances? Yes, we have them however; they are not on the internet, but you can get a copy of whichever one you want from City Hall.

Mrs. Couch had several questions in regards to the Ambulance Service and the Hospital District. There was much discussion.

ITEM #6: CRYSTAL IRVIN – CONCERNS REGARDING BOTH THE HANDLING OF OUR ARSON INVESTIGATION AS WELL AS THE GENERAL DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mrs.Irvin approached Police Chief Farbro about the handling of their arson investigation. Mrs. Irvin felt that her case had been “botched”. Emotions ran high on both sides. There was much discussion between the Mayor, Mrs. Irvin and several concerned citizens.

ITEM #7: ANGELA HOFF – POOL ISSUES

Mrs. Hoff confronted the council in the handling of the robbery, incident on Facebook, and the current inspection.

***** BREAK 7:37 *****

*****RETURNED TO SESSION 7:51 *****

BACK TO ITEM #3: PUBLIC COMMENT

Many citizens voiced questions over the city. How day to day operations are handled, qualifications of the Police Department and issues concerning the pool. There was much discussion.

***** BREAK 8:57 *****

***** RETURNED TO SESSION 9:00 *****

ITEM #9: MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING JULY 11, 2011 – APPROVED

Following review of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 2011, motion was made by Council Member Sursa, seconded by Council Member Hayes, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

ITEM #10: JULY 2011 PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS - APPROVED

The expenditures for July 2011 were submitted for the consideration of the Council. A motion was made by Council Member Sursa, seconded by Council Member Hayes, to approve payment of the expenditures for July 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

ITEM #11: PURCHASE OF A K-9 VEHICLE, PRESENTED BY OFFICER ROGERS - SKIPPED

This item was skipped per Mayor Murphy.

ITEM #12: FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLYING FOR THE FEMA STATE DISASTER DECLARATION GRANT - APPROVED

A motion was made by Council Member Sursa, seconded by Council Member Hayes, to allow the Fire Department to apply for the FEMA State Disaster Declaration Grant. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

ITEM #13: FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLYING FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER'S GRANT - APPROVED

Fire Chief Alan Wellls approached the council on applying for a grant that would assist the department in acquiring a new fire truck. He stated that it is a \$200,000.00 grant and that it would cover \$180,000.00 of the cost. The other \$20,000.00 would have to be paid by the City sometime in 2013. A motion was made by Council Member Sursa, seconded by Council Member Drennan, to allow the Fire Department to apply for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

ITEM #14: FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION APPLYING FOR A GRANT FROM STATE FARM INSURANCE - APPROVED

According to Fire Chief Alan Wells this grant is similar to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. A motion was made by Council Member Sursa, seconded by Council Member Drennan, to allow the Fire Department Association to apply for a grant from State Farm Insurance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

ITEM #15: NEW HIRE – LOGAN GARRARD

City Manager Mr. Anderson informed the council that Logan Garrard had been hired for Maintenance / Public Works. He had officially started on August 1, 2011 at \$28,000. He will be on a 3 months probationary period. After his probationary period he will receive a 5% increase.

ITEM #16: EXECUTIVE SESSION: SKIPPED

This item was skipped per Mayor Murphy.

ITEM #17: ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: SKIPPED

This item was skipped per Mayor Murphy.

ITEM #18: ADJOURN

Motion was made by Council Member Sursa, seconded by Council Member Hayes, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:17 pm.

Billy Murphy
Mayor

ATTEST

Jocelyn Perez
City Secretary