

# REGULAR MEETING OF STINNETT CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2016

6:30 PM

609 MACKENZIE

<b>CALLED TO ORDER</b>	COLIN LOCKE, MAYOR @ 6:30 pm
<b>PRESENT</b>	COLIN LOCKE, Mayor; RUSTY SIMS, Alderman PL-1; APRIL COUCH, Alderman PL-2; JUSTIN HART, Alderman PL-3; CHAR KERR, Alderman PL-4; JEFF IRVIN, Alderman PL-5
<b>ABSENT</b>	ALAN WELLS, Fire Chief; MICHELLE AHLERS, EMS Director; CARLOS RAMON, ACO/Code Enforcement; NANETTE LEWIS, City Advisor
<b>STAFF</b>	DURK DOWNS, City Administrator; LYNETTE SLOAN, City Secretary; KLETE WAGNER, Police Chief;; LOGAN GARRARD, Maintenance Supervisor;
<b>GUESTS</b>	Tonya & Ron VanNatta; Jim Corbitt; Jerrie Hawthorne; Gena Wells; Desaray Webb; Melissa Buck; Laura Sargent; Patrick Sloan
<b>INVOCATION &amp; PLEDGE</b>	CHAR KERR

## Agenda

### ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENT

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	None.
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### ITEM 3 REVIEW MINUTES – MARCH 2016 MEETING

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	None.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion to APPROVE – APRIL COUCH; Second – JUSTIN HART; VOTE: YEAS – 5 NAYS – 0

### ITEM 4 HELEN'S KIDS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	According to city attorney, these funds are in a charitable trust. In order to move forward, the city must petition the court for an order to transfer the funds. The city needs to create an entity to receive the funds before petitioning the court. Since this matter involves a charity the lawyer is doing work pro bono. The city will be responsible for court & filing fees. COLIN LOCKE asked if this information has been passed on to Amber Francis & Susan Reed. Yes.
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### ITEM 5 GRANDMOTHER'S CLUB

DURK DOWNS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	If all emergency services including the Police Department could make use of the Senior Citizen's building it would free up quite a bit of much needed space in City Hall. There would be some cost involved in transforming the building for use by these departments. COLIN LOCKE addressed TONYA VAN NATTA, President of the Grandmother's club, asking if she had anything to say. Mrs. VanNatta stated that they were leaving it in the Lord's hands. The Mayor then asked the council if they were ready to make a decision on the matter. They were not.
<b>ACTION</b>	Item tabled until next month.

### ITEM 6 BASEBALL FIELDS

APRIL COUCH

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Shauna Mahan is doing a good job managing the schedule. A conflict regarding age limits and field access has developed. On M & TH, Sandlot has all fields except softball. Sandlot's kids are up to 9 years old. On M & F, Top of Texas has the softball fields. TCY has baseball field T, softball field TH, & little white field F. There is now another group, USSSA, which needs access to the fields. Sandlot feels that USSSA should have been involved earlier in the season to have access to the fields. Sandlot's season will end May 21 <sup>st</sup> . APRIL COUCH reminded everyone the ball fields belong to the city and are available to all the kids. A compromise is to have the older kids practice later. JEFF IRVIN suggested instead of the fields being used by one group the entire evening, break it up in 2 time slots, 5-7:30 and 7:30-9:00. COLIN LOCKE volunteered to speak with Mr. Wiggins to see if any of the school's fields could be used by the teams for practice.
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### ITEM 7 REVIEW MARCH 2016 TRANSACTIONS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The Mayor had several questions, the answers are as follows: The status of EMS subsidy is paid for 2016, but not Nov & Dec 2015. The water and gas revenue is on track, the report is not showing this due to repeated posting errors after the billing cycle change. Borger Activity is a payroll deduction for the employees who chose to participate. Culligan is a rented water stand, located in the kitchen. Trash unit 22 has had several flats. Payments to the Office of the Attorney General are payroll deductions for child support. United Health Care is the employee vision insurance; he has not seen them on the reports before due to the timing of data processing. Detail of Gas Capital Operating Improvement will be provided. As a motion was being made, Jim Corbitt asked and was given permission to address the council regarding the EMS subsidy from GPCH. He explained the finalization of the contract with Stinnett pertaining to emergency medical services provided by the city was delayed until January 2016. He explained since that time the subsidy checks have been sent to the city. COLIN LOCKE stated we had continued to provide services to the citizens under the old contract. JEFF IRVIN inquired if Stinnett covered runs in Fritch & Borger during November & December of 2015. Lynette Sloan stated the city was told that the subsidy would not be paid while our service was without a director. We hired a director in October 2015. JUSTIN HART
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	stated that Stinnett still provided medical services [while the contract was being negotiated] so we should still receive the subsidy payment. Mr. Corbitt stated he would like to see a formal letter from the council to the Hutchinson County EMS explaining the city's position and request for November, December 2015 subsidy payments.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion to APPROVE – JUSTIN HART; Second – JEFF IRVIN; VOTE: YEAS – 5 NAYS – 0

**ITEM 8 DEPARTMENT REPORTS REPRESENTATIVES LISTED ABOVE**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	CDC – None.
	EMS – Director is teaching EMT class. Durk Downs presented her monthly report. Noting 4 calls in Borger, 24 in Stinnett, 28 use of the variance. 6 students remain in the EMT class. COLIN LOCKE inquired if any of the previous volunteers have returned to the service. No. He instructed they be contacted by letter to request the return of all city equipment.
	FIRE – Gena Wells reported the fighting of several fires. Units 2 & 5 are repaired. U9 will be a mobile tender. She gave an update regarding the Stinnett Celebration; 3 bands are interested in performing, arrangements are being made for sound & stage, the theme is 'The 90s' with classes from the 90's participating with parade floats. She recommended instead of trophies for best parade entries the city offer cash prizes of \$100, \$200 to be given to the winner's charity of choice.
	PD – Presented monthly report. Noting 48 contacts; 78 calls for service; 0 accidents; 11 agency assist; 1 arrest; and 9 EMS assist. JEFF IRVIN asked if the vehicles were running well. Yes. Unit 142's headlight was repaired.
	ACO/CODE ENFORCEMENT – The Chief of Police presented monthly report, noting 4 dog calls; 4 in shelter. 3 new CE case; 11 summons letters, 5 appeared & 2 made phone contact; 7 individuals are complying; 4 in non-compliance. RUSTY SIMS asked what happens if the property owner does not comply, do they receive a fine, a warrant. He sees several places that have been problematic for years with no change at all. He is ready to see some kind of progress, clean up or pay the fines. JEFF IRVIN noted the new ordinance is making a difference.
	MAINT – Presented monthly report. Unit 50, the John Deere mower is in Dumas for a valve job. The 0 turn mower recently purchased is for the parks only. Several ditches have been cleared. He stated the only way to fix the low water crossing at Mackenzie is to drop it lower. The trees have been pulled on 12 <sup>th</sup> and that culvert needs to be replaced.
	ADMIN – If people want to donate their 'nuisance property' to the city, there are restricted uses for that land. An example is to be made into a park. JUSTIN HART clarified that we cannot just clean it up for sale? No. JEFF IRVIN asked if the city could purchase the land then clean it up for sale. Unknown. This question will need to be put to the city attorney. <>A letter was sent to Craig Jones regarding the significant delay in response to city inquiries. He responded and plans to resolve all our questions soon. APRIL COUCH asked how many questions are outstanding. 10. <>The men are prepping an area in the shop for the new 400# ice machine. We have a contract for the machine & quarterly service at \$129/mo. <>The Hatfields are putting in a Bar-B-Q place at Main & 11 <sup>th</sup> . They want to be on next month's agenda for requesting permission to remove 11 foot of curbing on 11 <sup>th</sup> street. <>Mr. Wiggins advised that GBK will send the paving plans to Brandt engineers for approval once they are complete. The Mayor asked about responsibility for infrastructure in the PSPCISD housing division and a lengthy discussion regarding access to existing services, especially sewer, available for extension to this area took place. The area is too high for proper sewer services that will not overwhelm the existing services down line. The Mayor stated the school has more resources and it would be a burden for the city if we were responsible for the infrastructure to the PSPCISD division. <>Leon Swopes resigned his part-time position at the cemetery. We are looking for a replacement. John Heater, a retired Marine, has expressed interest. <>The city's gas system maps have been updated by Brandt Engineers. <>COLIN LOCKE asked if we were beginning the prep work for the roads. No, the men have been blading the roads that needed it. He also asked about well #3 and was advised that a new 3 minute flush valve has been installed that will operate each time prior to the water being turned into the system. <>Well #1 had problems with a bad vibration recently, since then it has been pumping 250 instead of 500. We may have to pull the well if it is not just a mechanical issue. <>Logan Garrard noted someone backed into the side of the old pool building that is used to store gas system materials and supplies. The police are investigating the accident. JEFF IRVIN advised it will not be hard to cut out the damaged blocks and replace them. TML needs to be contacted to file a claim for the damage. <> The Mayor asked if the police body cameras were being used routinely. Yes.

**ITEM 9 APPOINT A POLL WATCHER**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	As a candidate on the May 7 <sup>th</sup> General Election, Jeff Irvin appointed Lynette Sloan as a poll watcher so that she may be present at the polling location on election day.
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**ITEM 10 STRUCK OFF PROPERTY LOTS 1-8, BLOCK 2, OTS 200, 204, 207, 212 WILLIAMS AVE**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	This property is before the council again since no counter offer was made last time, per Carrie Kimmel. COLIN LOCKE stated we were not obligated to offer a counter. RUSTY SIMS stated we should counter at the value of \$8,000.00, the lots are nice and he would not sell for \$3,000.00.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion to REJECT & COUNTER \$8K – RUSTY SIMS; Second – APRIL COUCH; VOTE: YEAS – 5 NAYS – 0

**ITEM 11 STRUCK OFF PROPERTY LOTS 5-19, BLOCK 134, OTS GORMAN AVE**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Keith Lyons has submitted a counter offer of \$3,750.00 for this inclusive block of Gorman Avenue.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion to APPROVE – JEFF IRVIN; Second – CHAR KERR; VOTE: YEAS – 5 NAYS – 0

**ITEM 12 EXECUTIVE SESSION [TGC; 551.074 & 551.072]**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	CLOSED DOOR SESSION BEGAN 7:47 p.m. RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING 8:55 p.m.
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ACTION	Motion to APPROVE – JEFF IRVIN; Second – CHAR KERR; VOTE: YEAS – 5 NAYS – 0

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 8:57 PM

APPROVED

*Colin Locke*

COLIN LOCKE  
MAYOR

ATTEST

*Lynette Sloan*

LYNETTE SLOAN  
CITY SECRETARY

