

MAY 20, 2008

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

1. 5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Browning led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor Monte Richardson, Aldermen Wayne Browning, Derek Anderson, Joe Ed Lynn, and Douglas Lottridge; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts and City Secretary Betty Hollon. City Attorney Charley Smith was absent.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to adopt the agenda as presented with the exception Agenda Item 12 be tabled until next month due to no legal council present at meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2008 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM (*Any public comment that is made on an item that is not on the posted final agenda will only be heard by the City Council. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, nor comment will be made by the Council.*)

David Ottmer thanked the City employees for their help at the Heritage Gathering and Carolyn Gibson invited Council to the Brown & Hofmeister "Economic Development: Are you on the Right Road? Seminar in Richardson, Texas on Friday, May 30th.

7. REPORT OR REQUEST(S) FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS/ CITY ATTORNEY

Aldermen Lynn, Browning and Lottridge voiced concerns regarding tall grass and excessive junk on properties in the city.

8. REPORT OR REQUEST(S) FROM ADMINISTRATOR/DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator Roberts reported the City received an "excellent" compliance level from the TML Risk Pool's gas utility survey and our Recycling Center received \$1,560.75 for their first sale of baled cardboard and shredded paper. Administrator Roberts also informed Council the school has agreed to pay ½ of the cost of the lights near the school on Austin Street.

9. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderman Anderson that Alderman Lottridge be appointed Mayor Pro-Tempore per Mayor Richardson's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION TO CANVASS ELECTION RETURNS FROM THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD MAY 10, 2008 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mayor Richardson agreed with the May 10, 2008 election returns and certified the numbers posted were correct as presented.

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Office Sought</u>	<u>Early Votes</u>	<u>Election Day</u>	<u>Total</u>
Wayne Browning	Alderman, Pos. 1	118	88	206
Jerome Peters	Alderman, Pos. 3	52	74	126
James Harrison	Alderman, Pos. 3	112	45	157
Douglas Lottridge	Alderman, Pos. 5	131	67	198
Frank Rodriguez, Jr.	Alderman, Pos. 5	33	47	80

Mayor Richardson then signed the Summary of Precinct Returns as the Presiding Officer of the Canvassing Authority certifying the figures on the tally sheets corresponded with the figures of the returns. City Secretary Betty Hollon acknowledged the signatures of Wayne Browning, James Harrison, and Douglas Lottridge on the Statements of Elected/Appointed Officer and then swore in the individuals to their elected offices.

11. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Anderson and seconded by Alderman Lynn to reappoint Delwin Rettig and David Henske to the Building Standards Commission for a one-year term commencing April 17, 2008 and ending April 17, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richardson appointed Alderman Anderson to serve as the Council designee on the board.

12. DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF ABATEMENT FROM BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION ON PROPERTY 2008-01 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This item was tabled.

13. CONSIDERATION TO AWARD BID FOR 2008 BOND ISSUE SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

After Craig Kankel of O'Malley Engineers recommendation, the motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to award the 2008 Bond Issue Sanitary Sewer Improvements project to Troy Construction with the low bid of \$480,433.00. Motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION TO AWARD BID FOR 2008 BOND ISSUE STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

After Craig Kankel of O'Malley Engineers recommendation, the motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Lynn to award the 2008 Bond Issue Street Improvements project to Cravens Partners, Ltd. with the low bid of \$646,948.97. Motion carried unanimously.

15. CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION REGARDING EXPANSION AT FAIRGROUNDS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to approve the agreement with the Austin County Fair Association clarifying that this agreement does not include the covered food court and hamburger stand. Motion carried unanimously.

16. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open session recessed at 5:42 p.m.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074 TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE

Executive session convened at 5:48 p.m.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive session adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

19. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open session reconvened at 5:57 p.m.

20. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action taken.

21. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.