

**MINUTES
CITY OF TEAGUE**

REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2014 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT: *Earnest G. Pack, Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and announced that Quorum was present with the following Aldermen being present. Alderman Hertenberger Place 3, Alderman Johnson Place 1, Alderman Michaud Place 5, Alderman Rasbeary Place 2.*

Absent: Alderman Nickleberry, Place 4

2. INVOCATION: *Dennis Cox, Chief of Police*

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: *Alderman Hertenberger*

4. VISITORS/CITIZENS COMMENTS: At this time, any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the Agenda may speak to the Council for a maximum of three (3) minutes. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting. *None*

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approve Minutes from the Special Called City Council Meeting on November 21, 2014
- b. Approve the check register for the month of November, 2014
Motion to approve the above was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Hertenberger. Motion carried 4-0.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ABANDONING AN ALLEY WAY FOR DARLENE CHILDS AT MAIN STREET AND HWY 179:
Motion to approve abandoning the remaining alley was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Motion carried 3-1 with Alderman Hertenberger voting No.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING EDC PROJECT PRESENTED BY WILLIAM ELLIOTT, EDC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

- Teague Tactical Supply in the amount of \$3,060.00 to purchase a sign on Hwy 84.
Motion to approve the EDC project to purchase an illuminated sign for Teague Tactical Supply in the amount of \$3,060.00 was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Hertenberger Motion carried 3-1 with Alderman Michaud abstaining because she is employed by the business.
Alderman Rasbeary asked the Bill Elliott, EDC Executive Director if the Director has heard back from Billy Brown on the possibility of Billy B's restaurant relocating to Teague and he responded that Billy Brown does not like the terms of the agreement and the Director needs to see what terms of the agreement can be renegotiated with Billy Brown and the EDC and work harder to get the business into the City of Teague.

- b. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL TO THE EDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- Debbie Cox
Motion to appoint Debbie Cox to the EDC Board of Directors was made by Alderman Johnson. Motion died for lack of a second.

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c. DIRECTORS REPORTS:

- Judy Keally, City Administrator/City Secretary
- Gus Ramirez, Public Works Director
- Dennis Cox, Chief of Police
- William Elliott, EDC Director
- Diane Willis, Library Report

Alderman Michaud asked the City Administrator why there was a check on the check register for Officer Noll since at the Budget meeting Chief Cox stated that Officer Noll agreed on comp time. The City Administrator stated that Officer Noll changed his mind and demanded he be paid overtime and refused to sign his time sheet until he was paid overtime pay for the additional work. Board of Aldermen directed the City Administrator to set up a procedure with the Police Chief and Public Works Director to have the bathrooms locked at 10.00 P.M. and unlocked by Public Works the next morning and possibly setting up some cameras to deter the vandalism at the City Park.

d. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING THE 2015 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Motion to approve the 2015 Holiday schedule was made by Alderman Hertenberger and seconded by Alderman Rasbeary. Motion carried 4-0.

e. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR JERIANNE AND MICHAEL TERRY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 FOR SEWER SERVICES CHARGED WHEN NOT BEING HOOKED UP TO THE CITY SEWER SINCE 2005:

The Mayor asked the City Administrator to explain why it is necessary for the City to refund any dollar amount for sewer services. The City Administrator stated that the Terry's have been paying for sewer since 2005 and that they had a sewer problem that resulted in a new sewer line being installed at this address and when the City attempted to locate the sewer line there were two septic tanks that were connected for sewer and it appeared that this residence was never connected to the sewer line. The City administrator talked to the Terrys and an agreement was discussed in the amount of \$2,000.00 which was approximately half of the amount the Terrys paid since 2005. The City could only go back to computer records from 2008 forward and from 2005 to 2008 the City could only estimate an approximate amount since there weren't any records available for the usage amount.

Motion to approve \$2,000.00 to be paid to the Terrys was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Hertenberger. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:30 P.M. the meeting convened into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

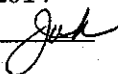
8. EXECUTIVE SESSION *"The City Council for the City of Teague reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of the meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney); 551.072 (Deliberation and Real Property); 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations); 551.074 (Personnel Matters); 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development)."*

- Consultation with attorney (TGC 551.073)
- Discussion on possibly leasing the Halbert Building located at 315 Main Street (TGC 551.072) and (TGC 551.087)
- Discussion in reference to personnel matters involving Joaquin Garcia, employee in the Public Works Department (TGC 551.074)
- Conduct Employment interview with Cody Rhodes applicant in the Public Works Department (TGC 551.074)
- Conduct Employment interview with Trent Sanders applicant for a Police Officer position in the Teague Police Department (TGC 551.074)
- Conduct Employment interview with Jack Wright applicant for a Police Officer position in the Teague Police Department (TGC 551.074)
- Conduct Employment interview with Joseph Couch applicant for a Police Officer position in the Teague Police Department (TGC 551.074)

At 7:25 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION reconvened into OPEN SESSION.

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9. OPEN SESSION: 7:25 P.M.

10. TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY ON TOPICS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Discussion on possibly leasing the Halbert Building located at 315 Main Street (TGC 551.072) and (TGC 551.087) Motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Hertenberger to approve and authorize the City Attorney to draft a lease agreement to be presented to the Mayor for final approval and to execute said lease agreement between Virginia's Hospice and the City of Teague for the Halbert Building at 3015 Main Street. The said Lease Agreement must contain the following provisions. Motion carried 4-0.

Provisions: Term will be 2 years, 1 month rent which will be \$1,200.00 monthly upfront, 1 month rent for a security deposit, tenant must provide liability insurance coverage, tenant responsible for personal property insurance and tenant will be responsible for all utilities.

Discussion in reference to personnel matters involving Joaquin Garcia, employee in the Public Works Department (TGC 551.074) Motion was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Michaud to immediately terminate the employment of Joaquin Garcia for violation of the City's Personnel Policy page 45 POLICY ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE/DRUG FREE WORKPLACE and page 46 A. General Provisions number 1. Prohibition of Personal Use Motion carried 3-1 with Alderman Hertenberger abstaining.

Conduct Employment interview with Cody Rhodes applicant in the Public Works Department (TGC 551.074) Motion to employ Cody Rhodes at the rate of \$12.00 hourly in the Public Works Department was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Hertenberger. Motion carried 4-0.

Conduct Employment interview with Trent Sanders applicant for a Police Officer position in the Teague Police Department (TGC 551.074) Motion to employ Trent Sanders as a Police Officer at the rate of \$16.00 hourly was made by Alderman Hertenberger and seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion carried 4-0.

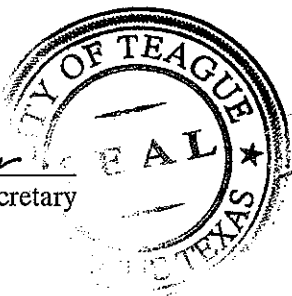
Conduct Employment interview with Jack Wright applicant for a Police Officer position in the Teague Police Department (TGC 551.074) Motion to employ Jack Wright as a Police Officer at the rate of \$16.00 hourly was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion carried 4-0.

Conduct Employment interview with Joseph Couch applicant for a Police Officer position in the Police Department (TGC 551.074) No action was taken by the Board of Aldermen to employ Joseph Couch.

11. RECEIVE BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMENTS:

12. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn at 7:32 P.M. was made by Alderman Michaud and seconded by Alderman Rasbeary. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

The seal of the City of Teague, Texas, is circular with the text "CITY OF TEAGUE" at the top and "TEAGUE TEXAS" at the bottom. In the center, it says "SEAL" with a star on either side.

Judy Keally
Judy Keally, City Adm. Secretary

City of Teague
Earnest G. Pack
Earnest G. Pack, Mayor

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