

**MINUTES
CITY OF TEAGUE
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. and quorum was announced with the following Aldermen present. Alderman Johnson Place 1, Alderman Hertenberger Place 3, Alderman Michaud Place 5, Alderman Rasbeary Place 2.

Absent: Alderman Nickleberry Place 4.

2. INVOCATION: Alderman Rasbeary Place 2.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Alderman Johnson Place 1.

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 Regular Minutes from the August 19, 2014 Meeting of the City Council
Approve Workshop Notes from the August 14, 2014 Meeting of the City Council
- b. Approve the check register for the month of August, 2014
- c. Accept the resignation of Ricky Vincent in the Code Enforcement department under the direction of Gus Ramirez, Public Works Director
- d. Accept and Ratify the transfer of Teri Kuehl from the Animal Control Officer position to the Water Department position under the supervision of Gus Ramirez, Public Works Director

Motion to approve items a, b, and c was made Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Michaud and to move item d to Executive Session. Motion carried 4-0.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REPORT OF CODE VIOLATIONS
CHAPTER 6 HEALTH AND SANITATION CODE. ARTICLE 3.60 SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS,
ARTICLE 6.3000 WEEDS; BRUSH, TALL GRASS, ETC. ARTICLE NO 8.700 JUNKED VEHICLES
AND RECOMMEND ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON SAID VIOLATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING
ONE (1) PROPERTY:**

- Keith Hunter property, 1 Mimosa, Teague, Texas

Motion was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Hertenberger to refer this to the Municipal Court for further action. Motion carried 4-0.

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7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RAILROAD REQUEST TO CLOSE THE GRAYSON STREET CROSSING AND PLACE A RECOMMENDATION ON STREET/ROAD VACATIONS: OF THE GRAYSON STREET RAILROAD CROSSING AND ROAD VACATIONS:

A presentation was given by Tim Huya, Manager of Public Projects for BNSF Railroad. Mr. Huya stated that BNSF Railroad is going to put some new tracks in that will require the Grayson Street Railroad Crossing to be closed as well as approximately eight streets that consist of end of Cherry Street, Ash Street, 1st Ave. & Spruce Street, Cypress Street, Pecan Street, 2nd Ave. Street, Walnut Street, Grayson Street. Mr. Huya asked the Board of Alderman to consider what dollar amount of compensation the City would require to consider the Grayson Street Closure and Crossing as well as the seven other streets mentioned above. Motion to table was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Hertenberger and authorize the City Administrator to continue negotiations with the railroad and determine what compensation the Board of Aldermen wish to receive from BNSF Railroad for the closing of the Grayson Street Railroad crossing and the above named streets. Motion carried 4-0.

- b. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT No. 2014-09-16 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2013-2014 BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Receive Presentation from Theresa Prasil, Bookkeeper on the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget Amendments.

Mayor Pack stated that the City is just moving money between the Budget cells..

Motion to approve the Budget Amendments as attached was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion carried 4-0.

- c. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADOPTING THE 2014-2015 FISCAL BUDGET AND APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 2014-09-16 (2)

Mayor Pack presented the 2014-2015 Budget and stated that the City's estimated 2014-2015 Budget represents \$3,591,160 in Expenses and \$3,591,160 in Revenues. See attached Summary.

- PUBLIC HEARING ON 2014-2015 BUDGET: Opened at 6:23 P.M. and there wasn't anyone that wished to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING closed at 6:25 P.M.

Motion was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Hertenberger to adopt the 2014-2015 Fiscal year Budget and approve Ordinance No. 2014-09-16 (2). Motion carried 4-0.

d. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADOPTING THE 2014-2015 TAX RATE AND APPROVING RESOLUTION No. 2014-09-16 RATIFYING THE 2014-2015 TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF TEAGUE:

Motion was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Michaud to adopt, and approve the Ad Valorem Tax rate and Resolution No. 2014-09-16 and ratify the 2014 – 2015 Ad Valorem Tax rate as follows. The total property tax rate for the City of Teague shall be (\$0.741675) per every \$100.00 of assessed value of taxable property in the City of Teague and \$0.56749/\$100 which is the debt rate for the Interest and Sinking Fund (I&S) and \$0.584926/\$100 shall be the rate for the Maintenance and Operations (M&O). Motion carried 4-0. See attached Resolution which has become a part hereof as if copied verbatim.

e. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PLACING ANIMAL CONTROL/ CODE ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Michaud to move the Animal Control/ Code Enforcement position into the Administration area under the supervision of the City Administrator . Motion carried 4-0.

f. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTACTING THE BOJORQUEZ LAW FIRM TO CONDUCT TRAINING OF THE MUNICIPAL STAFF IN PROPER RULES, REGULATIONS, LAWS AND PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING MUNICIPAL COURT:

Motion was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Hertenberger to authorize the City Administrator to contact the City Attorney, Bojorquez Law Firm to conduct training of the Municipal Court Staff, Municipal Judge, Mayor, City Administrator/City Secretary and any member on the Board of Aldermen for the City of Teague that wish to participate in the training on the Regulations, Laws and Procedures for Conducting Municipal Court. Motion carried 4-0.

The Meeting convened into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:35 P.M.

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)."

- Discuss the potential relocation of a new business relocating to the City of Teague (551.087)
- Conduct job interview with Randy Dawson applicant in the Public Works Department (551.074)
- Conduct job interview with Sandra Boudreaux applicant for the Animal Control/Code Enforcement position (551.074)

Alderman Johnson requested that he be dismissed to make a Fire Department meeting at 7:20 P.M. Request was granted by Mayor Pack.

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9. OPEN SESSION: *Meeting RECONVENED into OPEN session at 7:40 P.M.*

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

Motion was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Hertenberger to hire Randy Dawson in the Public Works department, continue to accept applications for the Animal Control position and that Teri Kuehl continue to do Animal Control until a licensed Animal Control Officer can be hired and directed the City Administrator to purchase tranquilizer gun for the Animal Control Officer. Motion carried 3-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT: *Motion to Adjourn at 7:50 P.M. was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion carried 3-0.*

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 P.M.



Judy Keally

Judy Keally, City Secretary

Ernest G. Pack

Ernest G. Pack, Mayor

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