

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2014
REGULAR SESSION 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Earnest G. Pack, Mayor and Quorum was announced.

MEMBERS ABSENT: *Alderman Nickleberry.*

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 December 17, 2013 Regular Meeting of the City Council.
- b. Approve the check register for the month of December, 2013.
- c. Review the Financial Statement.

Motion to approve all of the above was made by Alderman Michaud and seconded by Alderman Hertenberger. Motion passed 4-0.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

a. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT INDIVIDUALS AS DIRECTORS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

- Consider EDC nominations.
- Consider Mayor and the Board of Aldermen EDC nominations.

Bill Elliott, EDC Executive Director requested the nominations to the EDC Board of Directors be Tabled until the next meeting so he has a chance to speak to all applicants. Motion to Table all of the above was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion carried 4-0.

b. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POLICE DEPARTMENT PLAN AND ESTIMATES:

Motion to Table was made by Alderman Hertenberger and seconded by Alderman Rasbeary due to pending bids that have not been received at City Hall. Motion carried 4-0.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF MAYOR PACK TO CALL THE CITY OF TEAGUE MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON MAY 10, 2014:**

Motion to have Mayor Pack call the Municipal Election for May 10, 2014 was made by Alderman Hertenberger and seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion carried 4-0.

b. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE NEW 2014 HWY. 84 WATER AND SEWER PROJECT:**

- **PUBLIC HEARING: OPENED** at 6:20 P.M. *and there wasn't anyone that asked to speak.*

- **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED** at 6:22 P.M.

- **DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

*Motion was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Rasbeary to appropriate Funds from the Fund Reserve, Approve the New 2014 Hwy 84 Water and Sewer project, Amend the 2014 Budget and Approve opening a new checking account at Prosperity Bank styled as the **NEW 2014 HWY 84 WATER AND SEWER PROJECT** with the Mayor and the City Administrator as signors on the account. Motion carried 4-0.*

The Mayor stated that the account will be set up this way to keep track of the projects funds and segregate the funds from the other accounts at the Bank.

Alderman Johnson asked the Mayor if this would bring in all of the properties that were previously annexed into the City several years ago and the Mayor responded yes.

c. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE FUND RESERVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,361.36 TO PAY USDA BACK FOR FUNDS ADVANCED FROM THE 2008 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: (USDA COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION SERIES 2009B CERTIFICATES)**

- **PUBLIC HEARING: OPENED** at 6:25 P.M. *and there wasn't anyone that asked to speak.*

- **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED** at 6:29 P.M.

- **DISCUSSION AND ACTION :**

Motion made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Hertenberger to appropriate funds from the Fund Reserve in the amount of \$32,361.36 and to Approve Amending the Budget to reimburse the USDA from the 2008 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. Motion carried 4-0.

d. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTING RICK VINCENT, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO ALSO BE THE SAFETY INSTRUCTOR AND IMPLEMENT THE SAFETY PROGRAM:

Motion to approve was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Johnson to appoint Rick Vincent as the Safety Instructor to implement the Safety Program in addition to being the Code Enforcer with additional salary adjustment of \$3.00. Motion carried 4-0.

AT 6:35 P.M. OPEN SESSION CONVEINED 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)."*

TGC Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

- **Conduct interview with Police Department applicant Jason Morgan.**

- **Conduct Employee Evaluations on the following City Employees.**
 - Gus Ramirez, Public Works Director
 - Dennis Cox, Chief of Police
 - Judy Keally, City Administrator/City Secretary

- **Discussion and update on Chlorinator accident involving Brad Cox and James (Mike) Powell.**

9. OPEN SESSION: AT 8:40 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION RECONVEINED INTO OPEN ESSION.

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

- **Conduct interview with Police Department applicant Jason Morgan.**

Motion made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Hertenberger to hire Jason Morgan as Police Officer at the starting salary of \$15.50 per hour. Motion carried 4-0.

- **Conduct Employee Evaluations on the following employees:**
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Alderman Rasbeary requested that the Chief of Police give a more detailed report for each officer.

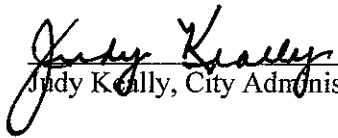
Motion made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Hertenberger stating that No Action is to be taken on the employee evaluations. Motion carried 4-0.

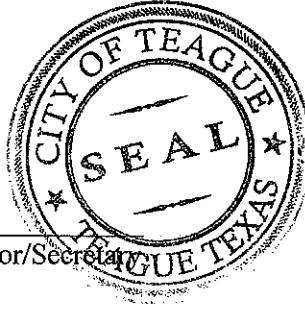
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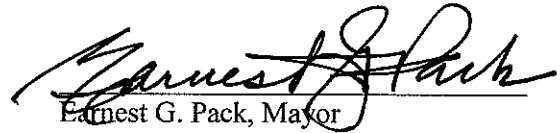
Judy Keally, City Administrator reported that Mike Powell had returned to work that day.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to ADJOURN at 8:42 P.M. was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion carried 4-0.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 P.M.


Judy Keally, City Administrator/Secretary




Ernest G. Pack, Mayor

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