

MINUTES
CITY OF TEAGUE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MARCH 20, 2017 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT: *The meeting was called to order at 6:00P.M. by Mayor Pro Tempore Ron Rasbeary and Quorum was announced with all the Aldermen seated at their respective places except for Alderman Nickleberry, Place 4 and Mayor Pack being absent.*
2. INVOCATION: *Dan Ramsey, 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 February 20, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
 - b. Approve the check register for the month of February, 2017
 - c. Approve Financial Statement for February, 2017
 - d. Approve the Investment Report for the month of February, 2017

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alderman Hertenberger, seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion Carried 4-0

6. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-03-20 DENYING THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN RATES OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE:

Brenda Walker, Oncor representative, presented information in regards to the upcoming increase in the electrical delivery fee set by the Public Utility Commission. She explained the benefits of approving the Ordinance denying the increase at the local level so that all the cases can be appealed at once and would not cost the city any legal direct attorney cost.

Alderman Rasbeary asked how different electric retailers could charge different rates?

Ms. Walker replied that retailers choose their own rates for the electricity, the Public Utility Commission establishes the fee for the delivery cost which Oncor delivers for the retailers and this cost should not change unless the retailer covers the delivery cost, she could not answer this question firmly due to the fact that she does not work on the retail side.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-03-20 denying the proposed change in rates of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, finding and determining that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public as required by law, and declaring an effective date of this ordinance, was made by Alderman Hertenberger, seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion Carried 4-0.



- b. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING THE REFINANCING OF THE TEAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FERRARA LADDER TRUCK NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$159,132.40 AND COMBINING THE NOTE WITH THE PURCHASE OF A 2017 PIERCE RESPONDER FIRE ENGINE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$316,932.00 FOR A TERM OF 10 ANNUAL PAYMENTS WITH THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL PAYMENT EQUALING \$54,761.71: *Bryan Teer, Teague Volunteer Fire Department representative, presented information and a detailed proposal for the purchase of a new Pierce Pumper Responder Fire Truck to replace their current 2001 Pierce Pumper Engine to include in the new note the refinancing of the 2 Ferrar Fire Trucks the City currently has financed through Santander. He also explained to maintain our current ISO Fire Rating the City must have two Frontline Engines. The current Pumper truck has had many repairs and is 16 years old and getting worn out.*

Landon Newton, representative from Government Capital Corporation, explained how the Federal Government raised the interest rates last week which changed the original proposal some and that the current proposal included a fixed interest rate of 3.441%. He also stated that the first payment would not be due until one year from the signed agreement.

Mr. Teer also pointed out that by doing this we would be decreasing our annual payment by about \$20,000.

Alderman Rasbeary asked how long until we would receive the new fire truck if we agreed to purchase it.

Scott Beckwith, Siddons-Martin Sales Representative, responded with 10 ½-11 ½ months from the time the order is placed.

Alderman Rasbeary asked what would happen with the truck we are replacing.

Jody Bodine, Fire Chief, explained we would sell it but would have to make sure who ever we sell it to understands they cannot have the truck until our new one arrives.

Motion to approve the refinancing of the Teague Volunteer Fire Department's Ferrara Ladder Truck note in the amount of \$159,132.40 and combining the note with the purchase of a 2017 Pierce Responder Fire Engine in the amount of \$316,932.00, with a fixed interest rate of 3.441% from Government Capital Corporation for a term of 10 annual payments with the estimated annual payment equaling \$57,416.31 was made by Alderman Hertenberger, seconded by Alderman Mims.

Motion Carried 4-0.

- c. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ESTABLISHING A STRATIGIC PLAN FOR SERVICING THE CITY OF TEAGUE'S FIRE HYDRANTS:

Interim City Administrator Theresa Prasil spoke in regards to the ongoing fire hydrant problems dating back to 2009, to include many that need to be replaced, repaired or installed.

Matt Gillet, City of Teague's Fire Inspector, presented a Power Point presentation that described in detailed the fire hydrant issues throughout the City. He presented the council with a detailed list of 12 crucial fire hydrants that need to be replaced and 6 that need to be repaired.

Alderman Hertenberger expressed that the City must make a plan and get this fixed.

Theresa Prasil, reminded the council to keep in mind that at this time, with the current staffing in Public Works we need to look at hiring a contractor which would carry additional cost but would be necessary for a project like this. She also stated that there is only \$10,000 budgeted for Fire Hydrants and a budget amendment would be required to fund the repairs and replacements presented by Matt Gillett.

Alderman Hertenberger agreed that a contractor would need to come in and let us know what it would take to make these repairs and replace the needed hydrants.

Motion to authorize the Interim City Administrator to get bids from contractors for the replacement of the 12 fire hydrants presented by Matt Gillet and to purchase 3 to keep in stock, and bring all bids to the April City Council Meeting, was made by Alderman Michaud, seconded by Alderman Mims. Motion carried 4-0.

- d. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-20 WHICH APPROVES AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF TEAGUE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL IN THE POLICY ON EMPLOYEE ATTENDANCE AND TIMELINESS SECTION AND OVERTIME AND COMPENSATORY TIME SECTION:

Motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Resolution No. 2017-03-20 which approves amendments to the City of Teague Personnel Policy Manual in the Policy on Employee Attendance and Timeliness Section and Overtime and Compensatory Time Section was made by Alderman Hertenberger, seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion Carried 4-0.

- e. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03-20 (2) WHICH APPROVES THE ADDITION OF FIVE (5) PERSONAL DAYS FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES TO THE CITY OF TEAGUE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL IN THE POLICY ON VACATION AND PERSONAL LEAVE SECTION:

Theresa Prasil, Interim City Administrator, informed the Council this would be an additional benefit for salaried employees.

Motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Resolution No. 2017-03-20 (2) which approves the addition of five (5) personal days for salaried employees to the City of Teague Personnel Policy Manual in the Policy on Vacation and Personal Leave Section effective immediately with a prorated 2 ½ days for the 2017 Fiscal Year and 5 days effective October 1, 2017 was made by Alderman Hertenberger, seconded by Alderman Mims. Motion carried 4-0.

- f. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PLACING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 521 MAIN STREET, TEAGUE TEXAS (OLD CITY HALL BUILDING) UP FOR SALE BY SEALED BIDS WITH THE MINIMUM BID SET AT THE APPRAISED VALUE OF \$57,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE BIDDING PROCESS:

Theresa Prasil, Interim City Administrator, explained that at this time we could not locate a Deed to the property and need to hire a title company to assist before moving forward with the sale of the property.

Motion to place the property located at 521 Main Street, Teague Texas (Old City Hall Building) up for sale by sealed bids with the minimum bid set at the appraised value of \$57,000.00 and authorizing the Interim City Administrator to take any action necessary to complete the bidding process was made by Alderman Hertenberger, seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion carried 4-0.

At 7:00 P.M. Open Session 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)."*

- Conduct employment interview with Phylliss Connell, applicant for City Administrator / Secretary. **551.074 (Personnel Matters)**
- Conduct employment interview with Theresa Prasil, applicant for City Administrator / Secretary. **551.074 (Personnel Matters)**

9. OPEN SESSION: *At 7:21 P.M. Executive Session Adjourned into Open Session*

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

Motion to hire Theresa Prasil as the City Administrator / Secretary as a salaried employee with a salary of \$83,200 a year was made by Alderman Hertenberger, seconded by Alderman Mims. Motion Carried 4-0.

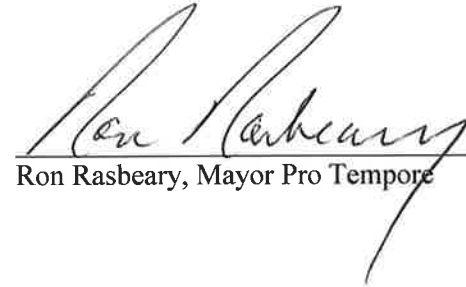
11. ADJOURNMENT: *At 7:25 P.M. motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Michaud, seconded by Alderman Hertenberger. Motion Carried 4-0.*

The meeting adjourned.


Theresa Prasil, City Secretary/Adm



The City of Teague,


Ron Rasbeary, Mayor Pro Tempore

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