

**MINUTES
CITY OF TEAGUE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT: *The meeting was called to order by Earnest G. Pack, Mayor and Quorum was announced. Aldermen were seated at their respective place except Alderman Nickleberry, who was absent.*
2. INVOCATION: *Jerry Jones*
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.*

Rhonda Jones, Teague Chamber of Commerce President, thanked the City of Teague for working with them to make the City shine with the Christmas decorations.

Zac Daggs spoke and requested the City purchase neighborhood watch signs for the city of Teague. The Chief of Police spoke and stated the signs would be placed at the end of the streets designated as Neighborhood Watch Areas. The Chief stated that it is just another set of eyes to watch areas and then any suspicious activity would be reported to the Police Department for follow up.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approve Regular Minutes from the October 19, 2015 Meeting of the City Council
- b. Approve the check register for the month of October, 2015
- c. Review Financial Statement for the month of October, 2015

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

6. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING THE CITY OF TEAGUE INSTALLING CRIME WATCH SIGNS AS REQUESTED BY ZAC DAGGS CITIZEN OF TEAGUE:

Motion to appropriate and amend the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget up to \$2,000.00 to purchase above signs was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Rasbeary. Motion carried 4-0.

- b. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING STOP SIGNS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- Corner of S. 8th and Howard Street
- S. 6th and Magnolia

Motion to approve the above stop signs was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion carried 4-0.

- c. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION OF VOTES CAST FOR BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS OF THE FREESTONE CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT:

Motion to approve above Resolution that casts all 80 votes for Lovie Whyte was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion carried 4-0.

- d. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING THE RENTAL CONTRACT FROM HEART OF TEXAS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS FOR THE WORKFORCE CENTER LOCATED ON MAIN STREET:
Motion to approve renewal of the above contract was made by Alderman Hertenberger and seconded by Alderman Rasbeary. Motion carried 4-0.
- e. REVIEW, DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CHANGING THE CITY COLLECTION CENTER DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION DURING THE WINTER MONTHS TO OPEN EACH SATURDAY FROM 9:00A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
Motion to approve, the change to the above Collection Center hours for the winter months by keeping the site open only on Saturdays from 8:00 A.M.to 4:00 P.M. beginning December 1, 2015 and monitoring the traffic for a 90 day period at which time new hours may be added, was made by Alderman Rasbeary seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion carried 4-0.
- f. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROPRIATING AND AMENDING THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE FOLLOWING EXPENDITURES:
- Well #2 repairs in the amount of \$100,000
 - Community Center repairs in the amount of \$12,600
 - Pier and lights at City Lake in the amount of \$45,354
 - Lift station in the amount of \$ 8,880
- Motion to approve appropriating and amending the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budgets for the above amounts was made by Alderman Rasbeary and seconded by Alderman Michaud. Motion carried 4-0.*
- g. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$15,807 FROM THE WAR ON DRUGS ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE 4 ADDITIONAL LAPTOPS, 10 NEW BODY CAMS AND MAKE EACH POLICE CAR A HOTSPOT FOR BETTER RECEPTION IN THE POLICE CARS:
Judy Keally, City Administrator and Chief Ramsey stated that the City is receiving approximately \$59,997 worth of equipment for \$15,807 from COPsync.
Julie Prescott, COPsync representative spoke and stated that the reason the City is getting a good deal on the equipment is because COPsync is using the Teague Police Department as a pilot program for their software and equipment.
Motion to authorize and approve the above amount was made by Alderman Rasbeary seconded by Alderman Hertenberger. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:56 P.M. the Open 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)."*

- Discussion and possible action on termination of Justin Grissett, an at will employee in the Public Works Department 551.074 (Personnel Matters)
- Discussion and possible action involving a reorganization in the Public Works Department which involves the reassignment of Jerry Jones, and the elimination of the position titled Assistant Public Works Director 551.074 (Personnel Matters)
- Conduct employment interview with Donald Thomas as a potential employee for the Public Works Department 551.074 (Personnel Matters)
- Conduct employment interview with Angel Morales as a potential employee for the Public Works Department 551.074 (Personnel Matters)
- Conduct an employment interview with Dewayne Philpott and possibly employ Dewayne Philpott as a Lieutenant in the Teague Police Department 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

9. OPEN SESSION: At 7:56 P.M. Executive Session closed and the Open Meeting reconvened.

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

- Discussion and possible action on termination of Justin Grissett, an at will employee in the Public Works Department 551.074 (*Personnel Matters*)
Motion was made by Alderman Hertenberger seconded by Alderman Rasbeary to accept the Resignation of Justin Grissett effective immediately. Motion carried 4-0.
- Discussion and possible action involving a reorganization in the Public Works Department which involves the reassignment of Jerry Jones, and the elimination of the position titled Assistant Public Works Director 551.074 (*Personnel Matters*)
Motion made by Alderman Rasbeary seconded by Alderman Michaud to reassign Jerry Jones in the Public Works Department and eliminate the position of Assistant Public Works Director with the salary of \$17.38 per hour plus \$40.00 per pay period for each certification for his water and sewer licenses. Motion carried 4-0.
- Conduct employment interview with Donald Thomas as a potential employee for the Public Works Department 551.074 (*Personnel Matters*)
Motion was made by Alderman Hertenberger seconded by Alderman Rasbeary to employ Donald Thomas in the Parks Department at the rate of \$11.00 per hour. Motion carried 4-0.
- Conduct employment interview with Angel Morales as a potential employee for the Public Works Department 551.074 (*Personnel Matters*) *Motion was made by Alderman Rasbeary seconded by Alderman Michaud to employ Angel Morales in the Street Department at the rate of \$11.00 per hour. Motion carried 4-0.*
- Conduct an employment interview with Dewayne Philpott and possibly employ Dewayne Philpott as a Lieutenant in the Teague Police Department 551.074 (*Personnel Matters*)
Motion was made by Alderman Rasbeary seconded by Alderman Michaud to employ Dewayne Philpott as a Lieutenant in the Police Department at the rate of \$22.50 per hour. Motion carried 4-0.

11. DIRECTORS REPORTS FOR REVIEW


- Judy Keally, City Administrator/City Secretary
- Dan Ramsey, Chief of Police
- Gus Ramirez, Public Works Director
- William Elliott, EDC Director
- Diane Willis, Librarian
- Matt Stentz, Animal Control and Code Enforcement

12. ADJOURNMENT: At 8:00 P.M. Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Rasbeary seconded by Alderman Johnson. Motion carried 4-0.


Judy Keally, City Administrator / Secretary



City of Teague,


Ernest G. Pack, Mayor

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