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The Waelder City Council met for a regular called meeting on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Waelder City Hall. Those present were Rocky Quintero, Jr., Alfred Thompspon, Valentino Hernandez, (Absent: Robert R. Tovar, and Peggy Blackmon). Mayor Mike Harris did preside.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established.

Open Forum: Richard Cedillo brought a list of construction materials from McCoys to the City Council for the kiddie park fence. He said the total cost to build the chain length fence would be \$6, 326.70 and the church is willing to pay for \$3,500.00. He said putting a fence around the kiddie park would benefit him personally when the Fiesta Guacamole comes he doesn't have to build the fence and take it down himself, the Police could better patrol the area and have it locked at 10:00 p.m. and it would eliminate trash, and it would be safer for the children when the cars pass by, and easier to maintain.

Cathy Hernandez got permission from the Council to speak openly when they got to item #9 on re-instating the Police Department Reserves program.

A motion was made by Alfred Thompson, seconded by Rocky Quintero, Jr., to approve consent agenda items:

Minutes; Special meeting July 2, 2012, Regular meeting July 3, 2012, and Special meeting July 10, 2012

Payments of bills

Financial Reports: July 2012

Motion carried unanimously

Ben J. Rosenberg, representative for Coastal Securities Inc., gave a presentation to the Council members on behalf of their company in dealing with financials.

Police Chief Jim Taylor presented certificates of recognition for outstanding civic services to the following community businesses; Toby's Bar, Lucky's Bar, Texas Egg Products LLC, Cal-Maine Foods, J Bar B Foods, The Right Choice Store, Waelder Shell Station, 4D Guest Ranch, and Elidas Snacks. He thanked them all for their outstanding community involvement.

Police Chief Jim Taylor presented his July 2012 monthly report on the police department to the Council members.

A motion was made by Alfred Thompson, seconded by Valentino Hernandez, to award bid on surplus property shredder to Mylus Williams for \$10. Motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made by Rocky Quintero, Jr., seconded by Valentino Hernandez, to declare 1982 dump truck, and sewer machine excess or surplus property and authorize City Secretary to post advertising for sealed bids at City Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Valentino Hernandez, seconded by Alfred Thompson to not build a fence around the kiddie park at this time, and to have a suggestion box in front of City Hall with a survey form allowing citizens to vote for or against a fence. They will open the box at a later meeting and see what the people suggest. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Rocky Quintero, Jr., seconded by Alfred Thompson, to amend the City of Waelder Personnel Manual on the use of the city vehicle during employee breaks and lunch hour effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Valentino Hernandez, seconded by Alfred Thompson, to record both open session and executive session City Council meetings and to keep them only 90 days after approval of minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation was given by Austin Harper on behalf of the Police Department on the benefits of having the Reserves re-instated. Cathy Hernandez voiced her opinions on why the Council should not re-instate the Reserves. A motion was made by Valentino Hernandez, seconded by Alfred Thompson, to not re-instate the Police Department Reserves program. Motion carried 2-1. Rocky Quintero, Jr., opposed.

A motion was made by Alfred Thompson, seconded by Rocky Quintero, Jr., to increase the hourly rate of David Urban from \$35/hour to \$40/hour for bookkeeping services to the City of Waelder. Motion carried unanimously.

The Council convened to Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. to discuss the following:
Consultation with Attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 to receive legal advice regarding City of Waelder Personnel Manual Substance Abuse Policy and changes thereto.

The Council reconvened to open session. There was a motion made by Rocky Quintero, Jr., seconded by Alfred Thompson, to direct City Attorney Mrs. Beck to bring back policy that reflects views of City Council in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Valentino Hernandez, seconded by Rocky Quintero, Jr., to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.