

# Lavon City Council Meeting Minutes



January 5, 2010

## I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 P.M. BY MAYOR MARTIN

Members Present: Mayor Norma Martin  
Council Member Place 1, Chris Kane  
Council Member Place 4, Aaron Heatley  
Council Member Place 5, Paul Slay, Mayor Pro-Tem

Members Absent: Council Member Place 2, Deborah Nabors  
Council Member Place 3, Gary Meeks

Staff Present: City Secretary, Linda Ardis  
Developmental Services Coordinator, Laura Kennemer  
Public Works Director, Kevin Dudley  
Chief of Police, Jason Rector

Commission and Board Members: EDCB Chairman, David Piekarski

## II. MAYOR MARTIN TO LEAD THE COUNCIL AND VISITORS IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Martin led the City Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## III. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro-Tem Slay led the invocation.

## IV. ITEMS OF INTEREST/CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

**Members of City Council have the opportunity to notify others of community events, functions and other activities. There will also be an opportunity to briefly comment on City Council business, City operations, projects and other items coming before the City Council.**

None

## V. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. City Council to Consider and Act on approval of the consent agenda:

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1. November 17, 2009 City Council Meeting \*
2. December 15, 2009 City Council Meeting Minutes\*

Mayor Martin asked if there was any discussion or motions.

**Motion:** Council Member Kane, "I move that we approve the City Council Minutes for November 17, 2009 and December 15, 2009."

**Second:** Mayor Pro-Tem Slay

**In Favor:** Council Member Kane, Council Member Heatley and Mayor Pro-Tem Slay

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion:** Passed

## VI. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

None

## VII. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

**Citizens, who wish to address the Council, may discuss matters not on the agenda and who have not previously expressed to the Council or City Hall a desire to discuss such matters. The only response from the Council can be to request these items to be placed on a future agenda for action.**

Judy Adcock asked when the trash and recycle contract would be up in the City. City Manager Jones told her that the contract ended July 10, 2010. He also said that the City had already contacted the trash contractor and told them that they would need to re-bid their contract in April.

## VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

None

## IX. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

**A. City Council to discuss plans to update the website. (Mayor)**

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Mayor Martin began by saying that the Council had discussed these issues in the past, but she wanted to revisit them because they were never acted upon. She expressed her concern that the website really needed to be up-dated. Council Member Nabors had presented some ideas for the web back in 2005, but they never were finalized. The Grand Heritage Developer had at one time shown an interest in helping. Mayor Martin asked if he had talked to Council Member Nabors about the website, and he said he had not. Mayor Martin said that the City had in-staff people who could manage it. Developmental Services Coordinator Laura Kennemer with a little training could probably handle the job. Since Council Member Nabors was unable to attend the meeting, Mayor Martin said she wanted the item to be placed on the next agenda.

## **B. City Council to discuss plans to review outdated ordinances. (Mayor)**

Mayor Martin asked City Manager Jones if he would help with this project by selecting several ordinances each meeting for the Council to review and discuss. She said she wanted this item placed on every agenda.

Council Member Kane agreed that the ordinances needed to be reviewed, but he said there needed to be a plan developed that incrementally would get the ordinances all organized. He also said the boards needed to be involved in this planning as a lot of the ordinances would fall into their goals and plans for the City.

City Manager Jones said the ideal way to handle the ordinances would be codification which had been discussed and planned for in the past. However, this is very costly and would have to be a long-term plan, because the City is not in a financial position to do it now. He did say that some foundational plans could be made now to get the City moving forward.

## **C. City Council to discuss creating a City logo in conjunction with Community ISD. (Mayor)**

Mayor Martin said at the end of the last school year, the Council had discussed this and Council Member Kane said that he would head up this project. Council Member Kane said that he had visited with Principal Julie Meeks and had come up with a few ideas. With the help of the City Newsletter, the project could be announced. The children could participate and have a competition for the best logo submitted. At some point, the logos would be put on public display and finalists would be chosen. The winner would be announced at a later date. He said that he would get in touch with the other schools and work out the details and get back with the Council.

## **D City Council to discuss creating an ordinance for the sale of alcohol within the City. (Mayor)**

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Mayor Martin said she had been asked by several citizens to place this item on the agenda. In her contact with 7-Eleven and QT Racetrack about placing business in Lavon, they had responded that they would not come unless Lavon was wet like Wylie and Farmersville the two cities on either side of Lavon. City Manager Jones reminded the Mayor that the City has nothing to do with such a decision. If the City did go wet, the P & Z Commission would have regulatory power as far as where it could be placed in the City. This matter is strictly in the hands of the citizens. A petition containing the names of 10 % of the total number of the voters in the last City's election would have to be submitted to the County. The County would be responsible for placing it on an election ballot for the City.

Council Members Heatley agreed with the Mayor that this could be beneficial for the City increasing its tax dollars. He had done some research and the City of Anna which is the approximate size of Lavon had gone wet and earned \$320,000 in sales tax revenue which allowed them to keep their property taxes at a lower rate. Council Member Kane questioned that in Lavon all that revenue would go to the City because of the agreement that the City had with paying funds back to the developer of Grand Heritage. City Manager Jones said their agreement represented ad valorem taxes not sales tax.

Citizen Bob Adcock said that the reason a lot of the people had moved to Lavon was to get out of the big city danger zones. He asked the City not to just think about the dollar amount of taxes, but the quality of business that would be allowed in the City. He asked why other businesses could not be considered. Mayor Martin replied the current population of Lavon is still a deterrent for larger business wanting to locate here. Mr. Adcock said he also thought it could cause more problems for our police department.

Chief of Police Jason Rector spoke up and said that when problems arise, it is because cities have not planned in advance for them. If we think Lavon will one day sale alcohol and we start planning now, our officers will be ready. City Manager Jones agreed.

## **X. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION**

### **A. City Council to consider and act on a sales agreement with Continental Utility Solutions, Inc. (utility billing software) (Kennemer)**

Developmental Services Coordinator Laura Kennemer told the Council that the City utility billing software is almost at capacity. She has been researching new software and has selected Continental Utility Solutions, Inc. It will allow the City to later add our financials and incorporate other modules that we will need in the future. She had also contacted other cities that use the software and had good responses from them.

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Council Member Kane asked where we were now with our financials and where we should be at this time. City Manager Jones told him that this money will come out of the Enterprise Budget and not the General Fund Budget. He put it as a consider and act item because a 2 year contract was involved, and he wanted the Council's approval because it was not a direct purchase. Council Member Kane asked if the City Manager could have the financials ready for review at the next meeting. City Manager Jones said he would try.

Mayor Martin asked if there was any more discussion or a motion.

**Motion:** Council Member Kane, "I move we approve the sales agreement with Continental Utility Solutions.:

**Second:** Mayor Pro-Tem Slay

**In Favor:** Council Member Kane, Council Member Heatley and Mayor Pro-Tem Slay

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion:** Passed

## **B. City Council to consider and act on removing Tom Lail, Place Three, from the Economic Development Corporation Board. (Mayor)**

Chairman of the Economic Development Corporation Board, Mike Piekarski, told the Council that Tom Lail was now working evenings and could not attend the meetings. Mayor Martin asked if there was a motion.

**Motion:** Council Member Kane, "I move we remove Tom Lail, Place Three, from the Economic Development Corporation Board."

**Second:** Council Member Heatley

**In Favor:** Council Member Kane, Council Member Heatley and Mayor Pro-Tem Slay

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Motion:** Passed

## **C. City Council to consider and act on removing Anthony Ramos, Place Six, from the Economic Development Corporation Board. (Mayor)**

Chairman of the Economic Development Corporation Board, Pike Piekarski, told the Council that Anthony Ramos has good intentions, but since the board was established last March, he has only attended two meetings. The board does not feel like they are getting full value from his membership.

Mayor Martin asked if there was a motion.

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**Motion:** Council Member Heatley, "I move we remove Anthony Ramos, Place Six, from the Economic Development Corporation Board."

**Second:** Mayor Pro-Tem Slay

**In Favor:** Council Member Heatley and Mayor Pro-Tem Slay

**Opposed:** One

**Abstained:** None

**Motion:** Passed

## XI. SETTING FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

**Council Members and staff may request items to be placed on a future agenda or request a special meeting be called. Each request that passes by a majority vote will be placed on the schedule by the City Secretary.**

Council Member Heatly asked if some kind of ordinance concerning sprinklers left on during freezing weather causing safety concerns could be written with a warning the first time and a fine the second time it occurred. City Manager Jones said that he would do that.

Citizen Joan Aquatero asked that the standing water on Bently Road and Shoreview also be looked at by the City. City Manager Jones told the Council that he would check this problem out also.

## XII. MAYOR PRO-TEM SLAY TO ADJOURN THE LAVON CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Mayor Martin adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Duly passed and approved on this 19 day of January, 2010.

  
Mayor Norma Martin

Attest:

  
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Louise Andis