

Lavon City Council Meeting Minutes



August 3, 2010

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR MARTIN

Members Present: Mayor Norma Martin
Council Member Place 1, Chris Kane, Mayor Pro-Tem
Council Member Place 3, Gary Meeks
Council Member Place 4, Aaron Heatley
Council Member Place 5, Charles Teske

Members Absent: Council Member Place 2, Deborah Nabors

Staff Present: City Manager, Mike Jones
City Secretary, Linda Ardis
Administrative Supervisor, Laura Kennemer

Commission and Board Members: EDCB Member Kay Wright
EDCB Member Paul Lemmon

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 Martin 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.

Mayor Martin reminded the Council and audience not to forget to drop off either school supplies and/or cash donations for the NeSmith Elementary School children. Sponsors and drop off locations include Big Daddy's BBQ, First Bank Lavon and Grand Heritage.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. July 6, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes *
2. July 20, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes *

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, "I move we approve the consent agenda."

Second: Council Member Heatley

In Favor: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, Council Member Meeks, Council Member Heatley and Council Member Teske

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.

None

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

None

IX. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. City Council to discuss FY 2010-2011 Budget. (Mayor)

City Manager Jones told the Council he was asked at the last Council Meeting to add the budget as a discussion item so the Council would have time to go over it before the August 17th Council Meeting. He told the Council that no action could be taken on the item, but if anyone had any questions he would be happy to answer them. But before he did that, he wanted the Council to know that the budget reflected a preliminary tax roll of property in the City which was multiplied by the current tax rate of .4145. Since the budget was written, the City Secretary has received the certified tax roll of property in the

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City, and it shows a difference of \$13,164.00 over the projected budget which is very good.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kane asked how the carry-over fund was calculated. City Manager Jones replied that Financial Clerk Laura Kennemer and he took the funds available to the City in a given month which did not include any dedicated money. To that figure, they added the projected income for the remaining months of the fiscal year and subtracted the projected expenditures for the remaining month of the fiscal year and came up with the projected total. He also told the Council that it looks like the City will meet the projected building permits for the year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kane said that the reserve fund showed \$55,958.00 but he thought the amended budget had lowered that figure by \$50,000.00. City Manager Jones said the figure of \$55,958.00 reflected the adjusted budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kane also wanted to know if the budget reflected pay raises. City Manager Jones said there were no pay raises this year. However, he did say that one staff member's duties had changed to a department head level. There was a pay increase, but it was not a merit raise but just a reflective raise for the position. There was no more discussion.

X. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

A. City Council to Consider and Act on a lease for office space and City Hall. (Jones)

City Secretary Ardis read a statement from Council Member Nabors into the record under Item "X", Items for Consideration and Action, subtitle "A" City Council to consider and act on a lease for office space and city hall. This statement will be attached to the minutes and is recorded in the official tape of the Council Meeting.

The Council discussed the item thoroughly. There were many opinions stated and suggestions made both by the Council and staff.

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, " I move we authorize the City Manager to make an offer to Tony Todora for the office space only at a maximum of \$900.00 per month for a term of one year with a one year renewal term for the same price."

There was no second and the motion died.

The Mayor asked if there were any more motions.

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Motion: City Council Member Meeks, "I move we have Mike Jones go to Tony Todora with the same order Chris Kane just suggested at a \$1,000.00 a month with a one year option on the end."

Second: Council Member Heatley

In Favor: Council Member Meeks and Council Member Heatley

Opposed: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane and Council Member Teske

Tie Vote: Mayor Martin broke the tie with a "for" vote cast

Abstained: None

Motion: Passed

City Manager Jones wanted to know if the Council objected to him making an offer of \$900.00 with the option to increase it to \$1,000.00 if Tony Todora countered. The Council expressed no objection.

- B. City Council to Consider and Act on Continuation of Coverage and Rerate for health care plan for the City employees.

City Secretary Ardis told the Council that if they wanted to renew the TML-IEBP Health Insurance, it was time to sign up so there would be no lapse of coverage for the employees. At this time, to go with another health insurance company other than TML-IEBP, the City would have to put the health insurance out for bid.

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, "I move we direct the City Secretary to act on the Continuation of Coverage and Rerate for the health care plan for the City employees."

Second: Council Member Teske

In Favor: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, Council Member Meeks, Council Member Heatley and Council Member Teske

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion: Passed

- C. City Council to Consider and Act on appointing a board member for Place One, Economic Development Corporation Board. (Piekarski)
- D. City Council to Consider and Act on appointing a board member for Place Three, Economic Development Corporation Board. (Piekarski)
- E. City Council to Consider and Act on appointing a board member for Place Five, Economic Development Corporation Board. (Piekarski)
- F. City Council to Consider and Act on appointing a board member for Place Seven, Economic Development Corporation Board. (Piekarski)

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F. City Council to Consider and Act on appointing a board member for Place Seven, Economic Development Corporation Board. (Piekarski)

Mayor Pro-Tem Kane asked the City Secretary that the records show the following seated members of the Board:

Place One	Kay Wright
Place Three	Neal Denny
Place Five	Sabara Mason
Place Seven	David Piekarski

All members are willing to serve again on the Economic Development Corporation Board.

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, "I recommend approval of all four items."

Second: Council Member Meeks

In Favor: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, Council Member Meeks, Council Member Heatley and Council Member Teske

Opposed: None

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.

The following items were requested to be placed on the next Agenda:

1. First Southwest to discuss with Council the possibility of a bond issue. (Jones)
2. Alan Baine to discuss land swap with Council. (Jones)
3. City Council to Consider and Act on City Manager taking action on building a new facility at this location. (Kane)
4. City Council to Consider and Act on putting together a committee on building proposal. (Mayor)
5. City Council to Consider and Act on an Investment Policy. (Kennemer)
6. City Council to Consider and Act on joining Tex Pool. (Kennemer)
7. A Public Hearing is also scheduled for the next Council Meeting. (Mayor)

XII. MAYOR MARTIN TO ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Duly passed and approved on this 17th day of August, 2010.


Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest:


Linda Ardis, City Secretary

Linda Ardis

From: cc.nabors@cityoflavon.org
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 11:47 AM
To: Linda Ardis
Cc: Mike Jones; Norma Martin
Subject: Statement for This Evening's City Council Meeting

Linda,

In my absence this evening, please read the following statement into the record under Item X. Items for Consideration and Acton, subtitle A. City Council to consider and act on a lease for office space and city hall.

I have asked the City Secretary to read this statement on my behalf since I am unable to attend this evening's council meeting to express my opinion personally.

The City of Lavon's long-term budget situation will not resolve itself without our intervention, regardless of the market. I believe fiscal policy that does nothing to change the trajectory of our long-term budget situation is poor fiscal policy.

Fiscal stewardship includes the careful and responsible management of funds entrusted to our care. It also includes recognizing the impact of the current economic and fiscal environments and ensuring an appropriate deployment of financial and physical resources as we move forward and strive to meet our goals. I do not believe fiscal responsibility includes setting arbitrary limits on spending for the sake of reducing the budget or with total disregard for our stated Vision.

I believe we have been presented with an opportunity to improve the image of the City of Lavon and enhance our ability to attract high-caliber businesses into the City. As such, I believe we should authorize City Manager, Mike Jones, to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with Tony Todora for the space located on Main St. in Lavon, Texas. The parameters of the lease should address the items discussed during our last Council meeting, understanding that compromise will be needed to reach a positive conclusion.

Every spending decision that is made by this Council should contribute to the overall Mission through the annual goals we set for ourselves. The work done by the Council, EDCB and the P&Z all point to the same conclusion. UTD's findings and recommendations were very clear. One of our priorities over the next fiscal year and beyond should be to ensure we apply wisdom to expenditure and revenue collection to influence the economy of the City of Lavon.

Thank you for your consideration of my perspective.

Deborah Nabors