

# Lavon Called City Council Meeting Minutes



May 31, 2011

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

Members Present: Mayor Chuck Teske  
Mayor Pro-Tem Place 1, Chris Kane  
Council Member Place 2, Deborah Nabors  
Council Member Place 3, Gary Meeks  
Council Member Place 4, David Hawkins  
Council Member Place 5, Vacant

Members Absent: None

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

Commission and Board Members: Planning and Zoning Member David Barnhart

## I. MAYOR TESKE TO CALL THE LAVON CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE THAT A QUORUM IS PRESENT

Mayor Teske called the meeting to order at 7:00.

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

Mayor Teske led the Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## III. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro-Tem Kane gave the invocation.

## IV. CONSIDER AND ACT

- A. City Council to Consider and Act on appointing a person to fill the unexpired Council Member position for Place 5 made vacant by the election of new Mayor.

Mayor Teske asked for nominations.

**Motion:** Council Member Hawkins, "I nominate Jenny Bodwell."

**Second:** Mayor Pro-Tem Kane

**Motion:** Council Member Nabors, "I nominate David Barnhart."

**Second:** Council Member Meeks

**In Favor of Jenny Bodwell:** Council Member Hawkins and Mayor Pro-Tem Kane

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**In Favor of David Barnhart:** Council Member Nabors and Council Member Meeks  
**Mayor to Break Tie:** Mayor Teske voted in favor of Jenny Bodwell and broke the tie  
**Result:** Jenny Bodwell appointed to fill the unexpired position of Council Member place 5.

1. Swear in and administer Oath of Office to the new Council Member  
City Secretary Ardis administered the Oath of Office to Jenny Bodwell.
2. Newly selected Council Member to take their seat with the existing Council Members  
Council Member Bodwell took her seat with the existing Council Members.

B. City Council to Consider and Act on selecting a Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Teske asked for nominations.

**Motion:** Council Member Hawkins, "I nominate Chris Kane."

**Second:** Council Member Bodwell

**Motion:** Council Member Meeks, "I nominate Deborah Nabors."

**Second:** Council Member Nabors

**In Favor of Alderman Kane:** Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, Council Member Hawkins and Council Member Bodwell

**In Favor of Alderman Nabors:** Council Member Nabors and Council Member Meeks

**Result:** Alderman Kane elected as Mayor Pro-Tem

C. City Council to Consider and Act on austerity measures for 2010-2011 FY Budget. (Mayor)

City Manager Jones told the Council that due to the building permits being very low and the expenses going above the budget, the City will run out of money in August, 1 ½ months short of our budget year end of September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pro-Tem Kane said with the current hole the City is in now, plus the money it will take to get the City through September and the money the City will need to get through December when the property taxes start coming in, the City is short \$225,000. Council Member Nabors said she had just seen the run rate of the budget tonight. She was not ready or prepared to start slashing the budget. The Council is only a week and a half short of the planned City Town Hall meeting when we could have the citizen's expectations for the City.

The Council suggested such austerity measures as services, cut backs, overhead administrative costs, administrative costs, looking at the Public Works Department as well as the Police Department, consolidation of services, fuel cut back, no take home vehicles and salaries in general. Mayor Pro-Tem Kane made the following motion.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro-Tem, "I move we appoint the Mayor to work with City Manager Jones to identify austerity measures within the existing budget that do not eliminate any services."

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**Second:** Council Member Nabors

**In Favor:** Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, Council Member Nabors, Council Member Meeks and Council Member Bodwell

**Opposed:** Council Member Hawkins

**Motion:** Passes

The Council continued talking about cleaning expenses, comp time, an unofficial hiring freeze and 24/7 police coverage for the City. with the Police Department having 1,300 comp hours on the book not including vacations at this time. City Council Member Nabors told the Council that the funding was just not there for this coverage. City Council Nabors made the following motion.

**Motion:** Council Member Nabors, "I move we waive the requirement for 24/7 service at least temporarily."

**Second:** Council Member Meeks

Chief of Police Jason Rector told the Council that he wanted to be able to give the City the best support he could for the citizens. He asked the Council to let him come up with some options for service. Mayor Pro-Tem asked him if he thought he could have that information by the next regular scheduled meeting. Chief Rector said that would not be a problem.

Council Member Nabors said that she would like to withdraw her motion until the time we can be provided with some options. The Council agreed.

### III. ADJOURN CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Teske adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Duly passed and approved on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2011.

Attest:

Linda Ardis  
Linda Ardis, City Secretary

Chuck Teske  
Mayor Chuck Teske