

Lavon City Council Meeting & Budget Workshop Minutes



August 16, 2011

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

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager, Mike Jones
City Secretary, Linda Ardis
Financial Clerk, Laura Kennemer
Public Works Director, Kevin Dudley
Chief of Police, Jason Rector

Commission and Board Members: None

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

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

III. INVOCATION

Council Member Bodwell led the invocation.

IV. ITEMS OF INTEREST CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Pro-Tem Kane reminded everyone that school starts back on Monday. Watch out for our kids.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. June 16, 2011 Town Hall Meeting Minutes*

The minutes were incorrectly titled.

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Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, "I move we table this item until we get the right wording."

Second: Council Member Hawkins

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

Opposed: 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.

David Hancock asked what ever happened to the Eagle Scout Project. Mayor Pro-Tem Kane explained that originally the City did not have the money for a pipe for the culvert. The money has now been raised and a request has been made to the Public Works Department for a cost of the pipe.

VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. City Council to Discuss City Budget Planning Calendar. (Ardis)

City Secretary Ardis went over the calendar for August and September stressing the need for super quorums when the Council voted.

B. City Council to Discuss Ordinance Amending Lavon Code of Regulations relating to the Proliferation of Litter. (Mayor)

The Council discussed items that could be included in this Ordinance including Code Enforcement making it mandatory to have more pick-ups for a business, require businesses to have trash receptacles in front of their store and have a separate ordinance for business and residential and lower the rate of residential pick-up. Citizens Joan Aquatero, Jeanene Ely, Bruce Foith, Chris Wess and David Hancock voiced their suggestions to the Council.

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C. City Council to Discuss Ordinance Amending the Code of Regulation relating to the Use of Public Right-of-Ways. (Mayor)

Mayor Teske stated that this document originated when Aaron Heatley was on the Council. It needed to be rewritten, but never was. It was placed back on the agenda in its original state. The Council discussed the issues of voluntary compliance, discrimination factors, prohibited areas for the purpose of protecting people such as State Highways 78 and 205 and restricting activities because of the speed limit. Chief Jason Rector expressed that he felt everyone should be required to have a permit for solicitation regardless what organization they represent.

Citizens Chris Wess, Jeanene Ely, Joan Aquatero and David Hancock voiced their opinions to the Council. The Mayor Pro-Tem asked Council Member David Hawkins if he would be willing to work with City Manager Jones on rewriting the ordinance.

IX. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

A. City Council to Consider and Act on HSRCP update project. (Bodwell)

Council Member Bodwell gave an update of the renovation plans for the old school house. She discussed plans the Committee was working on to obtain money from the EDC Board and the Court Security Fund to start the project. She also went over what would be renovated first. Council Member Bodwell said someone would be giving an update at every meeting. There was no action taken.

B. City Council to Consider and Act on David Rosenquist filling vacant Planning and Zoning Commission Seat Four whose term expire June, 2011. (Smith)

Motion: Council Member Nabors, "I move we table this item until the date is corrected."

Second: Council Member Meeks

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

Opposed: None

Motion: Passed

C. City Council to Consider and Act on filling vacant Economic Development Corporation Board Place Four whose term expires, July 2011. (Piekarski)

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, "I move we table this item until it is done correctly."

Second: Council Member Nabors

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

Opposed: None

Motion: Passed

D. City Council to Consider and Act to reconsider zoning application to B-1 to B-2 of the 2.58 acres located in Block 2, Tracts 4 and 28, William H. Moore Survey and being located at the intersection of Highway 78 and Highway 205. (Mayor)

The Mayor introduced Robert Carrozza the owner of the property. Mr. Carrozza referred to a letter that was attached to the Council Packets stating his reasons for the Councils reconsideration of the zoning request.

Citizen Chris Wess told the Council that according to Article 12-7 of the Zoning Ordinance for the City, it called for another filing fee. As stated by Mayor Pro-Tem Kane the request had not been denied with prejudice only for lack of information. The Council decided it would be best to table the item until the fee was received. They also asked Mr. Carrozza for a copy of deed restrictions placed on the property by the previous owner.

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, "I move we table this item until the next agenda."

Second: Council Member Nabors

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

Opposed: None

Motion: Passed

E. City Council to Consider and Act on Ordinance # 2011-08-01 amending the Planning & Zoning Ordinance # 2005-02-04 concerning Board of Adjustments. (Nabors)

Citizen Chris Wess said there was not an ordinance making the Planning & Zoning Commission the Board of Adjustments in a Type "A" Municipality. The governing body is the one designated to be the Board of Adjustments.

Motion: Council Member Nabors, "I move we ask our City Manager to rewrite the ordinance to designate the City Council as the Board of Adjustments."

Second: Council Member Meeks

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

Opposed: None

Motion: Passed

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F. City Council to Consider and Act on the Lease for 695 Main St. #400. (Jones)

The Council decided not to extend the lease option at a higher rate of \$1250.00. The City Manager was asked to talk with the owner of the building and see what the cost would be for a month to month lease and how much notice must be given when moving out.

Motion: Council Member Hawkins, "I move we table this item until we get the requested information"

Second: Council Member Meeks

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

Opposed: None

Motion: Passed

G. City Council to discuss Senate Bill 100 regarding changes to the City uniform election date with options and proposed Ordinance. (Jones/Ardis)

City Secretary Ardis told the Council that the cost to buy an election machine and have it programmed before each election was not cost effective for the City. City Manager Jones told the Council if they went to the November elections in 2012, essentially everyone Council Member would have their places extended for six months and the County would be able to rent the machines to the City. Mayor Pro-Tem said there was not a proposed ordinance in his Council Packet. The City Secretary told the Council that it could be a resolution, but they had not furnished one and the City does not have one at this time.

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, "I move we have a resolution written or drafted for the next Council meeting to formally move the election to November in alignment with SB 100."

Second: City Council Member Nabors

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

Opposed: None

Motion: Passed

X. FY 2011-2012 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor Teske began the Workshop by saying that the Council would again be going through the Budget line per line. This was the Council's second run at the Budget, and it would be another late evening.

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The Council made more cuts to the Budget. City Manager Jones was asked to have those figures in place at the next meeting.

XI. CITY COUNCIL TO SET FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

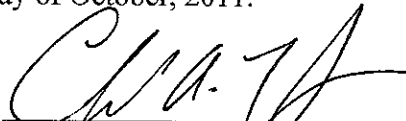
Council Members and staff may request items to be placed on a future agenda or request a special meeting be called. Each request that passes by a majority vote will be placed on the schedule by the City Secretary

None

XII. MAYOR TESKE TO ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Teske adjourned the City Council meeting at 10:05 pm.

Duly passed and approved on this 19th day of October, 2011.



Mayor Chuck Teske

Attest:



Linda Ardis, City Secretary