



**Lavon City Council Meeting
Minutes
May 20, 2014**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 P.M. BY MAYOR TESKE

Members Present: Mayor Chuck Teske
Council Member Place 1, Chris Kane, Mayor Pro-Tem
Council Member Place 2, Jorge Calderon
Council Member Place 3, Melissa Stroop
Council Member Place 4, Matt Childers
Council Member Place 5, Jenny Bodwell

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Secretary Chris Wess
Public Works Director Terry McCalpin
Police Chief Mike Jones

Legal Representative: None

Commission and
Board Members: None

Visitors: 2

There was a quorum present.

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

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Teske gave the invocation.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

V. ITEMS OF INTEREST/CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting. (Wess)*

B. Minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting. (Wess)*

C. Minutes of the April 15, 2014 meeting. (Wess)*

D. Minutes of the May 6, 2014 meeting. (Wess)

E. Heritage Public Improvement District #1 Assessment Report Summary 4/30/14
(Wess)*



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- Motion:** Mayor Pro-Tem Kane moved to approve the consent agenda in its entirety.
- Second:** Council Member Bodwell
- In Favor:** Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, Council Member Calderon, Stroop, Childers and Bodwell
- Opposed:** None
- Abstained:** None
- Motion:** Carries

VII. VII. STAFF REPORTS

- A. City Secretary Wess:** Chris Wess to discuss the April Financial Outlook and Receivables Report
- Secretary Wess explained different items and answered questions from Council Members. Mayor Pro-Tem Kane asked about the round number listed for permits. Secretary Wess explained that \$35,000.00 was an approximate amount, but after checking that morning, knew the actual amount was \$37,000.00 and some change. Council Member Stroop asked about Public Works budget. Secretary Wess and Public Works Director Terry McCalpin both explained the extra cost, such as sod, mulch, BBQ Grills and Stage Lights. He also explained that some tools and a few other things would be re-allocated to Building Maintenance, which would free up more of the budget. Also discussed was the budget amount for street repairs that comes from taxes.
- B. Police Chief Jones:** Chief Jones to discuss the Drug Take Back Program, the new patrol vehicle and the SH78 construction and signage.
- Police Chief Mike Jones explained challenges of the signage on Hwy 78. Some street signs are misnamed and some are covered by construction warning signs. Mayor Teske stated that he would call Bill Hale with TXDoT tomorrow. Chief Jones informed the Council that Officer Rodney Sneed brought the new patrol car by City Hall before Council Meeting began for all Council Members to see. He also discussed the outcome of the "Drug Take Back Program". He informed the Council that it was a huge success and the Police Department succeeded in collecting 54 pounds of medications. He also informed the Council that the State may be discontinuing the program due to funding shortfall, however, the City of Lavon might possibly continue the program on its own.

VIII. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

- A. City Council to consider and act on approving setting up a City Hall Twitter account for the purpose of creating another venue for keeping our citizens informed of local events and changes to schedules. (Wess)**
- Secretary Wess explained that a Twitter account would be beneficial to the citizens of Lavon. It gives them another avenue to stay updated on community events and information. Mayor Pro-Tem Kane stated that he is concerned about it causing more hours to be worked. Council Member Calderon thinks that it is a great idea and Council



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Member Bodwell is concerned about City staff giving opinions on Tweets. Chief Jones explained that you cannot have an open dialogue. It is just a great way to get information out to citizens, hopefully without negative feedback.

Motion: Council Member Calderon made motion to approve setting up a City Hall Twitter account.

Second: Council Member Childers

In Favor: Mayor Pro-Tem Kane, Council Members Calderon, Stroop, Childers and Bodwell

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion: Carries

B. City Council to consider and act on approving the release of funds for the purpose of obtaining a land appraisal of the 31.2 acres of City property to facilitate gaining a Collin County open space grant. (Bodwell)

Commissioner Bodwell explained that the Parks and Recreation board is wanting a land appraisal on the 31 acres in Bear Creek. Council Member Bodwell stated that the land appraisal will cost approximately \$300.00. Chief Jones stated that he felt the appraisal was a good idea and needed to be done. He also reminded the Council Members that it is in a flood plain and that it is deed restricted for Park Use Only and to not be surprised when the value comes back low. Mayor Pro-Tem Kane stated that the budget shows that there is \$23,000.00 in the Parks and Recreation budget. Secretary Wess informed him that the money is allocated to pay for the playground equipment that has not been billed for yet. Mayor Pro-Tem Kane is wanting to know where the money for the appraisal will come from.

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IX. DISCUSSION

A. City Council to discuss the Employee Comp Time Report. (Stroop)

Council Member Stroop informed the Council that she is pleased to see that great strides have been made to reduce Comp. Time balances. Terry stated that Public Works hours are high due to Spring Clean-Up. Council Member Stroop asked how the Sergeant got his hours down so significantly and Mike Jones informed her that the Sergeant took the entire month off. Council Member Stroop also mentioned that employees might be able to donate extra Comp. Time hours to Officer Vargas who is preparing for maternity leave.

B. City Council to discuss the progress of the gym renovations. (Teske)

Mayor Teske explained that the original budget for gymnasium renovations was \$71,350.00 and the amount spent to date is \$68,242.00 with a remaining balance of \$3,108.00. He went on to add that Chris Henry (the electrician) still needs to bill the City for the electrical work that was done and the Basket Ball goals need to be installed. He informed the Council that the A/C, floors, stage and bathrooms are all finished. Heating is not completely due to needing new gas lines ran. The



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bid for that project was \$6,600.00. Mayor Teske is planning to wait for budget re-set in September for the gas line completion.

- C. City Council to discuss the possible rental/acquisition of a public works facility at 112 Forder Ct. (Teske)

Mayor Teske informed the Council Members that the building is currently owned by Will Morrow. The building is split into four quadrants and a section of it is currently leased. The value of the building on the tax rolls is \$20,000.00. Mr. Morrow offered to rent two spaces for \$650.00 a month, and possibly sell the building to the City in the next budget year. There was no price discussed with Mr. Morrow, but he did ask if the City would be interested in the acre of land adjacent to the building. Council Member Bodwell asked Terry how he felt about it and if it was big enough. Terry explained that if we were to acquire the entire building, along with the adjacent land, then it would be plenty of room. Mayor Teske stated that the building is always unlocked if the Council Members wanted to look around in their free time. He encouraged them to check it out.

- D. City Council to discuss the future development of the City owned property in Bear Creek (31.2 acres) (Bodwell)

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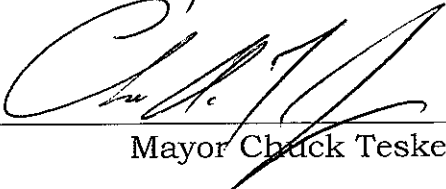
X. CITY COUNCIL TO SET FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

Budget Reset for June 02, 2014 and Rental/Acquisition of 112 Forder Ct. for discussion.

XI. PRESIDING OFFICER TO ADJOURN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Teske adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Duly passed and approved on this 1st day of July, 2014.



Mayor Chuck Teske

Attest:



Chris Wess, City Secretary