

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2013 7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
12002 HWY. 6  
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Pat McCrary.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Pro-tem Pat McCrary  
Councilmember Jeff Tambrella  
Councilmember Wanda Wagner  
Councilmember Bubba Jannett  
Councilmember Joe Carothers  
City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego  
City Manager Joe Dickson  
Absent: Mayor Ralph Stenzel, excused  
City Secretary Janet L. Davis, excused

The invocation was given by and the pledge of allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by City Manager Joe Dickson.

Mayor's and City Manager's Report:

a. The minutes of 3/14/13 and 3/28/13 were approved as presented.

Planning and Zoning Business:

Old Business: None

New Business:

**1. Consideration and possible action: Public Hearing and First reading of an ordinance amending the text of Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the City of Santa Fe Unified Development Code, or the Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, 2002 Edition, amending Article 4, Zoning Districts, Section 4.01.04, Area Regulations for Agricultural Residential Lot Sizes; amending Appendix 4E, Lot Area and Standards Matrix for Agricultural Residential Lots; and providing for severability**

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said this is a staff-initiated change to our zoning ordinance. She said she has spoken with a couple of developers in the community regarding our required \$15,000 sq. ft. lot sizes in the Agricultural Residential District. Ms. Steelquist said this minimum lot size is restricting infill development, and in order to facilitate new economic growth and housing needs, the minimum area lot size requirement should be reduced to 10,000 sq. ft. where public water and sewer can be connected. She said to keep the rural look, the lot width is proposed to increase from 60 feet to 80 feet with increased side setback requirements to 10 feet. Lot coverage would also be increased from 20 percent to 40 percent for roofed structures. These proposed lot size requirements are still larger than the requirements in the Single Family Residential District. Mayor Pro-tem McCrary opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. There were no

comments from the public. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to pass the first reading of an ordinance amending the text of Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the City of Santa Fe Unified Development Code, or the Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, 2002 Edition, amending Article 4, Zoning Districts, Section 4.01.04, Area Regulations for Agricultural Residential Lot Sizes; amending Appendix 4E, Lot Area and Standards Matrix for Agricultural Residential Lots; and providing for severability. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**2. Consideration and possible action: Granting/denying request by Richard and Judith Williams to abandon a portion of the unopened Downey Street public right-of-way located just south of Beriton Street and authorizing the Mayor to execute the documents necessary to transfer ownership**

City Manager Joe Dickson said staff is asking Council to table action on this item until the abutting property owner has provided consent to the requested abandonment, as required by our regulations regarding property abandonment. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to table this item until the next meeting. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

City Business (Other):

Old Business:

**1. Consideration and possible action: Second and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 4, Business Regulations, Code of Ordinances, Section 8, Vehicle Wrecker and Wrecker Company Regulations, to add definitions and modify standards of conduct; providing for penalties and severability; and providing an effective date**

Police Chief Kenneth Campbell said this is the second reading of the ordinance modifying the wrecker regulations. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Wagner to pass the second and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 4, Business Regulations, Code of Ordinances, Section 8, Vehicle Wrecker and Wrecker Company Regulations, to add definitions and modify standards of conduct; providing for penalties and severability; and providing an effective date. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business:

**1. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute Contract between the City of Santa Fe and Jennifer Beaver for Police Service Dog K-9 Kujo**

Police Chief Kenneth Campbell said we would like to enter into this agreement with Officer Jennifer Beaver and her dog Kujo for canine services to replace Bor, who we retired last month to his handler Sgt. Bruss. Councilmember Jannett asked if the canine services provided would be the same program as we had with Sgt. Bruss and Bor, and Chief Campbell said the canine program would be the same, just with a different dog and handler. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Wagner to authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract between the City of Santa Fe and Jennifer Beaver for the police service dog, K-9 Kujo. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**2. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 21, City Council Meetings, to change the time of regular meetings of the City Council**

City Manager Joe Dickson said he has received a suggestion that council meetings begin earlier than 7 p.m., so this has been placed on the agenda for discussion amongst Council. Council discussed changing the time of regular meetings to either 6 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to pass the first reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 21, City Council Meetings, to change the time of regular meetings of the City Council to 6:30 p.m. Mr. Scot Rice of 13410 Bob White Drive said 7 p.m. is a good time for meetings and any time earlier would not be convenient for those working and would not provide better attendance at the meetings. Mr. Michael Aldous of 11961 FM 1764 said he sometimes works until 5 p.m. in Houston and earlier meetings may make it difficult for him to attend. Mr. Daniel Kitchener of 12500 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street said those that work out of town until 5 p.m. would have a difficult time attending a meeting earlier than 7 p.m. Council meetings were held at 7:30 p.m. many years ago. The surrounding communities hold meetings at 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., or 7 p.m. The motion failed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: Galveston County Fair and Rodeo begins tomorrow, April 12.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings  
The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2013.

Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Janet L. Davis, City Secretary