

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2015 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 Jeff Tambrella.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Jeff Tambrella
 Mayor Pro-tem Bubba Jannett
 Councilmember Pat McCrary
 Councilmember Joe Carothers
 Councilmember Corey Jannett
 Councilmember Charles Coleman
 City Manager Joe Dickson
 City Secretary Janet L. Davis
 Absent: City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego, 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: City Manager Joe Dickson provided a medical update on Tim Turner, General Manager of WCID #8.

Citizens' Comments: None.

Planning and Zoning Business:

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Granting/denying request for abandonment of a portion of the public right-of-way adjacent to 2732 Shouse Road, Santa Fe, Texas, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the documents necessary to transfer ownership

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said Mr. Woodcock has submitted a request to abandon a portion of Shouse Road where it dead ends into the drainage canal. She said he uses the property as his driveway. Ms. Steelquist said the drainage district eventually acquired the adjacent piece of property and has agreed to abandonment of a portion of this right-of-way. She said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the abandonment request, and Mr. Woodcock understands he is responsible for the costs of the appraisal and market value of the property. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to grant the request for abandonment of a portion of the public right-of-way adjacent to 2732 Shouse Road, Santa Fe, Texas, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the documents necessary to transfer ownership. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

City Business (Other):

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance granting to CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., DBA CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas Operations, the right and franchise to construct, install, extend, remove, replace, abandon, operate, and maintain its facilities within the public rights-of-way of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, for the transportation, delivery, sale, and distribution of natural gas; containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability; and providing an effective date

City Manager Joe Dickson said Council previously authorized staff to request an attorney negotiate a new gas franchise agreement with CenterPoint Energy. He said our 30-year agreement has expired, and a new 15-year agreement with a 3 percent franchise fee on gross receipts has been deliberated. Mr. Dickson said CenterPoint offered a 5 percent franchise fee if we relinquish our original jurisdiction, but that offer was rejected. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to pass the first reading of an ordinance granting to CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., DBA CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas Operations, the right and franchise to construct, install, extend, remove, replace, abandon, operate, and maintain its facilities within the public rights-of-way of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, for the transportation, delivery, sale, and distribution of natural gas; containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Administrative Services Agreement between the City and the Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015

City Manager Joe Dickson said our Director of Administrative Services Pam Wood serves as administrative support to the Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. No change to this annual agreement is proposed. Motion by Councilmember Coleman, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to authorize the Mayor to execute the Administrative Services Agreement between the City and the Santa Fe Economic Development Corporation for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing staff to proceed with modifications to the exterior signage at the Justice Center

City Manager Joe Dickson said the signage at the Justice Center reads "Santa Fe Justice Center" on the north and east wall. We would like to modify the signage to add "City of" on both sides and refinish the letters with a darker color. The original contractor proposed a cost of \$5,676 for the work, but our local Gillaspia Signs said he could accomplish the same look for \$3,500. Councilmember Coleman said the architect should have known the color would not provide good visibility. Staff recommends approval of the project by Gillaspia Signs for \$3,500. Motion by Councilmember Corey Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Bubba Jannett to authorize staff to proceed with Gillaspia Signs for modifications to the exterior signage at the Justice Center. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Casting ballot for a member to serve on the TML-IEBP Board of Trustees – TML Region 14 for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2015, and ending September 30, 2018

City Manager Joe Dickson said we nominated Jay Stokes for this position at our last meeting and this is the ballot to cast our vote. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to cast the ballot for Jay Stokes for the TML-IEBP Board of Trustees – TML Region 14 for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2015, and ending September 30, 2018. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: 2nd public hearing on tax increase is scheduled for September 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings

Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Bubba Jannett to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

JEFF TAMBRELLA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary