

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2011 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6
SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Councilmember Jeff Tambrella.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmember Jeff Tambrella
 Councilmember Pat McCrary
 Councilmember Joe Carothers
 Councilmember Bubba Jannett
 City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego
 City Manager Joe Dickson
 City Secretary Janet L. Davis
 Absent: Mayor Ralph Stenzel, excused
 Mayor Pro-tem Jim Abney, 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 11/10//11 were approved as presented.
- b. Council recognized the Santa Fe Indians 2011 4A State Softball Champions stating we are honored to have these champions with us tonight and drawing special attention to the highway signs purchased by Mr. Steve Upton and erected by the State.
- c. WCID #8 General Manager Tim Turner gave a presentation pertaining to the drought and water supply conditions and our predicted future water shortage if the lakes are not replenished by rainfall.

Planning and Zoning Business:

Old Business:

- 1. Consideration and possible action: Second and final reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, 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 5, Special Use Regulations, by adding Section 5.12, Churches and Places of Worship Regulations for accessory uses and recreational vehicles and providing for severability**

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said this is the second reading of the ordinance to allow churches to park RVs on church property temporarily for visiting clergy or emergency disasters. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to pass the second and final reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, 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 5, Special Use Regulations, by adding Section 5.12, Churches and Places of Worship Regulations for accessory uses and recreational vehicles and providing for severability. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Second and final reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, 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 2, Definitions, pertaining to signs, amending Article 7, Outdoor Advertising Sign Regulations, by adding regulations on digital signs; providing for penalties; and providing for severability

Councilmember Tambrella said Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc., the company wanting to convert their existing billboard to a digital billboard, called and asked that we table this ordinance on second reading. He said they have questions which they have not conveyed to us yet. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to table this ordinance. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the City of Santa Fe Unified Development Code, or the Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, 2002 Edition, the official zoning map adopted under Section 3.08, by adding a conditional use zoning classification for a 150-foot tall tower in the Light Manufacturing (LM) District, located at 3525 FM 646 N, being approximately 9.535 acres described as Abst 1, Page 11, Lot 20, Thamans 1st Sub, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said CenterPoint Energy has submitted a revised site plan indicating the tower being located at the most northeast corner of the lot. They have also asked that Council pass this ordinance on first and final reading because they are under timeline constraints to begin construction of the tower. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to pass the first reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the City of Santa Fe Unified Development Code, or the Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, 2002 Edition, the official zoning map adopted under Section 3.08, by adding a conditional use zoning classification for a 150-foot tall tower in the Light Manufacturing (LM) District, located at 3525 FM 646 N, being approximately 9.535 acres described as Abst 1, Page 11, Lot 20, Thamans 1st Sub, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas, and to dispense with the second reading as authorized by Section 3.16 of the Home Rule Charter. The motion passed the roll call vote. Those voting for: Councilmember McCrary, Councilmember Tambrella, and Councilmember Carothers. Those voting against: Councilmember Jannett. (Because the Charter states that the vote must be by affirmative vote of all the council members present to pass on first and final reading, there will be a second reading on the ordinance next month.)

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Public hearing and first reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the City of Santa Fe Unified Development Code, or the Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, 2002 Edition, the official zoning map adopted under Section 3.08, by adding a conditional use zoning classification for a wrecker yard in the TR—Transportation District, located at 15317 Highway 6, being approximately 0.27 acres described as Abst 613, Page 6, Part of Lot 1 (1-5), Block 80, Angell Runge Addition, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said this proposed location owned by John Williams and leased by Donald Sweeney was used as a previous wrecker storage yard. She said the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing and subsequently recommended approval. Councilmember Tambrella opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Sweeney said he spoke with the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday regarding his request to open a wrecker storage yard at this location on

Hwy. 6 to operate his wrecker business. There were no other public comments. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to pass the first reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 02-03, commonly known as the City of Santa Fe Unified Development Code, or the Santa Fe Zoning Ordinance, 2002 Edition, the official zoning map adopted under Section 3.08, by adding a conditional use zoning classification for a wrecker yard in the TR—Transportation District, located at 15317 Highway 6, being approximately 0.27 acres described as Abst 613, Page 6, Part of Lot 1 (1-5), Block 80, Angell Runge Addition, City of Santa Fe, Galveston County, Texas. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

City Business (Other):

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the execution of an Addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to add eligibility requirements for promotions

City Manager Joe Dickson said a wage freeze during this budget cycle ceased collective bargaining negotiations; however, the association has requested that the two-year experience requirement be extended to four years in order to be eligible for a promotion. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to adopt the resolution authorizing the execution of an Addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to add eligibility requirements for promotions. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement for operating and engineering costs for the Dickinson Bayou Watershed Steering Committee for FY 2012

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said we have participated in the Dickinson Bayou Watershed Steering Committee since 1994 when it formed. She said the county pays most of the cost, and we share a portion of the operating and engineering expenses. This year there are no proposed engineering expenses and our cost for operations is about \$237. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to authorize the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement for operating and engineering costs for the Dickinson Bayou Watershed Steering Committee for FY 2012. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: Ratifying execution of letter and contract amendment No. 1 revising the Performance Statement for Hurricane Ike Disaster Recovery Grant Round Two funds for rehabilitation of failed sewer lines

Director of Administrative Services Pam Wood said we had money left over from the Disaster Recovery Round 1 funds so we used those for the Round 2.1 project. This Performance Statement Amendment includes new Round 2.1 projects for additional sewer line work to identify and rehabilitate failed sewer lines using the pipe bursting method and to shift funds from sewer facilities into engineering services for the increased cost of surveying, designing, and planning. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to ratify execution of the letter and contract amendment No. 1 revising the Performance Statement for Hurricane Ike Disaster Recovery Grant Round Two funds for rehabilitation of failed sewer lines. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement between the City and WCID #8 to provide any grant funds awarded the City on behalf of WCID #8 for the construction of water and sewer system improvements

Director of Administrative Services Pam Wood said this Interlocal Agreement is a requirement of the 2008 Disaster Recovery Round 2 Phase 2 grant application, and it basically states that the city will provide grant funds that may be awarded to the City for construction of water and sewer system improvements to WCID #8 for construction, operation, and maintenance of such sewer system improvements. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to authorize the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement between the City and WCID #8 to provide any grant funds awarded the City on behalf of WCID #8 for the construction of water and sewer system improvements. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

5. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the lease purchase financing documents for acquisition of the new police vehicles, video cameras, light bar, radar unit, asphalt paver, and used pickup truck

City Manager Joe Dickson reviewed the proposals received for financing and said California First National Bank provided the best quote at 1.93 percent interest and an annual payment of \$70,230, which is slightly below the amount budgeted. He said staff has recommended awarding the bid to California First National Bank for three annual payments. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the lease purchase financing documents with California First National Bank for a three-year term for acquisition of the new police vehicles, video cameras, light bar, radar unit, asphalt paver, and used pickup truck. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

6. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution reviewing and approving the city's investment policy

City Manager Joe Dickson said the Public Funds Investment Act and our policy require annual review of the investment policy. He said staff proposed minor changes last year, but no changes are recommended this year. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to adopt the resolution reviewing and approving the city's investment policy. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: Christmas Parade on December 16 beginning at 7 p.m.; Community Services Director Diana Steelquist announced that she is now a certified planner, and she congratulated employee Stacey Baker who is now a licensed code enforcement officer.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings
The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2012, at 7 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary