

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 25, 2010 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 Ralph Stenzel.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Ralph Stenzel  
Mayor Pro-tem Jeff Tambrella  
Councilmember Joe Carothers  
Councilmember Bubba Jannett  
Councilmember Jim Abney  
Councilmember Pat McCrary  
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 Councilmember Joe Carothers.

City Manager's Report: City Manager Joe Dickson gave an update on the 22 car train derailment last week about 5:25 a.m. on Thursday, February 18, and the subsequent cleanup by the railroad and other agencies. He complimented the cooperation and professionalism of the participating agencies, including the city, county, state, EPA, TCEQ, and the railroad. He also complimented the community, specifically Sonic, Blues, Sherry's, Big Chief, the Citizens on Patrol, and the Citizens Police Academy, for their support and donations. Mr. Dickson said that there are still eight rail cars behind Tibaldo's Feed Store, and according to Mr. Bill Perry of BNSF, those should be gone by Tuesday. The cleanup should be complete by Thursday, other than the road which needs to be resurfaced. Mr. Dickson said Ricky Tibaldo was happy with the cooperation he received by the railroad. BNSF had claims adjusters talking to claimants immediately following the accident. Mr. Dickson also complimented Lt. Meadows, Captain Kessler, and Sgt. Bruss for their outstanding job in handling this event, and he extended a big thanks to Mayor Stenzel for helping with traffic control immediately following the derailment. Chief Campbell said he was impressed with the railroad's response to the incident and was very pleased with our staff and the community support. He said the cause of the derailment is still unknown.

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business: None

New Business:

**1. Consideration and possible action: Presentation and acceptance of the Annual Racial Profiling Report**

Police Chief Kenneth Campbell presented the 2009 annual racial profiling report in compliance with SB 1074. He said there is also a new SB 3389 which requires this information to be presented to the state beginning next year. He said the department's racial profiling policy, included in this report beginning on page 27, has been revised to comply with both senate bills. Page 34 of this report displays our attempt at informing the public about our policy. Chief Campbell said we have received no complaints on racial profiling during this reporting period. He said we have made efforts to meet the state requirements even though we are not comfortable with the baseline comparison data. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to accept the Annual Racial Profiling Report. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**2. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute the Mutual Aid Law Enforcement Agreement between various municipalities in Galveston County and the County of Galveston for law enforcement assistance**

Police Chief Kenneth Campbell said the current mutual aid agreement has been reviewed and updated by the Sheriff and submitted to each agency in the County for execution. City Manager Joe Dickson said the City Attorney has reviewed the agreement and Mr. Dickson briefly described the changes from the previous agreement to this proposed agreement and explained our liability under the agreement. He said the county processes our major crime scenes, provides backup services, etc. and we have never received a bill for these services while an agency is still acting under their own colors. However, if we needed help to actually cover a shift and they were acting under the City of Santa Fe rather than their respective agencies, then this agreement establishes procedures for providing such services and invoicing the requesting agency. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Abney to authorize the Mayor to execute the Mutual Aid Law Enforcement Agreement between various municipalities in Galveston County and the County of Galveston for law enforcement assistance. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**3. 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 2010**

City Manager Joe Dickson said the city has been a participant in the Dickinson Bayou Watershed Steering Committee since 1994, and this is the formal agreement for the Dickinson Bayou Watershed for this year's operating and engineering costs, and funds have been included in the current budget for these services. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to authorize the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement for operating and engineering costs for the Dickinson Bayou Watershed Steering Committee for FY 2010. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**4. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute Utility Easement with the Pentecostals of Santa Fe for installation and maintenance of a water service line**

City Manager Joe Dickson said Rev. Jeane and the Pentecostals have been working with the Pless family to obtain an easement across the front of their property adjacent to FM 1764 to get water service to their property. However, when the city purchased the property near the corner of FM 1764 and FM 646N, Rev. Jeane approached the city about granting an easement so they could install a water service line from FM 646N to the church. The easement is proposed to be on the north five feet and west five feet of the city's lot for a 2" water line. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to authorize the Mayor to execute the Utility Easement with the Pentecostals of Santa Fe for installation and maintenance of a water service line. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**5. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing participation in Blackboard Connect for Government (f/k/a Connect-CTY) Service**

City Manager Joe Dickson said First Call was the mass notification service that we used during Hurricane Ike and on a few other past occasions. We piggybacked the county who paid the initial contract costs and then each entity paid for each notification when the contract was activated. The county did not renew that contract after September 30. Mr. Dickson said he has been considering Connect-CTY for several months now. They have ten data centers with the capability to send 3,000,000 notifications per hour, compared to First Call's two call centers and 100,000 notifications an hour. The cost of the First Call service is \$5,000 initially and then a charge each time calls are made. The cost of Connect-CTY is a flat rate of \$1.91 per address annually for unlimited calls. The Connect-CTY representative said there are 4095 addresses in the city according to the 2000 census and city staff estimates the addition of about 600 addresses for annexations since 2000. This agreement is based on 4,500 addresses at a cost of \$1.91 each and the count will be reviewed next year following the census. WCID #8 feels they could also utilize a communication system and they have agreed to share the costs at 40 percent with the city paying 60 percent. The cost will be prorated through the end of the year. Mr. Dickson said the city needs a mass notifications system that is capable of reaching home phones, cell phones, text messages, etc. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Abney to authorize participating in Blackboard Connect for Government (f/k/a Connect-CTY) Service. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: Galveston County Mayors and Councilmembers Association meeting on March 10; Kilroy Banquet this Saturday, February 27.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings  
The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2010, at 7 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

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RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

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Janet L. Davis, City Secretary