

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 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 Attorney Ellis J. Ortego
City Manager Joe Dickson
City Secretary Janet L. Davis

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

Reports:

- a. Mayor Stenzel presented a Certificate of Appreciation and token retirement gift to Retiree Jolene White.
- b. Mr. Ron Williams, Executive Director of the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation, presented Mrs. Winnie Corsaro with the TALHFA Member of the Year Award.
- c. The minutes of 11/12/09 and 11/23/09 were approved as presented.
- d. City Manager Joe Dickson presented the financial statement and the investment report for the quarter ending December 31, 2009.

Council recessed at 7:15 p.m. for a retirement reception for Jolene White and reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Awarding the bid for a/c and heating equipment for the Mae S. Bruce Library
City Manager Joe Dickson said staff estimated the cost of the a/c units at \$30,000. There were five bids received with the lowest bid at \$24,177 submitted by Air Repair. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to award the bid for a/c and heating equipment for the Mae S. Bruce Library to Air Repair. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Ratifying execution of Contract No. DRS010168 with the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for the CDBG Disaster Recovery Non-Entitlement Grant Program

Director of Administrative Services Pam Wood said the grant application submitted in May, 2009, was approved and TDRA awarded \$2,738,741 to the City in December, 2009. WCID #8 and GrantWorks have reviewed the contract, and due to deadlines, the Mayor signed the contract. Council needs to ratify execution of the contract in order to move forward. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Abney to ratify execution of Contract No. DRS010168 with the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for the CDBG Disaster Recovery Non-Entitlement Grant Program. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution authorizing designated signators for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Disaster Relief Contract DRS010168

Director of Administrative Services Pam Wood said this resolution authorizes the Mayor, Mayor Pro-tem, and Director of Administrative Services as signators for the CDBG Disaster Relief contract. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Abney to adopt the resolution authorizing designated signators for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Disaster Relief Contract DRS010168. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing staff to execute agreement with PropertyRoom.com, Inc. for auction and disposal services for seized, recovered, and abandoned property and to proceed with disposal of property according to the Code of Criminal Procedure and department policy

Police Detective Aaron Griswold said his responsibilities include evidence tracking and storage and we are completely out of storage space. He said we need to purge evidence and this agreement will allow us to dispose of this property appropriately. Weapons and narcotics are not included. This company will pick up the property, provide online tracking and photographs, and sell it online. This company keeps a chain of custody in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Items not sold will be donated to charity or destroyed. This is a one-year agreement with automatic renewal. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Abney to authorize staff to execute the agreement with PropertyRoom.com, Inc. for auction and disposal services for seized, recovered, and abandoned property and to proceed with disposal of property according to the Code of Criminal Procedure and department policy. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing staff to execute the online auction contract with Lemons Auctioneers, LLP, for auction and disposal services for surplus property

City Manager Joe Dickson said these city assets are worn out and no longer needed. He said Tarpley and Associates was the city's past auctioneer, but they are no longer in business. Lemons Auctioneers is an online auctioneer who will provide the advertising, tracking, etc. for 15 percent of the proceeds. All items stay onsite on city property until sold. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to authorize staff to execute the online auction contract with Lemons Auctioneers, LLP, for auction and disposal services for surplus property. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

5. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution reviewing, approving, and revalidating the city's curfew ordinance

Chief Campbell said these regulations are still consistent with the county regulations, and this ordinance aids in deterring criminal activity after hours. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Abney to adopt the resolution reviewing, approving, and revalidating the city's curfew ordinance. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

6. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing staff to proceed with the purchase of an additional computer for administration

City Manager Joe Dickson said the current budget includes the purchase of one replacement computer for administration; however, another computer in administration, scheduled for replacement next year, is consistently causing trouble. Staff is requesting approval to purchase a second replacement computer this year instead of postponing the purchase until next year, as originally planned. Another item for future consideration is the purchase of an audio system for the council chambers. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to authorize staff to proceed with the outright purchase of an additional computer for administration. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

7. Executive Session, closed to the public, under Section 551.074, Government Code, to discuss the evaluation of the City Manager

Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m. into executive session, closed to the public, under Section 551.074, Government Code, to discuss the evaluation of the City Manager and reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

8. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute an Addendum to the Employment Agreement between the City and City Manager Joe Dickson

Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to authorize the Mayor to execute an Addendum to the Employment Agreement between the City and City Manager Joe Dickson by extending the term of the agreement to December 31, 2011, with an annual salary of \$93,292. The motion passed the roll call vote four to one. Those voting for: Councilmember Tambrella, Councilmember McCrary, Councilmember Carothers, and Councilmember Abney. Those voting against: Councilmember Jannett.

Announcements: Santa Fe Area Historical Foundation meeting on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and census meeting on January 19, 2010, at 2 p.m. at Santa Fe City Hall.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings
The Planning and Zoning Commission has requested a joint meeting, possibly on February 2, with the Council to discuss revisions to the Corridor Development Standards and the Subdivision Ordinance.

Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary