

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2016 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 Charles Coleman
Councilmember Corey Jannett
Councilmember Joe Carothers
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.

Mayor's and City Manager's Report:

- a. The minutes of 12/10/15 were approved as presented.
- b. Mayor Tambrella presented a proclamation to Mary Beth Trevino and Mary Hart of the Galveston County Community Coalition and the Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol for National Drugs and Alcohol Facts Week.
- c. Mr. Dickson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Public Safety Director Kenneth Campbell for 20 years of service to the city.
- d. Mayor Tambrella presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Chris Beanland upon his retirement from the city after 29 years of service.

Citizens' Comments: None

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Second and final reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 7, Personnel, Code of Ordinances, City of Santa Fe, Texas, Section 4, Municipal Court, Subsection H(4), Technology Fund, to remove the expiration date

City Manager Joe Dickson said the expiration date for the technology fund fee has been removed by the state legislature so we have removed it from our regulations. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to pass the second and final reading of an ordinance of the City

Minutes (cont.)

Council of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 7, Personnel, Code of Ordinances, City of Santa Fe, Texas, Section 4, Municipal Court, Subsection H(4), Technology Fund, to remove the expiration date. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business:

1. Discussion: Residential and commercial burn permit and alarm fees

Mayor Tambrella said Fire Marshal Tony Dauphine made good recommendations regarding the fire prevention-related fees that Council requested during budget workshops. He said Mr. Mike Agruso has recently questioned the reason for the burn permit and fire alarm fees and has asked that Council reconsider the fee schedule. Mr. Agruso said he feels acreage in our community is large so almost everyone needs to burn limbs and branches to maintain their property. He suggested that citizens who repeatedly request permits for piles not burned be charged, but he asked that those abiding by the rules be allowed a burn permit without a fee. Councilmember Coleman said he supports the fee to help offset the city's expenses for enforcing the fire code rules and regulations and recommended taking advantage of the annual permit for residential burning. Mayor Tambrella said this was brought to Council for review of the fire prevention rules and associated fees as requested and said this nominal fee helps cover the city's cost of performing the pre-burn inspections and issuance of permits. Mr. Agruso also asked about the fee for fire alarms, and Fire Marshal Dauphine said the nominal fee is to ensure that monitored fire alarms remain in working order.

2. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, reviewing, approving, and revalidating the City's Curfew Ordinance #13-94 and amending Ordinances #08-96 and #04-2004, establishing a curfew for minors and establishing curfew times in the City of Santa Fe

Police Chief Kenneth Campbell said this is our routine review and approval of the city's curfew ordinance, and he said all curfew times throughout the county remain the same as they have been. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to adopt the resolution reviewing, approving, and revalidating the City's Curfew Ordinance #13-94 and amending Ordinances #08-96 and #04-2004, establishing a curfew for minors and establishing curfew times in the City of Santa Fe. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing execution of agreement between the City and Mary Auzston for the purchase of one-half of the abandoned portion of the unopened 2nd Street right-of-way between Jackson and Peck

City Manager Joe Dickson said Council granted the request for abandonment of this unopened right-of-way and this property has been appraised for \$8,000 and will be split between the two abutting property owners. He said Mrs. Auzston is one of the abutting property owners and is asking Council if she can make payments on this purchase instead of paying the full amount at once. Mr. Dickson recommended the city retain ownership of the property until such time as the purchase price of the property was paid in full. Mrs. Auzston said her intent is to use the property for her own personal access to the rear of her property. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to authorize the City Attorney to prepare an agreement detailing terms for the purchase of the property and to authorize execution of the agreement between the City and Mary Auzston for the purchase of one-half of the abandoned portion of the unopened 2nd Street right-of-way between Jackson and Peck. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution issuing an order for the general city officers' election to be held May 7, 2016, and establishing procedures for the election

City Manager Joe Dickson said this resolution will call the May 7, 2016, General City Officers' Election and will establish procedures for the election. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to adopt the resolution issuing an order for the general city officers' election to be held May 7, 2016, and establishing procedures for the election. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

5. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing execution of Contract for Election Services between the County Clerk, County Election Officer for Galveston County, and the City of Santa Fe for services and equipment for the May 7, 2016, general city election

City Manager Joe Dickson said this is a proposed contract with the county for election services for the general city officers' election in May. The county will conduct multiple joint elections in May and will utilize vote centers for those entity elections. Councilmember Carothers confirmed that this contract could be cancelled if the election is unopposed and therefore not held. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to authorize execution of the Contract for Election Services between the County Clerk, County Election Officer for Galveston County, and the City of Santa Fe for services and equipment for the May 7, 2016, general city election. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

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

Council adjourned at 7:38 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 8:08 p.m.

7. 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 Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to authorize the Mayor to execute an Addendum to the Employment Agreement between the City and City Manager Joe Dickson to extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2017, with a three and one-half percent salary increase. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: Special Council Meeting on January 19 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss economic development with Buxton; Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce banquet on January 22; Gun laws Q&A with the Santa Fe Police Officers' Association, District Attorney, and Sheriff on January 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Fe High School; Open Carry gun laws webinar on February 1 at the Justice Center; and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo cookoff on February 26.

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

Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

JEFF TAMBRELLA, MAYOR

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary