

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11, 2009 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 Bubba Jannett
Councilmember Rebecca A. Darden
Councilmember Joe Carothers
Councilmember Jim Abney
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.

The minutes of 5/14/09 and 5/28/09 were approved as presented.

Mayor Stenzel presented an Appreciation Plaque to former Councilmember Pam Schwertner for her service on the City Council the past two years.

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Confirmation of appointment of member to serve on the Police Officers' Civil Service Commission for a three-year term to expire June, 2012

City Manager Joe Dickson said Jim Abney resigned from the Civil Service Commission to serve on the City Council, so we need to appoint someone to fill that position. He said the appointment is made by the City Manager and confirmed by the Council. Mr. Dickson is asking for the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Richie Pearson who is an 18 year veteran of the Galveston Fire Department where he currently serves as Captain and as a member of the grievance committee. Mr. Pearson is an EMT, serves as Deputy Chief

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of Santa Fe Fire and Rescue, and is a longtime resident of Santa Fe. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Abney to confirm the appointment of Richie Pearson as a member of the Police Officers' Civil Service Commission for a three-year term to expire June, 2012. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Appointment of members to serve on the Board of Adjustment for a two-year term to expire July, 2011, and for an unexpired term to expire July, 2010

Community Services Director Diana Steelquist said there are five regular members on the Board of Adjustment and two alternate members and this board also serves as the Building Standards Commission. The terms of three members expire next month. Mr. Fred Sandberg and Mr. Mark Mazoch would like to continue to serve, but the Alternate 2 position is still vacant. In addition, Mr. Neal Young resigned from the board in May, so Ms. Steelquist recommended moving Erik Montemayor from Alternate 1 to Position 3 to fill the unexpired term left vacant by Mr. Young. That would leave Alternate 1 position also vacant. Councilmember Abney asked if we have any applications for the open positions on the board. He also asked if there is a length of residency requirement. Ms. Steelquist said we have a few applications and she said there is no length requirement but there is probably a residency requirement. Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to reappointment Fred Sandberg and Mark Mazoch as members of the Board of Adjustment for a two-year term to expire July, 2011, and to move Erik Montemayor from Alternate 1 to fill the unexpired term of Position 3. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution authorizing review of CenterPoint Energy Gas' cost of service adjustment ("COSA") tariff, approving cooperation with the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities to review CenterPoint's application, hiring legal and consulting services and to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals

City Manager Joe Dickson said CenterPoint Gas requested a rate increase in March and we joined with the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities to review the rate increase requests. CenterPoint is now requesting a cost of service adjustment for costs related to Hurricane Ike and cities have 90 days to review the request. This resolution maintains our participation in the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities with Gosselink as the representing counsel to review this specialized rate adjustment request. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to adopt the resolution authorizing review of CenterPoint Energy Gas' cost of service adjustment ("COSA") tariff, approving cooperation with the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities to review CenterPoint's application, hiring legal and consulting services and to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

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

City Manager Joe Dickson said this is the annual review of the city's investment policy which has been effect for about 7 years. No changes to the current policy are recommended by staff. Motion by

Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Abney to adopt the resolution reviewing and approving the City's investment policy. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

5. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution reviewing and approving the Code of Conduct

City Manager Joe Dickson said this is the annual review of the Code of Conduct. Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to adopt the resolution reviewing and approving the Code of Conduct. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

6. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution adopting certain property tax exemptions pursuant to Section 11.13 and Section 11.261 of the Texas Property Tax Code

City Manager Joe Dickson said this resolution is Council's intent to continue to provide the property tax exemptions for those over 65 or disabled so the Tax Assessor can calculate the effective tax rate. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to adopt the resolution adopting certain property tax exemptions pursuant to Section 11.13 and Section 11.261 of the Texas Property Tax Code. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

7. Consideration and possible action: First and final reading of an ordinance amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008

Mayor Stenzel said the amendment is not ready at this time and asked Council to table action until the next meeting. Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Abney to table this item until the next meeting. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: On June 20 there will be 3 simultaneous events in the City: (1) the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce 3rd annual car show and swap meet; (2) a city-wide sale by the businesses; (3) a Heritage Tour of 6 historic homes in the Santa Fe area; the Parks Board is sponsoring a Watermelon Social on June 28 at the Joe A. Tambrella Park.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings
The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2009.

Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary