

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 25, 2015 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 Joe Carothers
Councilmember Pat McCrary
Councilmember Corey Jannett
Councilmember Charles Coleman
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 City Manager Joe Dickson.

Mayor's and City Manager's Report:

a. The minutes of 5/14/15 were approved as presented.

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Awarding bid for contractor services for water line rehabilitation and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract with the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2013-2014 Community Development Fund Contract No. 7214401

Mr. John Mercer, President of John D. Mercer & Associates, Inc., said bids for the water line rehabilitation project were opened on June 9 and the low bid of \$271,615 was submitted by Haddock Construction Company, Inc. We received a total of four bids with the second lowest at \$289,595 submitted by D. Wagner Construction. He said the contractor is well respected and he recommended awarding the bid to Haddock Construction. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to award the bid for contractor services for water line rehabilitation to Haddock Construction Company, Inc. and to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract with the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2013-2014 Community Development Fund Contract No. 7214401. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Ratifying Contract Budget Change Request 3 pertaining to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program Contract 13-078-000-7101, Round 2.2

Mr. John Mercer said this is a request to amend the budget to expand work under this grant project. He said the sewer line rehab bids came in under expected expenditures so we would like to move the excess funds to engineering costs for additional lines of cured-in-place pipe. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to ratify execution of the Contract Budget Change Request 3 pertaining to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program Contract 13-078-000-7101, Round 2.2. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: Appointment/reappointment of members to serve on the Santa Fe Section 4B Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors for a two-year term to expire June 14, 2017

City Manager Joe Dickson said the term of all the current members of the SFEDC Board have expired and all members have indicated their willingness to continue to serve another term. Motion by Councilmember Corey Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to reappoint Robert Cheek, Pat McCrary, Ralph Stenzel, Joe Carothers, Ted Gillis, Rusty Norman, and Paul Shelley as members of the Santa Fe Section 4B Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors for a two-year term to expire June 14, 2017. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Appointment/reappointment of member to serve on the Police Officer's Civil Service Commission for a three-year term to expire June, 2018

City Manager Joe Dickson said the staggered term of Richie Pearson is expiring and he has indicated his willingness to continue to serve another term. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to reappoint Richie Pearson as a member to serve on the Police Officer's Civil Service Commission for a three-year term to expire June, 2018. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

5. Consideration and possible action: Appointment/reappointment of members to serve on the Mae S. Bruce Library Advisory Board for a two-year term to expire July, 2017

City Manager Joe Dickson said three members of the board expire next month and all three have indicated their willingness to continue to serve another term. He said Place 4 is currently vacant as member Sharon Tipton resigned to help with the Friends of the Library. She could not serve on both. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to reappoint Sue Johnson, Vicki Franzke, and Kim Holliday as members to serve on the Mae S. Bruce Library Advisory Board for a two-year term to expire July, 2017. 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 we currently offer a \$15,000 exemption for over 65 and disabled in addition to the property tax freeze. Mr. Mike Agruso said appraisals have skyrocketed and he asked council to grant a homestead exemption for homeowners under age 65. Councilmember Corey Jannett said he spoke with Tax Assessor/Collector Cheryl Johnson about increasing exemptions and he brought information regarding several options the Council could consider and the projected financial impact of

additional exemptions. Exemptions must be adopted by the City Council by July 1, 2015, to be in effect for the 2015/16 fiscal year. The consensus of Council was to continue the same exemptions this year but to consider additional exemptions for the next fiscal year when they have had time to sufficiently study the options and impact. This will be discussed further during upcoming budget workshops. Mr. Daniel Kitchener of 4th Street suggested Council lower the tax rate rather than adding exemptions. Motion by Councilmember Coleman, seconded by Councilmember McCrary 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: Authorizing Mayor to execute Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the FY 2015 Click or Ticket Mobilization (CIOT) Incentive Grant

Police Chief Kenneth Campbell said we participated in last year's Memorial Day ticket incentive program and we qualify for grant funds in the amount of \$3,000. He said we would like to purchase a Toughbook laptop computer with those funds. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to authorize the Mayor to execute the Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the FY 2015 Click or Ticket Mobilization (CIOT) Incentive Grant. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

8. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution appointing a member of the Governing Board of the Galveston County-Wide Urban-Rural Transit District representing the City of Santa Fe, Texas

City Manager Joe Dickson said in 2010 the County created the Galveston County-Wide Urban-Rural Transit District and elected officials throughout the County make up the board. Mayor Stenzel was representing the City of Santa Fe until he left office last month. The district currently and primarily addresses projects in Texas City and La Marque, but it is beneficial to have someone representing our community in order to keep up-to-date with these projects. Motion by Councilmember Coleman, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to adopt the resolution appointing Joe Carothers as a member of the Governing Board of the Galveston County-Wide Urban-Rural Transit District representing the City of Santa Fe, Texas. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

9. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute Resale Deed conveying 0.151 acres on Highway 6 next to the Santa Fe Chiropractic Center, being Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11, Block 13, Alta Loma Townsite, Galveston County, Texas, to Dr. Ralleen Glasin-Barfoot

City Manager Joe Dickson said the SFISD has received a bid of \$9,500 from Dr. Glasin-Barfoot for this property on Hwy. 6 next to her business. He said the city would receive \$449 of the \$610 originally owed in property taxes if this resale deed is approved. Mr. Dickson reminded Council that the city demolished the substandard structure on the property and placed a lien on the property in the amount of \$6,500. He said the tax code provides for sale proceeds to be first applied to costs, then taxes, then other liabilities. Since the bid on the property would not cover all the costs and taxes, the city would not be able to recoup any of our demolition costs. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to table this item and negotiate with SFISD to recoup some of our demolition costs. The motion passed the roll call vote four to one. Those voting for: Councilmember McCrary, Councilmember Carothers, Councilmember Corey Jannett, and Councilmember Coleman. Those voting against: Councilmember Bubba Jannett.

Announcements: Mayor Tambrella said he would like to add citizens comments back to the beginning of the agenda with a time of three minutes per speaker. City Manager Joe Dickson reminded Council that the old police department will be coming down on June 30 beginning at 7 a.m.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings
The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 9, 2015. The goal-setting workshop was scheduled for June 30, 2015, at 6 p.m. Budget workshops were tentatively scheduled for July 28 and July 30 at 6 p.m.

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

JEFF TAMBRELLA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary