

# CITY OF SANTA FE

City Council Regular Meeting  
March 12, 2009  
Council Chambers at 7:00 PM  
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 Bubba Jannett  
Councilmember Jeff Tambrella  
Councilmember Rebecca A. Darden  
Councilmember Joe Carothers  
City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego  
City Manager Joe Dickson  
City Secretary Janet L. Davis  
Absent: Councilmember Pam Schwertner

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 2/10/09, 2/12/09, 2/16/09, and 2/26/09 were approved as presented.

City Manager's Report: Interim Police Chief Kenneth Campbell presented the annual racial profiling report for the calendar year 2008 which reflects traffic stops where citations and warnings were issued and the number of arrests. This report supports and confirms that officers of the Santa Fe Police Department do not practice racial profiling.

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Second and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Health and Sanitation, of the Code of Ordinances, by adding Section 10, Park Regulations; providing for a penalty; having a severability clause  
City Manager Joe Dickson said this is the second reading of the ordinance in this form, but it is the third time the park regulations have been before the Council. Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to pass the second and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Health and Sanitation, Code of Ordinances, by adding Section 10, Park Regulations; providing for a penalty; having a severability clause. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

## New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing staff to proceed with the purchase of a new dump truck, city marshal vehicle, police vehicle, mobile video system, mobile radio, and eight new radars and adoption of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the lease purchase financing documents for acquisition of the vehicles and equipment

City Manager Joe Dickson said all these items were approved in the budget for purchase this year. Following Hurricane Ike, we decided to hold off on purchases to see where we stood financially following expenditures related to disaster cleanup and recovery. Some of the items proposed for financing were budgeted for outright purchase, but we have solicited financing proposals for the lease purchase of all these items since we get a better rate from finance companies on funds exceeding \$100,000. This will also free up some funds to be used in other areas throughout the year. Five proposals have been received for quarterly or annual lease payments. The interest rates submitted are higher than staff expected; however, if we wait any longer, the rates could increase. Hopefully reimbursement from FEMA for expenditures related to the hurricane will be forthcoming soon. Mr. Dickson said we are in a position to make these purchases in anticipation of reimbursement by FEMA by the end of the year, and he recommended the annual payment option. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to authorize staff to proceed with the purchase of a new dump truck, city marshal vehicle, police vehicle, mobile video system, mobile radio, and eight new radars and adoption of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the lease purchase financing documents for acquisition of the vehicles and equipment. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Confirmation of Mayor's appointment of members to serve on the Public Safety Committee

City Manager Joe Dickson said we have an ordinance in place for a Public Safety Committee. We have had a committee of three citizens that has not had to meet in many years. The city's regulations now require that one member of the committee be from a wrecker company on the city's rotation list. Mayor Stenzel has appointed Max Tully and Gerald Nordin who previously served on the committee, along with Albert Winwood as the wrecker company representative. Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Max Tully, Gerald Nordin, and Albert Winwood as members of the Public Safety Committee. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Executive Session, closed to the public, under Section 551.074, Government Code, to discuss the resumes of the following candidates for the position of Public Safety Director/Police Chief: Richard Benedict, Robert Burris, Kenneth Campbell, Randy Dixon, Randall French, and Tommy Payne

Council adjourned at 7:15 p.m. into executive session, closed to the public, under Section 551.074, Government Code, to discuss the resumes of the following candidates for the position of Public Safety Director/Police Chief: Richard Benedict, Robert Burris, Kenneth Campbell, Randy Dixon, Randall French, and Tommy Payne, and reconvened at 7:58 p.m.

Announcements: None

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2009.

Motion by Councilmember Darden, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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