

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 14, 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 Ralph Stenzel.

Roll Call:            Present:            Mayor Ralph Stenzel  
                                 Mayor Pro-tem Jeff Tambrella  
                                 Councilmember Bubba Jannett  
                                 Councilmember Pat McCrary  
                                 Councilmember Wanda Wagner  
                                 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 4/9/15 were approved as presented.
- b. Mayor Stenzel presented a proclamation to representatives of the Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol for National Prevention Week May 17-23, 2015
- c. Mr. Ron Williams, Executive Director of the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation (SETH) and on behalf of the Bayou Country Housing Trust Fund, Inc, the DMA Community Ventures LLC, and SETH, presented monetary donations to the City, police department, and fire department to assist in the activities of the City.
- d. City Manager Joe Dickson presented the investment report and the financial statement for the quarter ending 3/31/15. He reviewed the restricted and unrestricted investments in the portfolio totaling \$2,570,121.

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 of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 16, Regulation of Sex Offender Residency, to increase the distance requirement for establishment of sex offender residency**  
City Manager Joe Dickson said the city currently requires a distance of 1000' from churches, schools, parks, etc., for establishment of sex offender residency. Staff proposed increasing the distance to 2,000 feet and Council felt that 2,500 feet would be more appropriate and increased the distance on the first

reading. This is the second and final reading of the ordinance changing the residency requirement to 2,500 feet. Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember Wagner to pass the second and final reading of an ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, amending Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 16, Regulation of Sex Offender Residency, to increase the distance requirement of sex offender residency. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

New Business:

**1. Oaths of Office by newly-elected officers**

City Secretary Janet L. Davis administered the oaths of office to newly-elected Mayor Jeff Tambrella, Councilmember Corey Jannett, and Councilmember Charles Coleman. Recognition awards were presented to outgoing Mayor Ralph Stenzel and Councilmember Wanda Wagner. Council recessed at 7:25 for refreshments and reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

**2. Consideration and possible action: Selection of Mayor Pro-tem**

Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to select Councilmember Bubba Jannett as Mayor Pro-tem. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously

**3. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to advertise and solicit bids for water line improvements funded by the Texas Department of Agriculture Contract No. 7214401 Community Development Block Grant**

City Manager Joe Dickson said in July, 2012, the City accepted a CDBG grant award of \$350,000 for water line rehabilitation with a \$52,000 match to be provided by WCID #8. We are now ready to advertise and solicit bids for these water line improvements. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to authorize the Mayor to advertise and solicit bids for water line improvements funded by the Texas Department of Agriculture Contract No. 7214401 Community Development Block Grant. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**4. Consideration and possible action: Reappointment of Municipal Court Judge for a two-year term to expire May, 2017**

City Manager Joe Dickson said the City Charter requires appointment of the Municipal Court Judge every two years. Current Judge Carlton Getty has served the city in this capacity for the past thirty years and staff recommends reappointment. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to reappoint Carlton Getty as Municipal Court Judge for a two-year term to expire May, 2017. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**5. Consideration and possible action: Appointment of Associate Municipal Court Judge for a two-year term to expire May, 2017**

City Manager Joe Dickson said we need an associate judge to replace outgoing Mayor Ralph Stenzel who was retired and available to handle magistrate warnings. Newly-elected Mayor Jeff Tambrella has a full-time job and is not available during the week to give magistrate warnings. The prior associate judge was paid \$400 per month and staff and Judge Getty recommend appointment of Mr. J. T. "Ted" Mora. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to appoint Mr. Ted Mora as Associate Municipal Court Judge for a two-year term to expire May, 2017. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**6. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution amending those representatives authorized to conduct business with TexPool**

City Manager Joe Dickson said this is the annual amending resolution following the election to update authorized representatives with the TexPool investment pool to the current Mayor, Mayor Pro-tem and City Secretary. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to adopt the resolution amending those representatives authorized to conduct business with TexPool. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**7. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution amending those representatives authorized to conduct business with LOGIC**

City Manager Joe Dickson said this is the annual amending resolution following the election to update authorized representatives with LOGIC investment pool to the current Mayor, Mayor Pro-tem and City Secretary. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to adopt the resolution amending those representatives authorized to conduct business with LOGIC. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**8. Consideration and possible action: Appointment of members to serve on the Park Board to fill the unexpired term of Janie Watkins (Feb, 2017) and the unexpired term of Peggy Curtis (Feb, 2016)**

City Manager Joe Dickson said we have two new citizens in Santa Fe from Quintana, Texas, where they both served on the City Council there. Ms. Linda Martin and Ms. Kathy Wilson have expressed interest in the city park board and since we have two vacancies, staff recommends their appointment to the board. Motion by Councilmember Coleman, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to appoint Linda Martin as a member of the Park Board to fill the unexpired term, through February, 2017, of Janie Watkins and to appoint Kathy Wilson as a member of the Park Board to fill the unexpired term, through February, 2016, of Peggy Curtis. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**9. Consideration and possible action: Appointment/reappointment of members to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term to expire May, 2018**

City Manager Joe Dickson said the term of Daniel Kitchener and Judith Koleng of the Planning and Zoning Commission have expired, but both members would like to continue to serve. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Coleman to reappoint Daniel Kitchener and Judith Koleng as members of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term to expire May, 2018. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**10. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution finding that CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC's ("CenterPoint" or "Company") application for approval of a distribution cost recovery factor to increase distribution rates within the City should be denied; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the Company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; and requiring notice of this resolution to Company and Legal Counsel**

City Manager Joe Dickson said CenterPoint Energy Electric has submitted an application to increase distribution rates, and if we do not deny the increase, then it will take effect immediately. The city is a member of the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities which oversees the regulation of rates for CenterPoint Electric and Gas, and adopting this resolution denying the increase will give our consultant time to review the request and recommend adjustments. Motion by Councilmember Bubba Jannett, seconded by

Councilmember McCrary to adopt the resolution finding that CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC's ("CenterPoint" or "Company") application for approval of a distribution cost recovery factor to increase distribution rates within the City should be denied; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the Company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; and requiring notice of this resolution to Company and Legal Counsel. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

**11. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute Resale Deed conveying 0.24 acres on 25<sup>th</sup> Street near Avenue H, being Lots 23 and 24, Block 40, Alta Loma Townsite, Galveston County, Texas (tax acct. #1100-0000-0023-003) to the Galveston County Drainage District No. 1**

City Manager Joe Dickson said the Santa Fe ISD has authorized the sale of this tax foreclosed property to the Drainage District for \$500. The drainage district has said they would like to acquire the property to be able to improve drainage in the area. If this is approved, the city will receive no original taxes from the sale. Motion by Councilmember Coleman, seconded by Councilmember Corey Jannett to authorize the Mayor to execute the Resale Deed conveying 0.24 acres on 25<sup>th</sup> Street near Avenue H, being Lots 23 and 24, Block 40, Alta Loma Townsite, Galveston County, Texas (tax acct. #1100-0000-0023-003) to the Galveston County Drainage District No. 1. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: Councilmember Bubba Jannett welcomed the two newest members of the Council and commended the canine officer's response to a call he witnessed.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings  
The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 28, 2015.

Motion by Councilmember Jannett, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

  
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JEFF TAMBRELLA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Janet L. Davis, City Secretary

