

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 8, 2014 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 Wanda Wagner
 Councilmember Jeff Tambrella
 Councilmember Pat McCrary
 Councilmember Joe Carothers
 City Attorney Ellis J. Ortego
 City Manager Joe Dickson
 City Secretary Janet L. Davis
 Absent: Councilmember Bubba Jannett, 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 4/10/14 were approved as presented.
- b. Mayor Stenzel introduced his good friends of 31 years from Germany, Peter and Gabby
- c. City Manager Joe Dickson presented the financial statement and reviewed the investment report, including \$3,890,960 in restricted funds, for the quarter ending 3/31/2014.

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Appointment/reappointment of members to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term to expire May, 2017, and to fill the unexpired term vacated by the death of Dorothy Bello

City Manager Joe Dickson said Charlie Coleman does not want to continue to serve because he needs to take care of his wife; however, he did agree to serve until a new appointee can be found. Mr. Dickson said we also have Dottie's vacancy. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to table the appointment/reappointment of members to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: Appointment of member to serve on the Park and Recreation Board to fill the unexpired term vacated by the resignation of Susan Leining

City Manager Joe Dickson said we have received an application to serve on the board from Ron Dailey who lives in our ETJ and his property is scheduled for annexation at the end of 2014. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to appoint Ron Dailey as a member to serve on the Park and Recreation Board to fill the unexpired term vacated by the resignation of Susan Leining. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing the Mayor to execute the lease purchase financing documents for purchase and acquisition of the EMS real property on Main Street and furniture and equipment for the new City of Santa Fe Justice Center

City Manager Joe Dickson said Council has previously authorized the purchase of furniture, infrastructure technology and equipment, and the building purchase from Santa Fe Fire and Rescue, and this is the lease-purchase agreement to finance those items. The first payment will be included in a forthcoming budget amendment. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to authorize the Mayor to execute the lease purchase financing documents with CalFirst National Bank for purchase and acquisition of the EMS real property on Main Street and furniture and equipment for the new City of Santa Fe Justice Center. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Adoption of a resolution declaring intent to reimburse expenditures made from proceeds of lease-purchase agreement issued by the City of Santa Fe

City Manager Joe Dickson said the city will advance the funds to purchase the EMS building from Santa Fe Fire and Rescue, and this will provide the authorization for the finance company to reimburse the city. Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to adopt the resolution declaring intent to reimburse expenditures made for the purchase of the EMS real property on Main Street from the proceeds of the lease-purchase agreement issued by the City of Santa Fe. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

5. Consideration and possible action: Awarding bids for roofing, canopy, and metal siding repairs to certain city buildings

City Manager Joe Dickson said we are in receipt of insurance proceeds from last year's hail damage and we recently sought bids for some of those repairs. We received bids from two contractors and the low bidder was Fred Hartel Co. of Galveston. Staff is recommending that Council award the bid to Fred Hartel Co. for both street facilities and for the canopy at the community center, but table park facility repairs until we hear from the insurance company about additional funds for those. The low bid for the park facilities was higher than the insurance determination. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to award the bid for the street facilities and community center canopy to Fred Hartel Co. and to table the award of the bid for the park facilities. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

6. Consideration and possible action: Discussion of property at 14321 – 5th Street and 4309 Peck Street for determination as surplus property and authorizing the sale of the property by receipt of competitive sealed bids or by public auction

City Manager Joe Dickson said this item was approved ten years ago by Council but the interested buyer lost interest and the properties were never advertised for sale. Since it has been awhile, staff wanted to bring this back to Council for approval. Staff proposes to sell the properties through a public auction through Lemons Auctioneers who charge a 10 percent commission. Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember McCrary to determine 14321 – 5th Street and 4309 Peck Street as surplus property and authorize the sale of the property by public auction. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

7. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing staff to seek proposals for professional janitorial services for city facilities

City Manager Joe Dickson said with completion of the Justice Center very near, staff feels that we need a janitorial service that can handle the size and security features of this new facility. Additionally, Levie, who has been cleaning the city's facilities for over 20 years, is having health issues and her family has been helping to keep our facilities clean in her absence. Motion by Councilmember McCrary, seconded by Councilmember Wagner to authorize staff to seek proposals for professional janitorial services for city facilities. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

8. Executive Session, closed to the public, under Section 551.071, Government Code, for consultation with Attorney regarding pending litigation, Cause No. 14-CV-0373, Santa Fe Police Officers' Association vs. Santa Fe, Texas, in the 405th District Court of Galveston County

City Manager Joe Dickson said Council may adjourn into executive session if they wish. Council did not feel an executive session was needed. Mr. Dickson said the Santa Fe Police Officers' Association is suing the city over pay increases after the wage freeze was lifted. He said they want the 3 percent lost during the freeze in addition to the 3 percent on their anniversary date of hire. Mr. Dickson said they have also send a letter requesting to begin collective bargaining negotiations. He said we need approval to ratify execution of the agreement with the law firm to represent the city in the pending lawsuit.

9. Consideration and possible action: Ratifying execution of agreement with William S. Helfand of Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry, Attorneys at Law, to represent the City in pending litigation, Cause No. 14-CV-0373, Santa Fe Police Officers' Association vs. Santa Fe, Texas, in the 405th District Court of Galveston County

Motion by Councilmember Tambrella, seconded by Councilmember Carothers to ratify execution of the agreement with William S. Helfand of Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry, Attorneys at Law, to represent the City in pending litigation, Cause No. 14-CV-0373, Santa Fe Police Officers' Association vs. Santa Fe, Texas, in the 405th District Court of Galveston County. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: Park Board Bug Parade is scheduled for May 17 on Warpath Drive to the Joe A. Tambrella park.

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

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The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 22, 2014, at 7 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Carothers, seconded by Councilmember Tambrella to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary