

**CITY OF LAKE WORTH**  
**Minutes for**  
**City Council Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 8, 2008**  
**3801 Adam Grubb • Lake Worth, Texas**  
**6:30 P.M. – Council Chambers**

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Walter Bowen called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**

Dr. Jerry Locke gave invocation and attendees recited the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Roll Call.**

Council members present were Mayor Walter Bowen, Eugene Brooks, Myrt Fowlkes, Ronny Parsley, Dona Stuard, Curtis McKay, Geoffrey White, and Clint Narmore.

Staff present were Joey Highfill, City Manager; Vicki Mikel, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance; Linda Rhodes, City Secretary; Brett McGuire, Police Chief; Jami Woodall, Economic Development Coordinator; Jamye Sexton, Director of Public Works; Mark Cone, Fire Chief; Cheryl Vess, Community Activities Director; Barry Barber, Building Official; Joe Dickens, Building Inspector; Sean Densmore, Utility Superintendent; Mike Shelley, Water Supervisor; Kelly McDonald, Public Works Secretary; Natacha Schwarz, Municipal Court Coordinator; Lara Strother, Library Director; and Jim Hickerson, HR/Risk Management. City Attorney Wayne Olson and City Engineer Cole Webb were present.

**4. Consent Agenda.**

- a. **Approval of minutes for the City Council Regular meeting on December 11, 2007.**
- b. **Finance Reports for the month of December 2007.**

Dona Stuard made a motion, seconded by Ronny Parsley, to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

## **5. Presentations.**

### **a. Proclamations/Awards/Presentations.**

*There were no Proclamations/Awards/Presentations Items.*

### **b. Citizen/Visitor Comments.**

Terrie Seaver of 1029 Hiawatha Court in Saginaw addressed Council regarding her support of the Lake Worth Youth Association (LWYA).

Austin Grant of 1029 Hiawatha Court in Saginaw (and a youth of the LWYA) addressed Council regarding his support of the LWYA. He stated that the decision of Council tonight would effect him and other youth.

Anthony Maturo, Vice-President of the North Texas Pony Baseball and Softball association, addressed Council regarding his support of the LWYA.

## **6. Public Hearing and Action.**

*There was no need for a Public Hearing.*

### **a. Public Hearing/Action regarding Atmos Mid-Tex Gas Rate Increase Request.**

Atmos Mid-Tex has granted an extension on this item until March 1, 2008; therefore, it will be addressed at the February 12, 2008 Council meeting.

## **7. Ordinances and Resolutions.**

### **a. Resolution #865-Sale of Real Property struck off for delinquent taxes for Tract 2, Abstract 189 of the NB Breeding Survey; commonly known as 4713 Williams Spring Road.**

Vicki Mikel explained that this property has been struck off the tax rolls due to back taxes. The City's delinquent tax attorneys, Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott have received a bid in the amount of \$4,500 to purchase this property. The total amount of taxes due on this property is \$9,157.98, City portion being \$589.06. Should the City approve this bid, it will have to be approved by the other taxing entities as well. The delinquent tax attorneys will handle this process.

Accepting the bid would allow the property to be placed back on the tax rolls.

Geoffrey White made a motion, seconded by Eugene Brooks, to approve Resolution #865, sale of real property struck off for delinquent taxes, taxes in the amount of \$9,157.98, sale price of \$4,500.00, for property located at Tract 2, Abstract 189 of the NB Breeding Survey, commonly known as 4713 Williams Spring Road. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

## **8. Contracts and Agreements.**

*There were no Contracts and Agreements Items.*

## **9. Bids, Proposals, and Specifications.**

### **a. Award Bid for 2008 Concrete Rehabilitation Project.**

Jamye Sexton explained that Kimley-Horn accepted bids for the 2008 Concrete Rehabilitation Project for replacement of broken concrete in areas. They are recommending C. Green Scaping, L.P. to receive the bid in an amount of \$205,305. Council inquired as to how much of an increase this was from last year; Jamye stated it was about a 10% increase.

Clint Narmore made a motion, seconded by Myrt Fowlkes, to award the 2008 Concrete Rehabilitation Project bid to C. Green Scaping, L.P. for a total base bid amount of \$205,305. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

## **10. Discussion/Action Items.**

### **a. Discussion/Action regarding Lake Worth Youth Options.**

Joey Highfill said that Mark Rice, President of the LWYA, submitted the LWYA's proposal to him just yesterday (Monday, January 7, 2008) to give to Council tonight. The proposal does not address many issues such as water, electricity, etc. City staff has no additional options to submit to Council other than what was submitted to them last month.

Mark Rice asked if he could have someone else speak for him on behalf of the LWYA. Mayor Bowen indicated that would be fine. Sherry Wicker, 3900 Shawnee Trail, addressed Council. She indicated that the LWYA was very appreciative for the City's help this past year, but the LWYA requests to be solely independent again.

They are also requesting to be able to use the fields from March 1 through June 30, 2008 and then again from August 1 through November 30, 2008.

Walter Bowen noted that Council just received the LWYA's proposal and has not had an opportunity to review over it. Therefore, he suggested getting a committee together to discuss the issues further and to come back to Council next month with a definite recommendation. He asked if Council Members Clint Narmore, Geoffrey White, and Dona Stuard would serve on the committee with Clint being the Chair of it. They agreed. He asked Mark Rice for the names of two other LWYA representatives other than himself to serve on the committee. Mark gave the names of Sherry Wicker and Steve Boerne. Mayor Bowen requested that these 6 people (3 Council members and 3 LWYA representatives) and Sean Densmore, city employee would meet and come up with something to bring to Council next month. All Council and persons were in agreement. Mark Rice asked if, in the meantime, the LWYA would be granted permission to use the fields on the requested dates. He was told that could not be granted at this time without a contract/agreement. There was no motion made on this item.

#### **11. Mayor and Council Items.**

Mayor Bowen said he had information for those interested in TML's program that recognizes groups that work well together. Also, TML's 2008 Elected Officials Conference is scheduled for February 1-3, 2008 in Irving. Council members should let him know as soon as they can if they are interested in attending; deadline to sign up is this Friday, January 11, 2008.

#### **12. City Manager and Staff Items:**

##### **a. City Manager Reports.**

Joey Highfill noted there will be a Council workshop on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 to go over proposed Charter revisions. The City has received a donation check from Mr. Rayl in the amount of \$5,000 for the Rayl Park. Mr. Rayl has been making donations annually for this purpose. Lastly, Joey indicated he has started submitting weekly updates to Council on different projects and things going on.

##### **b. Staff reports and requests.**

##### **1) Assistant City Manager**

**2) Chief of Police**

Brett McGuire reported the overall crime rate is down about 23%.

**3) Fire Chief**

Mark Cone said he is working on the Code Red implementation, which uses the telephone system for notification purposes during emergency situations. There will be a department head meeting on January 24, 2008 at 1:00 pm in the City Hall Conference Room regarding this. He reported that he is putting off hiring the additional firefighter until he hears about the SAFER grant. The CERT team begins on Monday; there are about 25 signed up. The MedStar response time continues to improve. It now has about a 90% response time opposed to what used to be about 80% in October (and much lower prior to that). This is the first time it has been this high in years.

**4) Public Works Director**

Jamye Sexton and Joey Highfill reported they are still working with Mr. Gilliam on property for the Edgemere Lift Station. Something should be coming to Council again on this soon. Jamye indicated there were still a few minor things being addressed from the walk through in December for the Charbonneau Road Project.

**5) City Engineer.****6) City Attorney****7) Library Director****8) EDC Coordinator**

Jami Woodall noted the Economic Development Corporation will have a workshop meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2008.

**9) Planning and Zoning Coordinator****10) Building Official****11) Information Technology Manager****12) Community Activities Coordinator****13) Human Resource/Risk Management Coordinator****14) Municipal Court Coordinator/Warrants/Code Compliance**

*There were no Executive Session Items.*

**13. Executive Session.**

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government code, the City Council reserves the right to convene in executive session as necessary during this meeting to discuss the following:

- a. Pursuant to Section 551.071- Consultation with attorney with regard to any item posted on the agenda or pending or contemplated litigation.
- b. Pursuant to Section 551.072- Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- c. Pursuant to Section 551.074- Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

**14. Reconvene into Regular Session:**

- a. **Take any action necessary pursuant to Executive Session Items as listed above.**

*There were no Executive Session Items.*


**15. Adjourn.**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Walter Bowen closed the Council meeting at 7:26 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Walter Bowen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Linda Rhodes, TRMC/CMC  
City Secretary