

**CITY OF LAKE WORTH
Minutes for
City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2011
3801 Adam Grubb • Lake Worth, Texas
6:30 P.M. – Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pro-Tem Clint Narmore called the Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Jerry Locke gave invocation. Attendees recited the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call.

Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Clint Narmore, Curtis McKay, Myrt Fowlkes, and Geoffrey White. Council members absent were Mayor Walter Bowen, Perry Lunsford, Ronny Parsley, and Pat O. Hill. A quorum was present.

Staff present were Brett McGuire, City Manager; Linda Rhodes, City Secretary; John Pringle, Police Captain; Mike Christenson, Fire Chief; Debbie Whitley, Director of Finance; Jami Woodall, EDC Coordinator; Suzanne Meason, Planning and Zoning Coordinator; Barry Barber, Building Official; Sean Densmore, Public Works Manager; Lara Strother, Library Director; Cheryl Vess, Community Activities Director; Danielle Hackbusch, HR/Risk Management and Ray Moody, Code Compliance Officer. City Attorney Jenny Gravley and City Engineer Aaron Rader were present.

4. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Approval of minutes for the City Council Public Hearing/Regular meeting on September 13, 2011.**
- b. **Approval of Finance Reports for the month of September 2011.**
- c. **Approval of Joint Election Agreement and Contract with the Tarrant County Elections Administration for Election Services, including Early Voting sites/dates/times, for the November 8, 2011 Special Election.**
- d. **Annual Approval of Oncor Cities Steering Committee's (OCSC's) recommendation to approve the 2012 ERCOT Membership Application and Agreement.**

Annual ERCOT membership fee is \$100. Request included authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Geoffrey White made a motion, seconded by Myrt Fowlkes, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed with all that were present voting in favor and none opposed.

5. Presentations:

a. Proclamations/Awards/Presentations.

1. Proclamation presentation: ***Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.***

2. Proclamation presentation: ***Chamber of Commerce Week.***

3. Proclamation presentation: ***Northwest Tarrant Lions Club Charter Day.***

Mayor Pro-Tem Narmore read aloud and presented proclamations to the Northwest Tarrant Chamber of Commerce and to the Lions Club representative. The Pancreatic Cancer Awareness proclamation was acknowledged; however, no one was present to accept it.

b. Citizen/Visitor Comments.

Linda Blackwell addressed Council requesting a walking park for Senior Citizens in the vacant lot where the Christmas tree is located. Brett McGuire explained there are future plans for that area; however, staff is open to suggestions.

Deborah Selby and Linda Blackwell presented City Manager Brett McGuire and Assistant City Manager Ken West (not present) certificates of appreciation for their help in judging the Seniors' Chili Contest.

6. Public Hearing/Action Items.

There were no Public Hearing/Action Items.

7. Ordinances and Resolutions.

a. Ordinance #974- Amending Section 6.105(c) of Article 6.100 Weeds, Brush, Rubbish, etc" regarding standard mowing fees.

Myrt Fowlkes made a motion, seconded by Geoffrey White, to approve Ordinance #974, amending Section 6.105(c) of Article 6.100 Weeds, Brush, Rubbish, etc" regarding standard mowing fees. Motion passed with all that were present voting in favor and none opposed.

8. Contracts/Agreements.

a. Consider approval of Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for the reconstruction and resurfacing of City property and roadways.

Myrt Fowlkes made a motion, seconded by Curtis McKay, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for the reconstruction and resurfacing of City property and roadways and to authorize the City Manager to execute the document and future Interlocal Agreement documents of similarity. Motion passed with all that were present voting in favor and none opposed.

9. Bids, Proposals, and Specifications.

There were no Bids, Proposals, and Specifications.

10. Discussion/Action Items.

a. Discussion/Action on the appointment of a member to the Board of Adjustment (BOA), Place 6 (alternate, term expires 10-1-12).

Geoffrey White made a motion, seconded by Myrt Fowlkes, to appoint Charles Johnson to Board of Adjustment Place 6, alternate, term to expire on October 1, 2012. Motion passed with all that were present voting in favor and none opposed.

b. Discussion/Action regarding approval of a moratorium to Chapter 3, Section 3.1818 of the Sign Ordinance for a Special Event (ShopFest).

Geoffrey White made a motion, seconded by Curtis McKay, to approve a moratorium for non-residential zoning districts to Chapter 3, Section 3.1818 to allow three (3) banners, one (1) inflatable, one (1) portable sign, and flags from November 23, 2011 through December 6, 2011 (14 days) for Holiday ShopFest for all business owners regardless of whether or not they participate in ShopFest or not. Motion passed with all that were present voting in favor and none opposed.

c. Discussion/Action regarding whether or not to repeal in its entirety Article 14.100 "Historical Landmarks" section of the code along with repealing Article 14.900 "Historical Preservation Commission" that would dissolve the Historical Preservation Commission (HPC).

Myrt Fowlkes made a motion, seconded by Curtis McKay, to direct staff to draft an ordinance that would replace references of the Historical Preservation Commission with the Building Official in Article 14.1000 "Historical Landmarks" of the City Code. Motion passed with all that were present voting in favor and none opposed.

11. Mayor and Council Items.

a. Update on Tarrant County Mayor's Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Narmore had no update regarding the Tarrant County Mayor's Council.

12. City Manager and Staff Reports.

a. City Manager Report(s):

1. Report on meeting with River Oaks regarding shared election equipment.

Brett McGuire noted that staff attended a meeting with the City of River Oaks, City of Sansom Park, and Castleberry ISD regarding possible shared election equipment. They are still working through issues such as equipment ownership and cost burdens. He has spoken with Dr. Cooper and the Lake Worth ISD is leaning heavily towards going to November Elections with the County.

b. Chief of Police Report(s):

1. Report on National Night Out.

Captain Pringle reported that National Night Out had a tremendous response from the public.

c. EDC Coordinator Report(s):**1. EDC Quarterly Report.**

Jami Woodall had nothing to add to the EDC Quarterly Report submitted to Council.

2. Announce October EDC meeting date.

Jami Woodall noted that the next EDC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2011.

d. Public Works Manager Report(s):**1. Report/Presentation on Street Maintenance Sales Tax.**

Sean Densmore gave a power point presentation regarding Street Maintenance Sales Tax information. He noted that he would like to hold a Town Hall meeting to inform the public about the sales tax. Proposed dates submitted were either on Monday, October 24, 2011 or on Monday, October 31, 2011. Consensus was to hold the Town Hall meeting on Monday, October 24, 2011.

e. HR/Risk Management Report(s):**1. Announce Blood Drive.**

Danielle Hackbusch announced that the next blood drive is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2011 at the Multi-Purpose Facility from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

2. Announcement of Award.

Danielle Hackbusch reported that the City of Lake Worth has been donating blood to Carter Blood Center since 2006. Last year, 31% of our employees donated blood. With ten (10) cities in the running, the City of Lake Worth won an award for the "Highest Percentage of Participation Among Employees in Municipalities".

f. Community Activities Coordinator Report(s):**1. Announce Employee Appreciation Cook Out.**

Cheryl Vess announced that Thursday, October 13, 2011 is the annual employee appreciation cook out. It is scheduled from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm so that all employees have an opportunity to come by during their lunchtime.

Mayor Pro-Tem Narmore closed the open session of the meeting and went into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. to discuss Section 551.071, pending or contemplated litigation, City of Lake Worth v. Western Insurance.

13. Executive Session:

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to convene into 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.**1. City of Lake Worth v. Western Insurance.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Narmore closed the Executive Session and re-convened into Open Session at 7:24 p.m.

14. Reconvene into Regular Session:


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

There was no action taken on the Executive Session item.

15. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Narmore closed the Council meeting at 7:24 p.m.

APPROVED:


Walter Bowen
Walter Bowen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Rhodes
Linda Rhodes, TRMC/CMC
City Secretary