

CITY OF LAKE WORTH
Minutes for
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 8, 2009
3801 Adam Grubb • Lake Worth, Texas
6:30 P.M. – Council Chambers

1. Call to Order.

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3. Roll Call.

Council members present were Mayor Walter Bowen, Curtis McKay, Myrt Fowlkes, Perry Lunsford, Dona Stuard, Pat O. Hill, and Clint Narmore. Geoffrey White arrived just after the Consent Agenda at 6:32 p.m.

Staff present were Brett McGuire, City Manager; Ken West, Assistant City Manager; Linda Rhodes, City Secretary; Dave Tatsak, Police Chief; John Pringle, Police Captain; Mark Cone, Fire Chief; Jami Woodall, EDC Coordinator; Suzanne Meason, Planning and Zoning Coordinator; Jamye Sexton, Public Works Director; Debbie Whitley, Director of Finance; Danielle Hackbusch, HR/Risk Management; Mark Ramsey, IT Manager; Cheryl Vess, Community Activities Director; and Lara Strother, Library Director. City Attorney Wayne Olson and City Engineer Aaron Rader were present.

4. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Approval of minutes for the City Council Public Hearing/Regular meeting on November 10, 2009.**
- b. **Approval of Finance Reports for the month of November 2009.**
- c. **Approval of 2009/2010 Agreement with Tarrant County Emergency Services District No. 1.**

Dona Stuard made a motion, seconded by Pat Hill, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed with all that were present in favor and none opposed.

Council member Geoffrey White arrived at the meeting; 6:32 p.m.

5. Presentations:

- a. **Proclamations/Awards/Presentations.**
- b. **Citizen/Visitor Comments.**

There were no Presentation Items.

6. Public Hearing/Action Items.

There were no Public Hearing/Action Items.

7. Ordinances/Resolutions:

- a. Consider Adoption of Ordinance #937 Authorizing the Issuance of \$290,000 City of Lake Worth, Texas, Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2009, and ordaining other matters related to the issuance of the bonds and repealing Ordinance #932.**

Clint Narmore made a motion, seconded by Geoffrey White, to approve Ordinance #937 authorizing the issuance of \$290,000 City of Lake Worth, Texas, Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2009, and ordaining other matters related to the issuance of the bonds and repealing Ordinance #932. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

8. Contracts/Agreements.

There were no Contracts/Agreements Items.

9. Bids, Proposals, and Specifications.

There were no Bids, Proposals, and Specifications Items.

10. Discussion/Action Items:

- a. Discussion/Action regarding consideration for renewal of contract with Greenscape for the year 2010.**

Perry Lunsford made a motion, seconded by Dona Stuard, to renew the contract with Greenscape for the year 2010. Motion passed with all in favor and none opposed.

- b. Discussion/Action regarding "Traffic-Calming Devices" on Hodgkins Road.**

Brett McGuire explained that Council has addressed traffic-calming devices in residential areas in the past and chose not to pursue those projects at that time. Council member Lunsford has expressed concern with traffic flow on Hodgkins Road and has requested options to be looked at for that area. Mr. Lunsford acknowledged there were a couple of people in attendance at the meeting that wished to address Council with their concerns. A lady, identifying herself as a resident on Hodgkins Road, and John Martindale, resident of 4421 Hodgkins Road, both addressed Council with their concerns and requested that the City do something to address the traffic problems on that street.

Aaron Rader, City Engineer, noted Hodgkins Road, a minor-collector road, is not stripped; possible traffic management options are to install: speed humps, chicanes, traffic circles, or stop signs. Given the engineer information and police department speed survey submitted to Council, Mayor Bowen suggested that there be a Council committee to work with staff to come up with suggestions and to bring them back to Council at the January or February meeting for further discussion. He asked Perry Lunsford, Curtis McKay, and Clint Narmore to serve on the committee. He also asked Mr. Martindale if he would serve on the committee and he said he would. Brett McGuire will organize the meeting time(s) for the committee. There was no action on this item.

11. Mayor and Council Items.

a. Update on Tarrant County Mayor's Council by Mayor Bowen.

Mayor Bowen noted the Council members and staff that attended the Tarrant County Mayor's Council Banquet. The Mayor's Council will meet again in February.

12. City Manager and Staff Reports:

a. City Manager Report.

1. Foster House Project Update.

Brett McGuire asked Jamye Sexton to give the update. Jamye noted that the stone was being placed on the home, but was going slow due to weather. The stone is being put in place by using a picture. Work on the hearth will begin tomorrow and work on the floor will begin on Monday.

2. Update on Multi-Purpose/Animal Control Facility Project.

Brett McGuire noted that bid openings for the project took place on December 3, 2009. There were 20 submitted bids. By combining the Animal Control Facility with the Multi-Use Facility as one project, there was a cost savings of about \$250,000-\$300,000.

3. Announce Food Drive.

Brett McGuire announced that the City will be collecting non-perishable food donations to benefit families within the 76135 zip code. Also, instead of exchanging Christmas gifts with each other, this year the City Hall employees will purchase items for families in need. Both of these ideas were suggestions by Suzanne Meason.

b. Community Activities Director Report.

1. Update on Annual PD/Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner.

Cheryl Vess reported there was a wonderful turn out of about 260 for the dinner.

2. Update on Annual Christmas tree lighting and meet Santa.

Cheryl Vess stated it was very cold the evening of the tree lighting. Even though there was a small group, it was very fun.

3. Reminder about Annual Christmas Party.

Cheryl Vess reminded everyone about the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at National Hall. Food will be catered by Vance Godbey's. Perry Lunsford also reminded everyone that Neighbor Helping Neighbor is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

Mayor Bowen closed the open, regular session of the meeting and went into Executive Session at 7:19 p.m., pursuant to Section 551.072.

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- Deliberation regarding real property. Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.
 - 1. Renewal/extension of XTO mineral lease.
- c. Pursuant to Section 551.074- Deliberation the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including but not limited to items listed as follows.

Mayor Bowen closed the Executive Session portion of the meeting and reconvened into open, regular session of the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

14. Reconvene into Regular Session:

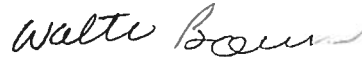
- a. Take any action necessary pursuant to Executive Session Items as listed above.

There was no action taken.

15. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Mayor Walter Bowen closed the Council meeting at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED:



Walter Bowen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda Rhodes, TRMC/CMC
City Secretary