

**CITY OF LAKE WORTH
Minutes for
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
6:30 P.M. – Council Chambers
3805 Adam Grubb • Lake Worth, Texas**

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. Jerry Locke gave invocation. Prior to the prayer, he noted that he will be retiring after 33 years as pastor on June 19, 2016. Pastor Zack Hatton, who was also present, will be taking his place at Lake Worth Baptist Church. Attendees recited the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call.

Council members present were Mayor Walter Bowen, Jim Smith, Geoffrey White, Ronny Parsley, Pat O. Hill, Gary Stuard, and Clint Narmore. Gene Ferguson was absent.

Staff present was Brett McGuire, City Manager/Interim Chief of Police; Debbie Whitley, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance; Linda Rhodes, City Secretary; Jimmy Womack, Police Captain/Assistant Chief of Police; Mike Christenson, Fire Chief; Jami Woodall, EDC Coordinator; Barry Barber, Building Official; Sean Densmore, Public Works Director; and Natacha Valdez, Municipal Court Coordinator. City Attorney Drew Larkin and City Engineer Misty Christian were present.

4. Consent Agenda:

- a. **Approval of minutes for the City Council Public Hearing/Regular meeting on January 12, 2016.**
- b. **Approval of minutes for the City Council Workshop/Special meeting on January 19, 2016.**
- c. **Approval of Finance Reports for the month of January 2016.**
- d. **Submission of the Annual Racial Profiling Report to the Governing Body.**
- e. **Approval of Ordinance #1060 adopting a budget amendment to the 2015/2016 Hotel Tax fund operating budget.**
- f. **Approval of Resolution #1001- Calling/Ordering the May 7, 2016 City General Election, approving to enter into a joint contract with the Tarrant County Elections Administration to administer the election and to authorize other election provisions as necessary.**

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

5. Presentations:

a. Proclamations/Awards/Presentations.

1. Presentation by Sheri Johnson Lopez to the Lake Worth Police Department.

Sheri Johnson Lopez presented a painting she created to the Lake Worth Police Department to honor and thank them for the job that they do. Several employees of the Police Department were present to accept the painting.

b. Citizen/Visitor Comments.

6. Public Hearing/Action Items.

There were no Public Hearing/Action Items.

7. Ordinances and Resolutions.

There were no Ordinances and Resolutions Items.

8. Contracts/Agreements.

There were no Contracts/Agreements Items.

9. Bids, Proposals, and Specifications.

a. Discussion/Action regarding the bids for the construction of the Azle Avenue 130,000 Gallon Ground Storage Tank.

Brett McGuire reminded Council that several months ago staff informed them about putting the Azle Avenue Ground Storage Tank out to bid for a glass-fused water tank. When the bid documents were being prepared, the OPCC's (Objective Projections of Construction Costs) for a new steel storage tank were approximately \$500,000; it was believed that a bid for a glass-fused tank would be lower than a steel tank. When bids went out for this project, a preference was not specified for a glass-fused tank; specifications for both a steel tank and a glass-fused tank were included. A steel tank provider came in about \$20,000 under the cost of a glass tank. Considering bid laws and the way the bid specs were written, Mr. McGuire and the City Attorney have determined that it would be hard to convince Council to award a bid to the second responsible bidder. Therefore, staff recommends Council to reject all bids and to authorize staff to re-bid the project as a glass-fused tank.

Clint Narmore made a motion, seconded by Ronny Parsley, to reject all received bids and to authorize staff to re-bid the project for the construction of the Azle Avenue 130,000 Gallon Ground Storage Tank. Motion passed with all that were present voting in favor and none opposed.

10. Discussion/Action Items.

a. Discussion regarding the 2008 Certificate of Obligation Issue.

Brett McGuire made note that this item is only a discussion item; no action is required. He explained that the 2008 Certificate of Obligation Issue was for about \$10.3 million for the Comanche Creek drainage project, Animal Shelter, Multi-Purpose Facility/Library/Senior Citizens Center, and various Public Works projects. Staff has been checking into starting a refund process that would give the City better interest rates, thus saving a lot of money. If everything holds like it is and staff can get everything done within the next year to a year and a half, the City could save about \$750,000 to \$1 million in interest. Out of the original amount issued, there is about \$1.7 million remaining. This amount was set aside while we negotiated for the past twelve (12 ½) years with the City of Fort Worth to redo the Comanche Creek crossing. The City of Lake Worth is unable to do any refunding to save money if we do not find projects to spend the \$1.7 million on soon. The Azle Avenue Ground Storage Tank is one project that some of the money has been set aside for. Mr. McGuire has given written and verbal notification to the City of Fort Worth that we cannot continue to negotiate with them very much longer. Since we are up against statutory limitations, it might be best to fund this at a later time. He has asked Sean Densmore and Misty Christian to look at some various Public Work's projects on the "wish list" that could be considered. Council Member Gary Stuard asked if the funding had to be used for Public Works projects only. Mr. McGuire answered that it has to be used for what was in the public disclosure. About \$100,000 will be earmarked for a drainage issue at the Animal Shelter.

11. Mayor and Council Items.

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

Mayor Bowen noted that the Ranking Committee will meet on February 25, 2016.

12. City Manager and Staff Reports.

a. City Manager Report(s):

1. Announce date of the Northwest Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet.

Brett McGuire announced that the Northwest Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, February 26, 2016 at National Hall at 6:00 p.m.

b. Public Works Director Report(s):

1. Update on City Projects.

Sean Densmore reported that the Lake Worth Park project should be finalized and completed on February 24, 2016.

c. Municipal Court Coordinator Report(s):

1. Announce the Annual Great Texas Warrant Round Up.

Natacha Valdez announced that this will be the 10th year for the Annual Great Texas Warrant Round Up. It is scheduled to take place early March.

13. Executive Session:

As authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to convene into executive session as necessary during the course of this meeting to discuss the following:

Pursuant to the following sections:

- a. **Section 551.071- Consultation with attorney with regard to any item posted on the agenda or pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and/or claims.**

There was no Executive Session.

14. Reconvene into Regular Session:

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

There was no Executive Session.

15. Adjourn.

There being no further business, Mayor Walter Bowen closed the Council meeting at 6:51 p.m.

APPROVED:



Walter Bowen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda Rhodes, TRMC/MMC
City Secretary