

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF CENTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
July 25, 2011**

The Center City Council met in a regular session on Monday, July 25, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall. The meeting was open to the public. Notices were properly posted of the date, place and hour and the news media was notified. The following members were present:

David Chadwick	-	Mayor Pro Tem
Jim Forbes	-	Councilperson
Charlie Byndom	-	Councilperson
Chuck Lunsford	-	Councilperson
Joyce Johnson	-	Councilperson
Charles Rushing	-	Councilperson
Chad Nehring	-	City Manager
Barbara Boyd	-	City Secretary
Grover Russell	-	City Attorney

Guests signed the register.

Item I. Mayor, David Chadwick opened the meeting and welcomed the visitors and media.

Item II. Approval of Minutes of the Workshop Session and the Regular Meeting on June 27, 2011. Council Member Charles Rushing made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Workshop Session and the Regular Meeting on June 27, 2011. Council Member Chuck Lunsford seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Item III. Consider Discussion and Possible Action on the following:

- A. Approve Employee Health Insurance Benefit with TML-IEBP. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated this is the annual renewal of employee health insurance benefits plan and this renewal is based on the same policy and level of benefits. Mr. Nehring stated because of recent claims history, a 5% increase in premiums is proposed in this renewal. Council Member Chuck Lunsford made a motion to Approve Employee Health Insurance Benefit with TML-IEBP. Council Member Jim Forbes seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- B. Approve Cobra Agreement with TML-IEBP. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated this is the annual agreement for federally mandated benefit services upon separation of employment. Mr. Nehring stated the City annually has contracted directly with the insurance carrier to provide these services and payment agreements are handled directly by the former employee to the insurance company, rather than through the City. Council Member Charles Rushing made a motion to Approve Cobra Agreement with TML-IEBP. Council Member Joyce Johnson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- C. Approve Center Police Department Reserve Officer. Police Chief Jim Albers stated Reservist Christopher King has accepted a position with the San Augustine Sheriff's Office and that he would like to replace him with Wesley Mask, who has just come out of the

Police Academy. Council Member Chuck Lunsford made a motion to approve Wesley Mask as a Center Police Department Reserve Officer. Council Member Jim Forbes seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- D. Approve City Logo. Assistant City Manager, Jim Gibson stated it was his understanding that the decision is between two different designs. After some discussion it was decided to have the logo in blue with the straight lines at the bottom. Council Member Charlie Byndom made a motion to approve the City Logo. Council Member Charles Rushing seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- E. Discussion of Elections – SB 100. City Secretary, Barbara Boyd explained to the Council the current dilemma most Texas cities are facing because of the legislature passing the MOVE Act. Ms. Boyd stated the bill states that counties are no longer required to contract with and provide electronic voting equipment to municipalities and school districts for the May uniform election date in even numbered years. After much discussion, Council agreed to move the May elections to the November date, which will be approved by resolution at a later date.
- F. Discussion of Census & Redistricting. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated staff has spent a significant amount of time reviewing and dissecting the 2010 census results. Mr. Nehring stated the federal election requirements stipulate a 10% standard deviation in population among single-member districts, which in Center's case would be a range of roughly 1,235 to 1,360 persons per district. Mr. Nehring stated based on the changes the Census Bureau made to block groups as well as the population counts, Council District 1 has a population that is below the required range and District 2 is significantly over the range. Mr. Nehring stated Districts 3 and 4 are well within the population range respectively. After some discussion, Council directed staff to hire a consultant/legal advisor that would assist Council in analyzing various options and alignments and evaluating those impacts.
- G. Discussion of Mini Park Redevelopment Plan. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated part of the Parks Master Plan was the renovation and upgrade of the Mini Park. Mr. Nehring stated as the most utilized park in town, this facility was prioritized as the most important for playground/family enhancements. Mr. Nehring stated the initial design and budget estimate is included in the packets and staff is asking for any other suggestions or orchestrate some other avenues for additional review and input. Mr. Nehring explained the extent of the design plan for the park.
- H. Discussion and Presentation of Code Red Warning System. City Manager, Chad Nehring explained to the Council the benefits of registering online for the emergency notification system by phone.
- I. Preliminary Budget Discussion. There was some discussion of the budget work session earlier in the day.

Item IV. Items of Interest from Council, City Manager and Citizens – No Action Items.

- A. Drought Contingency Plan. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated the substantial drought conditions continue to result in significant reduction of levels at both lakes as well as continued increases in water consumption. Mr. Nehring stated if things don't improve

soon, the City will be asking for voluntary conservation.

B. Shelby County Chamber of Commerce Banquet – August 2, 7:00 p.m.

Murray and Qunicy Borders addressed the Council regarding the streets.

Item V. Executive Session.

Consider entering executive session for legal consultation with the City Attorney and discussion of pending litigation, personnel matters and land acquisition with possible action related thereto upon reconvening in open session in accordance with Local Government Code Section 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074

Item VI. Action on Executive Session Items.

- A. Approve Resolution 2011-14 Authorizing Acquisition of Land. Council Member Chuck Lunsford made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-14 Authorizing Acquisition of Land. Council Member Jim Forbes seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- B. Appointment or Other Action Related to Vacant At-Large Council Position. No Action Taken.

Adjournment

Mayor David Chadwick adjourned the meeting.

David Chadwick, Mayor

Attest:

Barbara Boyd, City Secretary