

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF CENTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
January 23, 2012**

The Center City Council met in a regular session on Monday, January 23, 2012 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
Jim Forbes	-	Councilperson
Charlie Byndom	-	Councilperson
Charles Rushing	-	Councilperson
Joyce Johnson	-	Councilperson
Leigh Porterfield	-	Councilperson
Chad Nehring	-	City Manager
Barbara Boyd	-	City Secretary

Guests signed the register.

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

City Manager, Chad Nehring introduced to the Council, Wesley James who is interning with the City of Center for his degree in Public Management.

Center Volunteer Fire Chief, Rodney Matthews presented the Council with a \$25,000 check to go towards the purchase of the new pumper truck.

Mrs. Murray Borders who resides at 612 Tenaha Street addressed the Council regarding the trash that came up through the sewer into their bath tub from the car wash across the street.

Item II. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 9, 2012. Council Member Jim Forbes made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 9, 2012. Council Member Joyce Johnson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

- A. Approve Award of Bid – TCDP #711109 Construction Contract.** City Manager, Chad Nehring stated bids were solicited and received from three construction contractors for the street reconstruction work authorized under the Texas Community Development Block program grant. Mr. Nehring stated Drewery Construction was the low bidder in the amount of \$326, 443 and that the bid can be awarded conditional to the Environmental Review Clearance as it has not yet been completed. Council Member Charles Rushing made a motion to award the bid to Drewery Construction conditional to the Environmental Review Clearance. Council Member Leigh Porterfield seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- B. Approve Contracts for Professional Services.**
- City Hall Project – Berry & Clay. This item was tabled until the next meeting.
 - Downtown Streetscape Project – White Oak Studios. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated staff has reviewed the proposal and attempted to define the scope of work to provide sufficient information and detail to provide significant goals and design concepts for the downtown area. Council Member Jim Forbes made a motion to approve the contract for the Downtown Streetscape Project with White Oak Studios. Council Member Joyce Johnson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- C. Approve Hotel Motel Request – Center Youth Baseball.** City Manager, Chad Nehring stated as it has the two previous summers; Center Youth Baseball Association has been requested by Dixie Baseball and desires to propose to host multiple Dixie State baseball tournaments over a three week period, compared to two weeks last year. Mr. Nehring stated the proposal, as discussed and evaluated at the hotel/motel advisory board meeting on January 10th, was to host as many tournaments this year due to the past success and with encouragement from some local hotel operators. Mr. Nehring stated the recommendation of the Advisory Board is to approve funding up to \$26,000, for six tournament bids and \$32,500 for seven tournament bids, including up to \$2,500 for tournament administration. Council Member Charles Rushing made a motion to approve the Hotel Motel Request for Center Youth Baseball for up to \$26,000 for six tournament

bids and \$32,500 for seven tournament bids, including up to \$2,500 for tournament administration. Council Member Leigh Porterfield seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- D. Approve City Attorney Contract.** This item was tabled until the next meeting.
- E. Discussion of Water Rate Schedule for Stage 3 Drought Plan.** City Manager, Chad Nehring stated staff has reviewed the customer consumption averages and investigated other communities responses to this same issue. Mr. Nehring stated in most cases, other cities escalated rates based upon percentage of customer usage and used escalation factors of either 150% or double-triple increases and the data illustrates that over 75% of residential customer accounts use less than 10,000 gallons per month even in summer and less than 10% use over 20,000 gallons per month during those same periods. After much discussion, Council directed staff to bring back an ordinance to amend the rate schedule for Stage 3 Drought Plan.
- F. Authorize Execution of Quit Claim Deed – Carnahan Street.** City Manager, Chad Nehring stated the property owner has agreed to let the City open/cut the asphalt for the relocation of the water lines and has agreed to sign the easements needed. Council Member Charlie Byndom made a motion to authorize the Execution of Quit Claim Deed for Carnahan Street. Council Member Joyce Johnson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- G. Approve Board Appointments.**
1. Hotel Motel Advisory Board. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated this board has one vacant position due to the passing of Jean Minor. Mr. Nehring stated the Board recommended consideration of Randy Collard to the Board. Council Member Charles Rushing made a motion to appoint Randy Collard to the Hotel Motel Advisory Board. Council Member Leigh Porterfield seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
 2. Zoning Board of Adjustments. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated there are two alternate positions available on the board. Council Member Charles Rushing made a motion to appoint Murray Borders and Don Stewart as alternates to this board. Council Member Leigh Porterfield seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
 3. Planning & Zoning Commission. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated this board has one position vacant as well as an alternate position. Council Member Charles Rushing made a motion to appoint Jerry Lathan to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Council Member Leigh Porterfield seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- H. Presentation of 2011 Racial Profiling Report.** Police Chief, Jim Albers presented the 2011 Racial Profiling Report to the Council and explained a few items in the report. Chief Albers stated the Center Police Department is in compliance with everything.
- I. Approve Police Department Reserve Officers.** Police Chief, Jim Albers asked Council to approve two new officers to the reserve force. Chief Albers stated he has lost several reserves to full time employment. Council Member Jim Forbes made a motion to approve Kurtis Lawrence and Jonathan Sowell as Center Police Department Reserve Officers. Council member Leigh Porterfield seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

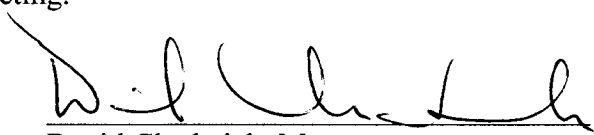
Item IV. Items of Interest from Council and City Manager, and Citizens – No Action Items.

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. Adjournment

Mayor David Chadwick adjourned the meeting.


David Chadwick, Mayor

Attest:


Barbara Boyd, City Secretary

