

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF CENTER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 11, 2012**

The Center City Council met in a regular session on Monday, June 11, 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	-	Council Member	
Charlie Byndom	-	Council Member	
Charles Rushing	-	Council Member	
Joyce Johnson	-	Council Member	
Leigh Porterfield	-	Council Member	
Howell Howard	-	Council Member	
Chad Nehring	-	City Manager	
Barbara Boyd	-	City Secretary	
Jim Payne	-	City Attorney	Absent

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 Regular Meeting on May 21, 2012.** Council Member Howell Howard made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 21, 2012. Council Member Leigh Porterfield seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

- A. The City Council will consider Ordinance 2012-7 Adopting a Final Plan for the Reapportionment of the City's Four Single-Member Districts. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated this ordinance has been presented to the City Council after public hearings, included on the City's website and read at the prior Council meeting. Mr. Nehring stated after months of discussion, hearings and analysis by the City's consultant, this plan was presented to the Council and since that presentation, there has been no additional input provided by citizens or interested members of the public. Council Member Charles Rushing made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-7 Adopting a Final Plan for the Reapportionment of the City's Four Single Member Districts. Council Member Joyce Johnson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- B. Approve Ordinance 2012-8 Annexation of Property. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated this is the first of two annexation proceedings and it includes one general location along Highway 7 East near its intersection with Loop 500 including several parcels of property fronting either Highway 7 or Loop 500 which are currently being provided water and sewer services and primarily consisting of commercial locations. Mr. Nehring stated the other properties are in three locations that are currently completely surrounded by the city limits. Mr. Nehring stated in complying with state law and City policy, those annexed will have options to continue existing utility and garbage services for up to two years or begin receiving services from the City immediately. Council Member Howell Howard made a motion to Approve Ordinance 2012-8 Annexation of Property. Council Member Jim Forbes seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- C. Approve Proposal for Sludge Disposal – Lagoon at Mill Creek. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated each water plant has to operate a lagoon under the requirements of the TCEQ and an EPA wastewater treatment permit to contain and purify backwash water before it is returned back into public waters. Mr. Nehring stated, as required, the lagoon functions to settle any remaining dirt or material and acclimated over time. Mr. Nehring state this activity is necessary for the continued maintenance of the water plant operations to function within the guidelines of the wastewater discharge permit, and this proposal is within budgeted amounts. Council Member Leigh Porterfield made a motion to approve the Proposal for Sludge Disposal at the Lagoon at Mill Creek. Council Member Charlie Byndom seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- D. Consider and Approve Acquisition of Automated Payment Drive Thru for City Hall. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated staff has looked for several years at options to make utility payments more convenient for customers and due to the recent resignation of our drive thru clerk, one of those options is being presented as a cost reduction choice to remove the

traditional person-staffed drive thru with an automated system. Mr. Nehring stated this system will be open twenty four hours a day, seven days a week and will also allow the acceptance of debit and credit cards for payment in addition to cash and will be accessible for online payments. Council Member Jim Forbes made motion to approve the Automated Payment Drive Thru for City Hall. Council Member Charles Rushing seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- E. Approve or Request for Additional Hotel Motel Funding – State Baseball Tournament. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated the Center Youth Baseball is requesting additional consideration on the bid costs for the acquisition of the state baseball tournaments for this year. Mr. Nehring stated the bidding to garner six tournaments this year instead of the four from prior years, costs were somewhat more than projected. Mr. Nehring stated the original request was \$26,000 for bidding on four tournaments and the committee recommended up to \$32,500 to attempt to get seven. Mr. Nehring stated they received six tournaments and the league is requesting Council consider adjusting the prior approval to allow for the full amount for the six tournaments obtained. Council Member Charles Rushing made a motion to approve the request for Additional Hotel Motel Funding for the State Baseball Tournament subject to the approval of the Hotel Motel Tax Committee. Council Member Howell Howard seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- F. Approve or Deny Center Business Association Request. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated with the CBA dissolving, activities that group coordinated and/or funded have been the topic of discussion at various community meetings and now include a request to the City. Mr. Nehring stated the rooftop lights on the downtown square buildings were funded and maintained by the Center Business Association and the request is that the City assume operation of those lights and purchase what is in place for \$500.00. Council Member Joyce Johnson made a motion to approve the Center Business Association Request. Council Member Leigh Porterfield seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- G. Approve Purchase of Police Vehicle. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated two patrol units are budgeted this year for replacement and staff is requesting authorization to purchase through pre-bid state contract pricing. Council Member Jim Forbes made a motion to approve the Purchase of a Police Vehicle. Council member Howell Howard seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- H. Approve Board Members – Planning & Zoning Commission. City Manager, Chad Nehring stated the Planning & Zoning Terms officially begin on June 1st. Council Member Howell Howard made a motion to appoint Stephen Shires, Jerry Lathan, Alma Jaimes and Lori Oliver to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Council Member Charlie Byndom seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

1. Dixie League Tournament – June 15, 2012.

**Item V. Executive Session.**

A. Personnel.

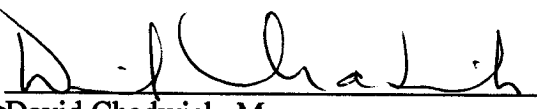
Consider entering executive session for legal consultation with the City Attorney and discussion of pending litigation, personnel matters and land acquisition with possible action related thereto upon reconvening in open session in accordance with Local Government Code Section 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074

**Item VII. Action on Items in Executive Session.**

1. Approval and Appointment of Municipal Court Judge. Council Member Leigh Porterfield made a motion to appoint Grover Russell, Jr. to the position of Municipal Court Judge. Council Member Howell Howard seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Adjournment**

Mayor David Chadwick adjourned the meeting.

  
David Chadwick, Mayor

Attest:

  
Barbara Boyd, City Secretary

