

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF CENTER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
July 9, 2012**

The Center City Council met in a regular session on Monday, July 9, 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	Absent
Jim Gibson	-	Asst. City Manager	
Barbara Boyd	-	City Secretary	
Jim Payne	-	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 Regular Meeting on June 25, 2012. Council Member Joyce Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 25, 2012. Council Member Howell Howard seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

- A. Approve Resolution 2012-13 – Ordering Regular Election. City Secretary, Barbara Boyd presented the Council with the election options available this year. Mrs. Boyd stated the County is receptive to holding our November general election and is willing to hold the early voting as well as the election day voting. After some discussion, Charles Rushing made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-13 Ordering the Regular Election and contracting with the county to hold the early voting as well as the regular election. Council Member Leigh Porterfield seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- B. Approve Resolution 2012-14 – Waiver of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Center Housing Authority. Mayor Chadwick stated the Center Housing Authority is requesting the City waive the payments required that Housing Authorities make to ensure they are equally compensating the taxing entities, as would private housing/apartments in property taxes. Mayor Chadwick stated this waiver requires that equivalent funding be placed into improvements on the property. Council Member Jim Forbes made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-14 – Waiver of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Center Housing Authority. Council Member Charlie Byndom seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- C. Consider Shelby County Chamber Request – Downtown Lighted Christmas Parade. Shelby County Chamber Director, Pam Phelps addressed the Council regarding the request to hold the Downtown Lighted Christmas Parade. Mrs. Phelps stated there has been several meetings regarding the event and asked permission to have the parade. Council Member Leigh Porterfield made a motion to approve the Shelby County Chamber Request for the Downtown Lighted Christmas Parade. Council Member Jim Forbes seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

1. What A Melon Festival – July 12th-14th.
2. Fire Chief Keith Byndom updated the Council regarding several fires the department has responded to in the past week.

D. Consider Center Point Energy Rate.

1. Transportation Service Rate Schedule No. T-65.
2. Transportation Service Rate Schedule No. T-75.

City Manager, Chad Nehring stated the City maintains original jurisdiction over the regulation for natural gas services within the City and typically, these filings are routine and seek clarifications either small rate adjustments or simply changes to the terms of service. Mr. Nehring stated both these current rate submittals are minor to the terms and conditions of transmission services for industrial customers and according to the information from Center Point and a cursory review of the filings, these do not change rates for services and only impact some of the conditions and terms of services to a very limited number of high volume customers. Mr. Nehring stated the City is not required to approve or deny and can simply take no action on these items and allow them to go into effect unless the PUC initiates a formal rate review. No Action was taken.

- E. Consider Mini Park Dedication.** City Manager, Chad Nehring stated the City received a letter requesting consideration of dedicating the renovations at Mini Park in honor of Frances Oates. Council Member Joyce Johnson made a motion to Dedicate the Mini Park in honor of Frances Oates. Council Member Leigh Porterfield seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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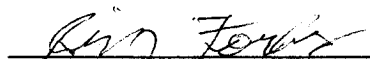
1. C.H. Daniels Facility – Joyce Johnson. Joyce Johnson addressed the Council regarding the gym at the C.H. Daniels Facility and asked the Council if they could help with repairs to the roof and floor of the gym. After much discussion, City Manager Chad Nehring stated he would look into several options of possible ways to assist.
2. City Manager, Chad Nehring updated the Council regarding the Mini Park project, City Hall and Community House Renovations and Deep East Texas Cooperative's Franchise Agreement.

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 VII. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem, Jim Forbes adjourned the meeting.



 Jim Forbes, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:



 Barbara Boyd, City Secretary

