

**MINUTES  
AUGUST 4, 2009  
HEATH CITY COUNCIL  
200 LAURENCE DRIVE - HEATH, TEXAS  
STATED MEETING – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ATTENDING: JOHN RATCLIFFE, MAYOR            ABSENT: JULIANNA ZUREK, MAYOR PRO TEM  
                 ROBERT HILLE  
                 RICHARD KRAUSE  
                 KAREN LEWIS  
                 LORNE LIECHTY  
                 STEVE McKIMMEY

Mayor Ratcliffe called the stated meeting to order and delivered the invocation at 7:33 p.m.

**Honor Service of Retiring Department of Public Safety Sergeant Johnny Solis.**

The Mayor and Director of Public Safety Director Terry Garrett shared remembrances and expressed appreciation for Public Safety Sergeant Johnny Solis' 21 years of service to the citizens of Heath. The Mayor wished Solis luck in future endeavors and presented an appreciation plaque. All in attendance gave a standing ovation.

**Approval of the Minutes of July 21, 2009.**

**MOTION: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2009.**

MOTION MADE:            LIECHTY  
SECONDED:                KRAUSE  
APPROVED:                UNANIMOUS (Absent: Zurek)

**Discussion and Action Regarding Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with A & M Construction for Water System Improvements and 12" Water Line Along Rabbit Ridge Road (FM 549 to Jeff Boyd).**

Director of Public Works Pedram Farahnak presented and answered questions regarding the 19 bids received for the projects to install specified water system improvements and 12" water line along Rabbit Ridge Road. Farahnak recommended that the bid be awarded to A & M Construction Utilities, the lowest and most qualified bidder at \$144,255.60.

**MOTION: APPROVE RESOLUTION 090804 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH A & M CONSTRUCTION FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND 12" WATER LINE ALONG RABBIT RIDGE ROAD (FM 549 TO JEFF BOYD).**

MOTION MADE:            LEWIS  
SECONDED:                LIECHTY  
APPROVED:                UNANIMOUS (Absent: Zurek)

**Discussion and Action Regarding Options for Future Improvements to the Intersection of FM 740, FM 549 and FM 550 – Darwin Myer, Navarro County Area Engineer, Dallas District, Texas Department of Transportation.**

Darwin Myer, Area Engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT") presented and answered questions regarding a draft concept for a round-a-bout at the intersection of FM 740, FM 549 and FM 550. The Mayor and County Commissioner Lorie Grinnan provided background regarding meetings with TxDOT representatives over the last few years and efforts to have a round-a-bout designed for the intersection as an option preferred over the design presented at the April 21, 2009 meeting for a 4-way signalized intersection. Myer estimated that the round-a-bout as designed would serve projected traffic flow for at least 20 years and could be completed in about 4 years. The following individuals were present and/or participated in the discussion:

Gil King and Kim King	-	Lot 2 (3.067 acres) King Acres Addition No. 2
Art Anderson	-	Legal representative for the Kings
Robert and Mary McCutcheon	-	Tract 49 in the A Rodriguez Survey Abstract No. 0231
Jeff Kerr	-	301 Scenic Drive.

Discussion included projected costs, right-of-way, and the safety and efficiency of elements of the draft design such as the single lane and "free" right-turn lanes and the site being approximately 300 feet east of the existing intersection. In response to an inquiry regarding the installation of a traffic signal for the intersection, Ratcliffe and Grinnan stated that repeated requests for a traffic signal had been submitted over the years and that the response was consistently that the intersection didn't qualify under the warrant system used by TxDOT. Staff recommended that, subsequent to TxDOT re-design and presentation to the City Council, the round-a-bout plan be reviewed by an independent traffic consultant.

Ratcliffe adjourned the stated meeting to go into executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.072: Deliberation regarding Real Property at 8:16 p.m. Ratcliffe re-convened the stated meeting at 9:04 p.m. and stated that no action was taken in executive session. Ratcliffe stated that the discussion pertained to water system facilities and infrastructure. Ratcliffe adjourned the stated meeting at 9:04 p.m.

APPROVED:



JOHN RATCLIFFE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



STEPHANIE GALANIDES  
CITY SECRETARY

