

**MINUTES
MAY 18, 2010
HEATH CITY COUNCIL
200 LAURENCE DRIVE - HEATH, TEXAS
STATED MEETING**

ATTENDING: JOHN RATCLIFFE, MAYOR
JULIE 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 7:32 p.m.

Issuance of Oath of Office to Newly Elected Mayor and Council Members.

(The oath of office was administered to the Mayor prior to the meeting.) Mayor Ratcliffe administered the ceremonial oath of office to Council Member Liechty and Council Member Zurek.

Presentation Regarding Fire Prevention and Safety Program – Margie VerHagen, Rockwall County Committee on Aging and Ariana Hargrove, Rockwall Fire Marshal.

Director of Public Safety Terry Garrett introduced Margie VerHagen, Director of the Rockwall County Committee on Aging and Rockwall Fire Marshal Ariana Hargrove. VerHagen provided information regarding a recently awarded grant from the Federal Emergency Management Administration for a county-wide fire prevention and safety program. Hargrove demonstrated a wireless alarm monitoring system, a smoke alarm and a carbon monoxide alarm included in a kit available to senior and disabled citizens in Rockwall County. Hargrove answered questions regarding program costs and procedures.

Special Recognition

The Mayor recognized visiting McClendon-Chisholm Mayor Mike Donegan. Ratcliffe read aloud and presented a certificate of appreciation to Donegan for his friendship and for his partnership and efforts as a public servant in Rockwall County.

Department and Committee Reports

The reports were included in the Council packet. A budget work session was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on June 15. Director of Public Works Pedram Farahnak reported that improvements to Key Drive were completed. Director of Public Safety Terry Garrett answered questions regarding changes to the monthly DPS report format.

Approval of the Minutes of May 4, 2010.

MOTION: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2010.

MOTION MADE: HILLE
SECONDED: ZUREK
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

Presentation and Discussion Regarding Existing Debt Analysis – Jim Sabonis, First Southwest Company.

Jim Sabonis, Senior Vice President of First Southwest Company provided an analysis of the City's existing debt. Sabonis presented information and answered questions regarding refinancing options and potential effects of the City's interest and sinking tax rate. Items discussed included potential savings on interest and options for financing

additional capital improvement projects such as White Road. Further discussion and possible action will be scheduled for a future meeting.

Discussion and Action Regarding Proposed Trail Addition - Jeff Kerr, 301 Scenic Drive.

The Mayor provided background regarding the discussion at the February 16 meeting of Jeff Kerr’s proposal to link the Towne Center Park trail to Tract 23.01 in the J. Cantor Survey Abstract No. 53 with a temporary trail and the Council’s direction to staff to research legal and insurance issues associated with the concept. City Attorney Pete Eckert reported that should the proposed trail be installed, the Texas Recreational Use (TRU) statute would apply, that the project would most likely be exempt from Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and that overall, the City’s liability would be limited. Assistant City Manager Kim Dobbs reported that the City’s insurance carrier stated there would be no significant impact on the City’s insurance rates. Topics discussed included survey requirements, temporary easements, procedures and implications.

MOTION: DIRECT STAFF TO ESTABLISH PARAMETERS FOR AND DRAFT AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNERS OF TRACT 23.01 IN THE J. CANTOR SURVEY ABSTRACT NO. 53 PERTAINING TO A PROPOSED TEMPORARY TRAIL THROUGH THE SUBJECT PROPERTY THAT LINKS TO THE TOWNE CENTER PARK TRAIL AND FURTHER DIRECT STAFF TO ENSURE, THAT THE AGREEMENT DOES NOT LIMIT OR AFFECT OBLIGATIONS TO DEVELOP PARKS AND TRAILS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS IN CONJUNCTION WITH FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

MOTION MADE: KRAUSE
SECONDED: LIECHTY
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

Discussion and Action Regarding Appointment to the Park Board.

MOTION: APPOINT JASON SEVERN TO THE PARK BOARD FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM RECENTLY VACATED BY MITCHELL SMARTT THAT EXPIRES ON JULY 31, 2010.

MOTION MADE: LEWIS
SECONDED: ZUREK
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

Election of Mayor Pro Tem.


Mayor Ratcliffe expressed appreciation to Zurek for her service as Mayor Pro Tem over the past year. Liechty nominated Zurek to serve for a second one-year term. Krause nominated Liechty.

MOTION: ELECT LIECHTY TO THE OFFICE OF MAYOR PRO TEM.

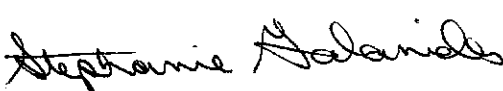
MOTION MADE: KRAUSE
SECONDED: LEWIS
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

The Mayor adjourned the stated meeting at 9:23 p.m.

APPROVED:


JOHN RATCLIFFE
MAYOR

ATTEST:


STEPHANIE GALANIDES
CITY SECRETARY

