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**MINUTES**

**WORKSHOP - SPECIAL MEETING**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**CITY OF EAST TAWAKONI, TEXAS**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014 @ 10:00AM**

**NOTICE WAS GIVEN FOR A SPECIAL WORKSHOP/MEETING OF THE EAST TAWAKONI CITY COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014 @ 10:00AM, IN THE CIVIC CENTER OF EAST TAWAKONI, AT WHICH MEETING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS WERE CONSIDERED:**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE EAST TAWAKONI RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT ANY TIME TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE MATTERS LISTED BELOW, AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), 551.072 (DELIBERATIONS REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), 551.073 (DELIBERATIONS REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS), 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS: 551.076 (DELIBERATIONS REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES) AND 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT).**

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

2. The roll was called. All members were present except Lynn Wallace.

3. The Mayor gave the invocation.

4. Steve Perry and Craig Cunningham of Wells Nelson & Associates LLC., Dallas gave a presentation to the council on the City's series 2000 (Sewer Plant) and Series 2004 (Streets, Roads and Drainage) Bonds. Two scenarios were presented on how they could help the City refinance existing debts, by looking at the entire obligation.

The first scenario was based on the concept that the payments would be higher now, but would start leveling off by 2021, and would pay off in 2034 instead of 2040.

The second scenario was based on the concept that the payments would be lower now, giving the City a chance to stabilize, and be more prepared for higher payments that would begin in 2021, and would pay off in 2034 also instead of 2040.

Pam Patterson, James Lee, Gary Reeves and H.L. Thomas had good questions and comments trying to come to a good consensus on which direction to take. It was specified that Wells Nelson & Associates fees were figured in to the proposals. H. L. made a motion to allow Wells Nelson & Associates to put together the #2 scenario package and bring it back to the council the next meeting. Gary seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

That portion of the meeting was closed.

5. The council went into the regular meeting for April. The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2014, and Special Meeting, March 31, 2014; and also approve the bills for part of March and part of April.

Pam had two questions on the finances, #1. Was money supposed to be contributed from Comptroller's office to help with the expense of qualifying the officers? Rick will be asked about this. #2. Did insurance cover the expense of the new road sign? Yes, the insurance did cover all of it.

Pam made a motion to accept the minutes of both meetings, and paying the bills. James seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. The Reports were considered by the Council.

**Police Report**: James asked about the wreck in the police car. A man with Alzheimer's rammed the police car twice after being stopped. His insurance paid for all of it.

**Fire Department**: No comments or questions.

**Public Works Department**: Water leaks were discussed because of so much water loss, and there was one question about why there were two meter change outs. It was thought FEC ran over one, and Sue couldn't remember about the other one.

**EDC**: No comments or questions.

**Planning & Zoning**: A variance for Family Dollar of 25 ft on west side of the building was approved in an earlier meeting.

**Parks Department**: No comments or questions.

7. Since no other people were there, there was no reason to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

The proposal for Jeannie Smith to become the full time City Secretary, with a raise to a salaried position of $22,880.00, with a raise in March 0f 2015 to $24,960.00 a year; and Sue Florey, to a permanent-part time Assistant City Secretary position at 32 hours per week @ $10.00 an hour + benefits; they would switch places on June 1, 2014, was discussed.

Sue will remain with the City until Sept ,2016, and at that time she will be fully vested and retire after ten years of service.

Pam made a motion to the proposal above, and H.L. seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. No executive session was needed.

9. Council Comments

 #1. Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday morning, April 19, at 10am.

 #2. Annual Clean up will be Friday, May 16, and a 1/2 day Saturday, May 17. Tires will be accepted if they are cut in half.

 #3. The tree across from City Hall was cut down by a contractor for FEC for safety reasons, and the city will find out where the property line is, so we will know if the city is responsible for the expense.

10. The Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn. James made the motion. Gary seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:23am.

**APPROVE: ATTEST:**

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**JOHNNIE LAPRADE, MAYOR SUE FLOREY, CITY SECRETARY**

**CERTIFICATE**

**I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the preceding Notice of Special Meeting-Workshop of the City Council of East Tawakoni and the scheduled Agenda is a true and correct copy of said notice and Agenda; and that same Notice and Agenda was posted April 11, 2014, in the glass case outside of City Hall which is convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.**

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