**REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**CITY OF EAST TAWAKONI, TEXAS**

**TUESDAY, MAY 20 2014 @ 7:00AM**

**MINUTES**

**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 7:00am.

2. The roll was called. All council members were present.

3. The pledge of the US and Texas flag were given.

4. The Mayor gave the invocation.

5. The oath of office was administered to Jeannie Smith as City Secretary by the Mayor.

6. The office of Mayor Pro Tem was up for another year, so it was discussed. Lynn Wallace made a motion to appoint Pam Patterson to the position again. H.L. Thomas seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. The consent items were considered and enacted with one motion. The Regular Meeting of April 15 was canceled; the minutes of Special Meeting of April 17, 2014; and the bills were up for approval. H.L. Thomas made a motion to approve. Lynn Wallace seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. Hannah C. Wilson, CPA of Scott, Singleton, Fincher and Company, PC, reviewed the 2013 audit report to the council. She commented that the city had a good year and they should be very proud. The suggestions that they had given the year before had been enacted, and the consultant for Quick Books had helped to get things in order.

9. Craig Cunningham of Wells, Nelson & Associates LLC, Dallas, presented two points that needed to be voted on before they could continue with the plan to refinance the series 2000

(water-sewage) and series 2004 (streets, roads, drainage) that would have a large substantial savings for the city; to hire them as the consultants and to vote on the sale of the bonds in question.

James Lee made a motion to hire the company of Wells, Nelson & Associates LLD, Dallas as the consultants for the city. Lynn Wallace seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Pam Patterson made a motion to approve all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of East Tawakoni, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, including the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of such bonds, establishing parameters for the sale and issuance of such bonds, and delegating certain matters to an authorized City official. H.L Thomas seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There was further discussion on the amount of savings for the city which would be about $91,000. There would be around a 7% savings, going from 4.8% to 3.2%. The EDC will continue to help with the payments with the amount pending.

10. There was discussion on the last invoice for $1039.50 from Absolute Bookkeeping & Payroll, and whether it should be paid since there was some questions on the amount. James Lee offered up the fact that since there was no contract, therefore no specific expectations, that the city should go ahead and pay it. There was further discussion. James Lee made the motion to pay it in full. Gary seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

11. It was considered and discussed to update the signatures on ANY and ALL bank accounts, including cash management and debit card, adding Jeannie Smith as the new City Secretary, and deleting Sue Florey. James Lee made the motion. Pam Patterson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

12. Open forum included questions from Joy Jones about the zoning of Lot 178, and whether it had been rezoned to commercial. She was assured it would remain residential. She was also concerned about the road that leads in to Rabb Estates, and whether it would cause too much traffic. There were concerns from Michael Jones, Carolyn Williams and Ricky Masterson about the Family Dollar and the route the traffic would take. Mayor LaPrade told them there would be a concrete wall with fence on top that would be in the back, and the trucks would unload on the east side. She also told them there was a meeting the next morning with Family Dollar, and she would voice their concerns.

13. The Department reports were considered by the Council.

a. Water Department - Robert White reported the water use is still high, and they are looking for a leak. There was a question on whether the fire hydrants were ever tested. Robert answered her that they were every time they flushed the lines.

b. Police Department - Chief Rick South gave a report on police activities for the month, also that ETCOG had funded them for $6500.00 to buy repeaters for the police cars. Instead of taking the cars to Hallsville to install the repeaters, which was more difficult and expensive, he said he knew someone who would come here and install them and only charge $550.00. There was a question from the council on where the money would come from, and he said out of the police account. He also talked about painting the top of the fire hydrants with paint that he thought would be able to be seen when the headlights flashed on them, but it didn't work. He is going to try red reflective paint that will reflect from the headlights.

c. Fire Department - Joe Bill Jones reported on the fire that was on Briggs, and the investigation that followed. It was found to be an electrical problem.

d. Economic Development Corp. (EDC) - Gary Reeves announced they would be having a Fireworks, July 4th Event at the park behind City Hall. He also said they would be meeting to discuss how much they would be helping with the Bond payments.

e. Parks Department - H.L. Thomas reported there are two new BBQ grills at South City Park in honor of John Hampton, and that everyone is welcome to use them.

d. Planning & Zoning - None.

14. Citizens Comments: Gerald W. Shultz gave a special honor comment on the great job that Mayor Johnnie LaPrade is doing for the city. She commented that she had good people working with her.

15. Council Comments: Mayor Laprade announced the need for the council to plan a workshop to update the ordinances, and also to consider new grants that are available next year. She also announced the meeting with Family Dollar on Wednesday, May 21, at 10:30am.

16. The Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Wallace made the motion. H.L. Thomas seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**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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