

Special City Council Minutes

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July 13, 2010

Present: Anderson, Dietz, Dell, Hillman & Kartes.

Others present: John Shockley, Hugo Zamarron, & Mary Hirschberger.

Motion Hillman **agenda approval**, second Dell.

Construction project – Scott (Riley Bros) not present.

Policy Manual Revisions - motion Dietz to accept, no second. Council additions discussed: pre employment testing (NDOT), & background checks yearly.

PW Job description – Eric 1) met with Hugo, & 2) will meet with Carlita for input next week.

Hopes for finalization, prioritizing & channeling time completion for next meeting.

Motion Kartes, approval for employee leave request forms, second Dietz, to be completed, signed, and submitted ASAP, for prior approval of time off unless emergency situation.

Hydrant flushing – Jeff H. stated Fire Department can't do. Asst. Fire Chief William Gates, spoke of numerous contacts concerning hydrants, certification of users, costs, repairs, damages, & department should have more education on them. Requesting upkeep at top priority to city.

New City Equipment - 3 bids reviewed discussion of funding, repayment, or compromise by purchasing 8" snow blower for 4020 and estimate for heat in cab. Using loader to push gravel & blade also discussed.

Motion Dell, **Jeff's Plumbing \$200.00** (city cost – televising Langer sewer break, confirming problem homeowners responsibility) second Hillman.

Question of water freezing if road (Cty 11) cut 3ft mentioned. Water line is 8 ft deep now. Will ask Engineer.

Trail by burn pile and lagoon being used for detour, Hugo will erect city detour signs.

Budget – John S. – Philosophical approach – Questions asked: (1) Raise mill levy? Yes/No. (2) Proposed cuts? Where? (3) Current budgeting compared to spending?

Fire department (Gates) requesting consideration of: (1) \$5000.00 budgeted contribution continued, (2) city assistance with new gear (approx \$25,000. or adding pump (approx \$15,000.) if awarded \$60,000.00 grant. Current FD levy = 10.

Garbage - General "blue tag" rates charged: Tires \$2.00, large tires \$5.00, all appliances without Freon \$10.00, with Freon 12.00, furniture \$10.00 addtl. boxes, stacks, etc. by estimated pounds starting @ \$10.00.

Dirt exchanged for stock pile area along Cty 11 per agreement.

WF Chamber joining with FM Chamber – council no preference. Current membership \$280.00. If membership fee increases, consideration to cancel made at that time.

Adjourn: motion Dell, second Kartes.

Mayor, Mark Anderson

City Auditor, Mary Hirschberger