

May 10, 2016

Regular Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by the Mayor.

Members Present: Roger McDonald, Eugene Brooks, Alfonso Lang, Sharyn Harrison, Johnny Wheeler and Mark Slaughter.

Members Absent: None

Guest: See sign in sheet.

1. Invocation- Darren Goodman
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Open Forum/Public Comment: Roger McDonald wanted to remind everyone Athens Old Fiddlers Contest & Reunion is Friday May 27, 2016 and Sat. May 28, 2016.
4. Read and approve minutes of 04/12/2016 and add speed limit request to be on to June agenda by Mark Slaughter, 2nd by Roger McDonald, unanimous.
5. Departmental Reports: LQ House, John Whitley, Darren Goodman and Scottie Rodgers.
6. Resolution: Motion to approve Resolution 05102016 establishing a requirement for comprehensive written annual departmental reports by Roger McDonald, 2nd by Mark Slaughter – unanimous.
7. Proclamation: Mayor Sharyn Harrison proclaimed the month of May 2016 Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.
8. Private Property clean-up by City employee's: Roger McDonald stated that the newer council members need the expertise of older sitting council with the rules and laws involved in municipalities. McDonald said that the lot in question contained a storm cellar that was filled with water and was a safety hazard. Mark Slaughter asked Water Supervisor Larry Q House if this was true and did they take any pictures? Larry House said the cellar was about ¾ full of water and added, "with all due respect to council, I do not want to comment on this issue any longer." Eugene Brooks handed the council a printout of Ethics 08 – The Golden Rule which requires that we treat others only as we consent to being treated in the same situation. "And if it does not work for you – it doesn't work for them." The Mayor responded "This is a Christian Community, I will take care of people and employees the best I can." Mark Slaughter then asked that the Mayor's FYI given to the council each month be put on June's agenda. The Mayor said the FYI was for council members only. Mark asked again that it be put on agenda and Roger McDonald walked out of the meeting. Mayor Harrison said she was not going to discuss any longer. No action taken.

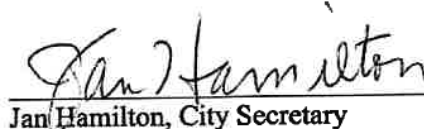
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9. Resolution designating Police Dept. responsible for enforcement of Ordinances: Eugene Brooks said he believes in the Texas Municipal League and one of the top legal questions is who can enforce city ordinances. Mark Slaughter asked if the mayor used a form to be fair to all city residents when she sends out letters asking people to clean up their property. Mayor Harrison said she keeps copies of the letters and council are welcome to view. After additional comments between the Mayor and Slaughter the Mayor said the discussion was ridiculous and moved to another agenda item. No action taken.
10. Motion to approve Interlocal contract with ACAD and the City for property tax roll and tax statement services for the 2016 tax year by Eugene Brooks, 2nd by Alfonso Lang – unanimous.
11. Gexa: Motion to approve extending Gexa contract for 31 months @ \$0.04726 per kWh to start October 2018 by Mark Slaughter, 2nd by Alfonso Lang – unanimous.
12. Water & Sewer Employee: Motion to approve new Water & Sewer clerk Kelli Landreth-Smith to replace Sarah Dezern who is moving to Melissa, Texas by Eugene Brooks, 2nd by Alfonso Lang – unanimous.
13. Commerce Street: Motion to approve re-surfacing Commerce Street at a cost of approximately \$50,000.00 for materials and to request assistance of County equipment by Alfonso Lang, 2nd by Johnny Wheeler, For: Alfonso Lang and Johnnie Wheeler, Against: Mark Slaughter and Eugene Brooks, Mayor broke tie with vote for – motion carries.
14. US-175 speed limit reduction: Motion to approve TxDot request to lower current 55 mph zone at western city limits, the distance is approximately 3000 feet in which they would like speed limit reduced from 55 mph to 45 mph by Eugene Brooks, 2nd by Alfonso Lang – unanimous.
15. Public Comment: Alfonso Lang had complaint against Police Officer. The Mayor said she would set up a time for the police chief and Alfonso Lang to go over his concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm by Sharyn Harrison, Mayor.



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Jan Hamilton, City Secretary