

Minutes of the regular city council meeting Monday, January 14, 2008 at 5:15 P.M. at the Diboll City Hall.

Present

Bill Brown	Mayor
Bryan Wilson	Councilman
Ricky Conner	Councilman
Don Hendrick	Councilman
Fred Mitchell	Councilman
Gandy Stubblefield	Councilman

Absent

None

Also Present

Jimmy Cassels	City Attorney
Kenneth Williams	City Manager
Tina Cavazos	City Secretary
Elvia Garza	Finance Director
Doug McCoy	Public Works Director
Gary Jones	Street Superintendent
Kent Havard	Police Chief

See Sign- In Sheet

1. Call to order.

Mayor Bill Brown called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation.

Brother Vic Bass gave the invocation.

3. Welcome visitors.

Bill Brown welcomes everyone for coming to the council meeting.

4. Approve December 10, 2007 city council meeting minutes.

Bryan Wilson made the motion to approve the city council minutes of December 10, 2007 and Ricky Conner seconded with unanimous affirmative votes being recorded.

5. Discuss T.M.R.S. Actuarial changes.

Anthony Mills addressed the council with two sets of projections that show city's contribution rate under two scenarios that are being considered by the Board of trustees of the Texas Municipal Retirement System. Mr. Mills said that the rate for 2008 will not change however beginning in January 2008 the city has the option of making additional contributions to TMRS to reduce our liability. Mr. Mills said the bottom line is to ensure that TMRS continues to provide a reasonable retirement benefit at a reasonable cost, preserving the benefits of your employees and the value of the retirement program as part of your city's compensation package. Mr. Mills said we will send another letter after the Board

meeting announcing any decisions made by the board. Mr. Mills said the staff is ready to work with you city's and help in anyway to keep your members.

6. Discuss and possible take action on long term electrical rate proposal by Tim Allen with American Enerpower.

Tin Allen went over the proposal on a long term energy agreement with the council and how the price of natural gas which affects the price of electricity which has gone down. Mr. Allen went over some prices for a ten year proposed period. After discussion the council agreed to get more details and maybe looking into a shorter term agreement.

7. Discuss and approve opening account for Nestor.

No action was taken on this item.

8. Present fiscal year end 2007 financial reports.

Mr. Williams said that Elvia Garza would give an end of the fiscal year 2006-2007 budget summaries. Mrs. Garza said the budget ended with a surplus in the general fund of 203,700 and water/sewer fund with 136,768. Mrs. Garza said most of the general fund surplus is due to the carrying over of funds to reconstruct Hendrick Street. The Police department received a grant of 97,000 in 2007 and only 59,000 of it were spent. Mrs. Garza said the surplus will not appear as large as some time in the past because we amended the budget several times during the year which was not done before.

9. Review proposed calendar of City of Diboll Home Rule Municipality Adoption Process.

Mr. Williams presented the proposed timeline of how the charter process would work. Mr. Williams said the council would have to adopt the ordinance in the February meeting and things would be completed for the issue to go on the ballot for the May election. Mr. Williams said one main issue is to appoint a group of registered voters called a Charter Commission to work with the City Attorney in the process.

10. Review Bid on Suburban for Police Department.

Chief Kent Havard said one bid was received in the amount of \$700.00 and the body along is worth that. Jimmy Cassels said that Kenneth Williams could reject the bid. Council said that Mr. Williams and Kent Havard could get together and bid on line or maybe use it as a trade-in later.

11. Executive Session:

Mayor Brown called the council into executive session at this time to discuss legal matters.

Mayor Brown called the council back into open session, no decisions were made and no votes were cast. Minutes of the executive session meeting are kept in a lock box in the city's vault.

12. Public Forum.

Mayor Bill Brown opens the floor for public comments.

Jimmy Cassels explain to the public where Brookshire Brother did not have to come before the council and asked for a variance. Mr. Cassels also apologize to the Mayor for not being at the council meeting.

Brother Vic Bass, Sandy Hendrick, Luddy Bowman, Mr. Mettlen and G B Treadway all spoke of being against Brookshire Brothers selling alcohol in the store when it is next to the primary school. Mr. Thompson his son and grandson also spoke against Brookshire Brother selling alcohol in the store.

Sam Glass said he just needed to see if the city could see why his cable bill was up from around \$8.00 to \$20.00 dollars.

13. City Manager Comments.

Kenneth Williams said that he wanted to know if anyone was planning to go to the Angelina County Chamber 88th Annual Banquet on January 24, 3008. Mr. Williams said he would to remind everyone about the I-69 meeting at the Lottie Temple Civic Center on February 11, 2008 at 6:00. Mr. Williams mentioned that he would hear on February 24, 2008 about the status of our parks grant.

14. Council Comments.

None.

15. Adjourn.

There being no further business Don Hendrick made the motion to adjourn and Ricky Conner seconded with a unanimous affirmative vote being recorded and meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Bill Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tina Cavazos, City Secretary