

Minutes of the regular city council meeting on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 5:15 p.m. at 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
Kent Havard	Police Chief
Doug McCoy	Public Works Director
Mr. Mrs. Levy Ellison	
Nathan Terrell	
Dave Martinez	
Linda Bowman	
Mr. Mrs. Pouland	

See Sign in Sheet

1. Call to order.

Mayor Bill Brown called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation.

Kenneth Williams gave the invocation.

3. Welcome of visitors.

Mayor Bill Brown welcomes all visitors.

4. Approve January 14, 2008 city council meeting minutes.

Don Hendrick made the motion to approve the January 14, 2008 Council minutes and Ricky Conner seconded with unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

5. Discuss and possible approve bids received on maintenance of the Safety Building.

After discussing the bids Kent Havard asked if he and Mr. Williams could call the lowest bidder and make sure he understood everything that was on the bid before letting him start. Bryan Wilson made the motion to accept the lowest bid DB Construction of \$16,000 and \$18,000 with Mr. Havard and Mr. Williams going

over the bid and make sure they understood it and Fred Mitchell seconded with unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

6. Mayor & Council order city council election for May 10, 2008.

Gandy Stubblefield made the motion to order city council election for May 10, 2008 and Ricky Conner seconded with unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

7. Discuss and possibly approve a Home Rule Committee and election ordinance providing for the election to be held on May 10, 2008.

Mr. Jimmy Cassels said this action will approve a committee of 15 people to work with him writing a new city chapter and also will order the election on the ballot for the possible authorization of a Home Rule Municipality Designation for Diboll. Mr. Cassels said we will have three public hearings to let the committee speak; they could see something that the committee did not see. Mayor Bill Brown said I will call the names of people that said they would serve Ronnie Coleman, Sam Coleman, Bruce Durham, Charles Havard, Emilio Hernandez, Julie Horton, Dave Martinez, Debbie Mitchell, Charlotte Parrish, JoAnn Rainwater, Leonard Robinson, Milford Ruby, Morris Tate, Nathan Terrell, and David Winfrey. Mayor Brown said and the two alternate are Harold Maxwell and Charles Chatman. Mr. Cassels said after election if it passes then we send it to the state and once it passes even if Diboll goes below 5,000 populations we stay Home Rule Committee. Gandy Stubblefield made the motion to approve a Home Rule Committee and election ordinance providing for the election to be held on May 10, 2008 and Don Hendrick seconded with a unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

8. Consider and possibly adopt the Street Lighting Tariff Revision regarding the Revision regarding the closing of the installation of new mercury vapor ballasts and/or fixtures after January 1, 2008.

Mr. Williams said Mr. David Collier is here to answer any question. Mr. Williams said as the mercury vapor lights burn out in Diboll they will be replaced with the sodium fixtures. Mr. Collier said this pass by congress in 2005. Mr. Collier said if you do not adopt it tonight it will go in effect March 1, 2008. Jimmy Cassels asked if this would cost the city more. Mr. Collier said that the light operate 40 cents cheaper and more efficient. Mr. Collier said The City of Diboll has 178 exiting and it will not cost the city to convert. Bryan Wilson made the motion to adopt the Street Lighting Tariff Revision regarding the closing of installation of new mercury vapor ballasts and Ricky Conner seconded with a unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

9. Consider and possibly approve the opening of bank account for the processing of rental facility deposits.

Elvia Garza said that the deposits we receive for rental of our facilities months ahead and we are holding a check that might or might not be good by the time the event is held. Mrs. Garza said if damages occur a renter could also stop payment

on a check. Mrs. Garza said opening a bank account would protect the city if anything happens during the event and we can hold a portion or all the deposit if needed. Don Hendrick made the motion to approve the opening of a bank account for the processing of rental facility deposits and Fred Mitchell seconded with a unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

10. Executive Session:

Mayor Bill Brown called the council into executive session at this time to discuss Police Reserve Applicants.

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.

11. Discuss and take action regarding approval of Reserve Office Jerry L.

Johnson and Robert Ferguson.

After reviewing applicants Ricky Conner made the motion to approve Jerry L. Johnson and Robert Ferguson for Police Reserve and Bryan Wilson seconded with unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

12. Public Forum.

Mr. Thompson, Jerry Young and few others spoke against the selling of beer and wine at Brookshire Brothers.

13. City Manager Comments.

Mr. Williams reminds everyone about the Public Hearing on the I-69 TTC at Diboll Civic Center. Mr. Williams also said the City of Diboll had received the grant for the park and we had come in 10th place and won by one point.

14. Council Comments.

None.

15. Adjourn.

Bryan Wilson made the motion to adjourn at 5:57 and Ricky Conner seconded with a unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

Bill Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tina Cavazos, City Secretary