

Minutes of the called council meeting Monday, May 21, 2007 at 5:15 p.m. at Diboll City Hall.

Present

Mayor Bill Brown
Councilman Ricky Conner
Councilman Don Hendrick
Councilman Gandy Stubblefield
Councilman Gary Jones

Absent

None

Also Present

James P. Simms
Jimmy Cassels
Tina Cavazos
Kenneth Williams
Elvia Garza
Kent Havard
Billy Simms
Fred Mitchell
Pastor Mitchell and Wife

1. Mayor James P. Simms called the meeting to order.

2. Bill Brown opened meeting with prayer.

3. Administer the Oath of Office.

Mayor Simms administered the oath of office to the new councilmember's Gary Jones and Ricky Conner. Mayor Simms administered the oath of office to the new elected Mayor Bill Brown.

4. Discuss and approve appointment of person to fill vacancy on city council.

Jimmy Cassels stated that this appointment could be handled several ways. The Council could appoint someone, call a special election or leave the seat vacant.

Mayor Bill Brown stated that several people have approached him about filling the vacancy. Mr. Brown stated he thinks it's fair to appoint someone that took the time to run for the position. Mayor Brown stated that in all fairness the people appoint Fred Mitchell to fill the vacant council position.

James Simms stated he feels the same as Mayor Brown and we should put someone in the position that took time out to run for office.

Gandy Stubblefield made the motion to appoint Fred Mitchell to fill vacancy and Don Hendrick seconded with unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

Oath of Office was administered to Fred Mitchell by Mayor James P. Simms.

5. Appoint Mayor Pro-Tem.

Gandy Stubblefield made the motion to appoint Ricky Conner as Mayor Pro-Tem and Don Hendrick seconded with unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

6. Consider and possibly approve a request for an extension of the Texas Water Board loan commitment for an additional 18 month.

Mr. Williams said our water project loan expires in August 2007 and time is running out. Mr. Williams said we need an additional month. Billy Simms has suggested that we request an extension. Mr. Williams said Mr. Ed Moore; our bond counsel will send this request to the Texas Water Development Board in our behalf. Ricky Conner made the motion to request an extension to the Texas Water Development Board for a loan extension for an additional 18 months and Don Hendrick seconded with unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

7. Possibly adopt a proclamation designating May 15, 2007 through June 15, 2007 as Tourette syndrome awareness month.

Mr. Williams said this proclamation is in support of bringing attention to this debilitating disease which is affecting many citizens of our country. Gandy Stubblefield made the motion to adopt the proclamation and Don Hendrick seconded with unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

8. Discuss and approve appointment to the Angelina County Appraisal District Review Board.

Charles Havard said he could not serve so at this time we needed to table this item and bring some names at our next meeting. Gary Jones made the motion to table it until the next regular meeting and Don Hendrick seconded.

9. Update council on Red Light Cameras.

10. Executive Session:

None

11. Public Forum.

Mrs. Mitchell told the council that she would like to be considered for the Angelina County Appraisal District Review Board. Gary Jones said I am not trying to discourage you but this board sometimes meets everyday for a full week. Mrs. Mitchell commented that she has the time to serve.

12. City Manager Comments.

Mr. Williams said he would like to welcome the new council members and would like to schedule some time soon to meeting with each one to bring them up to date on different items. He would also like to hear from them on some idea.

13. City Council Comments.

Mayor Simms said I think in all the years as serving on council and as Mayor we have never had a council 100 % born here and raise here. Mayor Simms said and that says a lot. Mayor Simms said the council does not run the city, we the council pays someone to run the city.

Bill Brown stood up and said on behalf of the council we would like to thank Mayor James P. Simms with a gift certificate of \$600.00 to Poulands Store.

14. Adjourn.

There being no further business Gandy Stubblefield made the motion to adjourn and Ricky Conner seconded the motion with a unanimous affirmative vote being recorded at 5:48 p.m.

Bill Brown, Mayor

Attest:

Tina Cavazos, City Secretary