

Minutes of the called council meeting Monday, September 10, 2007 at 5:15 p.m. at Diboll City Hall.

**Present**

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

**Absent**

None

**Also Present**

Kent Havard	Police Chief
Kenneth Williams	City Manager
Jimmy Cassels	City Attorney
John & Karen	Freisen & Strain Insurance
Sam Glass	
Robert Ashworth	
Robbie Kent	

**1. Call to order.**

Bill Brown called the meeting to order.

**2. Invocation.**

Kenneth Williams gave the invocation.

**3. Approval of previous city council meeting minutes of September 6, 2007.**

Motion was made to approve the called city council meeting of September 6, 2007 by **Gandy Stubblefield** and seconded by **Ricky Conner** with a unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

**4. Discuss and possibly approve changing the street name from Hendrix to Hendrick.**

The council heard from the public mostly with positive reaction. Mrs. Sandra Fenley came in opposition of this request. Mrs. Fenley stated that she just started her business and with this change she has to change business cards. Mrs. Rainwater spoke on behalf of her Aunt and Uncle Dick Hendrick. Mrs. Rainwater said her uncle had been a volunteer fireman in Diboll and her Aunt had help in the community for many years and just would like to see the name spelled right like most streets where by families that helped build this community. Bryan Wilson made the motion to approve the name change from Hendrix to Hendrick and **Fred Mitchell** seconded with a unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

**5. Discussion and take action to select a management firm to provide administrative Services for Texas Community Development Program projects.**

Mr. Williams said this item is to select and approve a management firm to administer the TCDP grant which will replace old sewer lines near the Housing Authority. **Gandy Stubblefield** made the motion approve Ray Vann and Associates firm to provide administrative services for Texas Community Development Program projects and **Don Hendrick** seconded with a unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

**6. Discuss and action to select an engineering firm to provide engineering services for Texas Community Development Program projects.**

After the council heard both Billy Sims of KSA Engineer and Jerold Morris of Everett Griffith & Associates on qualification and the projections they done. Mayor Brown moves for a motion. **Bryan Wilson** made the motion to accept Billy Sims of KSA Engineers and **Ricky Conner** seconded with a unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

**7. Discuss and possibly approve declaration of deed restriction at St. Anthony Subdivision.**

Mr. Jimmy Cassels said that more information needs to be put in the deed and more clearly on square footage. No action was taken at this time.

**8. Hear Presentation on retail recruitment strategy.**

Joey Grisham presents himself to the council and said that his company was from Mississippi. Mr. Grisham told the council the City of Diboll is in need of more retail and he has helped other small communities with the same problem. Mr. Williams said that he would see if he could get the Economic Development Partnership to help with some of the cost and the rest could come from Hotel Motel fund. The Council asked Mr. Grisham to bring them some more information on towns he has already helped with retail.

**9. Discuss and possibly award health insurance bid for 2007-2008.**

John Strain with Blue Cross Blue Shield received the health insurance bid for the up coming year. Staff explained that the employee will have a choice between the traditional plan and the HSA policy. After hearing John Strain explain the two proposals the council was pleased to hear the employee had a choice. Bryan Wilson made the motion to accepted Blue Cross Blue Shield plan with choices to the employee and **Don Hendrick** seconded with unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

**10. Discuss and possibly approve Budget amendment for 2006-2007.**

Elvia Garza presented to the council the last budget amendment for the 2006-2007 budgets and explains that cities are not to operate on deficit budgets. Mrs. Garza said this is an adjustment to more accurately reflect the year's activity.

**Gandy Stubblefield** made the motion to approve Budget amendment for 2006-2007 and **Bryan Wilson** seconded with unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

**11. Public Hearing on City of Diboll Budget for fiscal year 2007-2008.**

No Comments

**12. Discuss and possibly adopt the City of Diboll Budget for fiscal year 2007-2008.**

Elvia Garza said this requires two separate votes, one to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget and one to adopt the budget itself.

**Don Hendrick** made the motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget and **Gandy Stubblefield** seconded with unanimous voted. **Bryan Wilson** made the motion to adopt the budget itself and **Gandy Stubblefield** seconded with unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

**13. Discuss and possibly adopt the property tax rate of .4785 per hundred dollars valuation.**

Mrs. Garza said the ordinance is required to state that the rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year and that the rate will raise taxes for maintenance operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$20.

**Don Hendrick** made the motion to adopt the property tax rate of .4785 per hundred dollars valuation and **Gandy Stubblefield** seconded with unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

NONE.

**15. Public Forum.**

No Public Forum.

**16. City Manager Comments.**

None.

**17. City Council Comments.**

Don Hendrick asked about Carter Drive and Doug McCoy said they have it on the list to fix. Mr. Williams also said the parking lot in front of City Hall is going to be taken care of.

**18. Adjourn.**

Bryan Wilson made the motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. and Don Hendrick seconded with unanimous votes being recorded.

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Bill Brown, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Tina Cavazos, City Secretary