

Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting Monday, January 8, 2007 at 5:15 p.m. at Dibold Council Chambers.

**Present**

James P. Simms	Mayor
Gandy Stubblefield	Councilman
Bill Brown	Councilman
Don Hendrick	Councilman
Ricky Conner	Councilman
Jan Wilkerson	Councilwoman
Jimmy Cassels	City Attorney
Kenneth Williams	City Manager
Tina Cavazos	City Secretary
Elvia Garza	Finance Director

**Also Present**

Kent Havard	Police Chief
Robbie Roberts	Water Superintendent
Gary Jones	Fire Chief
Morris Tate	Planning & Zoning Board Member
Jeff Stull	Methodist Pastor
Mrs. & Mrs.	Thurman Goodwin

- 1. Mayor Simms called meeting to order.**
- 2. Pastor Jeff Stull gave the invocation.**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2006 by Jan Wilkerson and seconded by Don Hendrick with a unanimous affirmative vote being recorded.

- 4. Review 2006 Police Department Racial Profiling Report.**

Kent Havard presented the annual report to the council. Mr. Havard stated that this report will go to the state. Mr. Havard said this report will show arrest detained or warnings by race.

- 5. Discuss and possibly approve sewer outside city limits for Mr. & Mrs. Thurman Goodwin on Farm Road 1818.**

Mrs. Thurman Goodwin said she is requesting sewer to her property. Mrs. Goodwin noted that her property is close to the city sewer line. Mrs. Goodwin stated that she willing to pay for pump line which would cost approximately \$1000.00. Mayor Simms said from what he understands it would not be a

problem to connect Mrs. Goodwin to the City sewer line. Mr. Jimmy Cassels said in the past we have denied others requesting to have sewer that lived outside city limits. Mr. Cassels stated that if we start allowing residents outside city limits to have sewer we would have to do it for all the other residents that have requested. Mr. Cassels suggested that the best thing to do for Mrs. Goodwin would be to annex her property. Mr. Simms asked the Goodwin's if they understood that if they decide to annex their property they would not have double rate on water and sewer and they would start paying city, school and college taxes. Mr. & Mrs. Thurman Goodwin said that they would like to annex their property if that would allow them to have city sewer. Gandy Stubblefield made the motion to approve annexation for the 15 areas of Mr. & Mrs. Thurman Goodwin on farm road 1818 and Don Hendrick seconded. Jan Wilkerson abstains because of conflict of interest.

**6. Discuss and approve Axley & Rode CPA Firm for annual city audit.**

Mr. Kenneth Williams said we have use Axley and Rode for several years and with the turnover in administration/finance personnel it would be good to consider a two year contract with this firm who is familiar with our finances. Mr. Williams said we have gotten a quote of \$17,000-\$19,000 from them per year to do the audit. Gandy Stubblefield made the motion to approve Axley and Rode for annual city audit for several years and Ricky Conner seconded. All in Favor.

**7. Executive Session:**

None.

**8. Public Forum.**

Mr. Morris Tate asked the council to check into several lots around town that need to be cleaned off. Mr. Tate stated that Spencer Knutson and Manuel Martinez lots need some attention. Mr. Tate explained that Mr. Knutson lot needs to be mowed and Mr. Martinez has washing machine, furniture and all other item all over his front yard. Mr. Tate said I have talk to Lanny Parish many times and nothing seems to be done. Mr. Jimmy Cassels explain to the council the procedure that has to be done. Mr. Kenneth Williams said that he would take care of these lots.

Mrs. Cynthia Nash said she had heard the Walter Allen Pool was going to be close and she had already started a petition not to have it destroy and that they do not want to see a splash pad put in its place. The Mayor and Council said that they would have a special meeting with the Parks Board and City Council to discuss the Walter Allen pool.

**9. Council Comments.**

None.

**10. City Manager Comments.**

Mr. Williams presented Mrs. Karen Hadnot to the Council and said she was our new employee and has worked for the City of Lufkin for 10 years in the Planning and Zoning department and also worked in Human Resources. Mayor and Council welcome Mrs. Hadnot to the City of Diboll.

Mr. Williams said if everyone is in favor for January 29, 2007 for a joint workshop with City Council and Parks Board to talk about Scouts House, Walter Allen Pool and Baseball fields.

**11. Meeting Adjourned at 6:30.**

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**James P. Simms, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Tina Cavazos, City Secretary**