

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DIBOLL, TEXAS MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016 AT 5:15 PM, DIBOLL CITY HALL

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Mayor John McClain, City Attorney, Jimmy Cassels, Councilmember's, Mayor Pro Tem, Lewis Ivey, Don Hendrick, Charles Moses, Veronica Hernandez, Tom Farley and Daniel Lopez

**ABSENT**

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager Gerry Boren, City Secretary Sarah Thompson, Finance Director Elvia Garza, Public Work Dee Scarborough, Police Chief Steve Baker, Civic Center Director Loretta Christmas, Golf Manager Jimmy Mettlen, VFD Gary Jones and Code Inspection Officer Bryant McCollum.

Mayor McClain called the meeting to order and Pastor Kenny Hibbs gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance was coordinate by those in attendance.

**PRESENTATION OF THE FIREARM OPEN CARRY LAW BY DIBOLL POLICE CHIEF STEVE BAKER**

Police Chief, Steve Baker presented a presentation regarding the new Open Carry Law. Mr. Baker educated/updated the council and attendees of the new law and the signage postings for government facilities. He stressed the need for the signs to be posted here at city hall. The new law is similar to the Concealed Carry; the only change is that weapons can be carried in a holster on the hip. Mr. Baker openly answered concerning questions and directed any questions to arise following the meeting or concerns to follow up with him at the police department.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE**

**CONSENT ITEMS/ACTION:** Items listed in the Consent agenda are considered routine and are generally enacted with one motion. The exception to this rule is that a Council Member may request one or more items be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and action.

**ITEM #1: CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 23, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

Lewis Ivey made the motion to approve consent items and Don Hendrick second.

All in favor, none opposed, motion carries

**ACTION /DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**ITEM #2: DISCUSS AND RATIFY THE EMPLOYEMENT CONTRACT WITH THE DIBOLL CITY MANGER.**

There were no discussion or changes to the City Manager contract.

Lewis Ivey made the motion to approve the contract and Don Hendrick second.

All in favor, none opposed, motion carries

**ITEM#3: DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESENDING RESOLUTION 09-29 WHICH APPOINTS AN ACTING/ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CITY MANAGER.**

City Manager, Gerry Boren reports to the council that the city is small enough that all departments can be overseen by department heads. He suggest that he would like to change this immediately to better accommodate his style of work environment. Should an emergency arise, he can be contacted via telephone in his absence from city hall.

Lewis Ivey made the motion to approve the dismissal of an acting/assisting city manager and Don Hendrick second.

All in favor, none opposed, motion carries

**ITEM #4: DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO FACILITATE AND COORDINATE ACTION NECESSARY TO THE DIBOLL YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION.**

City Manager, Gerry Boren reported to the council that the most important thing in any youth sport league is the kids. We are here to better the facilities and lower the registration cost to increase the chances for all kids to participate. He suggest that the local businesses support the kids by sponsoring children of low funded families. In the transition he has asked the league to transfer the grant funds to the city to assist with the startup of the season. He will continue to work along with the Diboll Youth Baseball Association (DYBA) to facilitate the concession stand. Chasity Archer with Katherine Sage Daycare (KST) agreed to work the concession stand as she has in the past. Mr. Boren also stated this is not a money making event but ensures that all kids be able to play.

Lewis Ivey made the motion to facilitate the DYBA and Tom Farley second.

All in favor, none opposed, motion carries

**ITEM #5: DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE INVESTMENT POLICY.**

Finance Director, Elvia Garza reports that this is only a quarterly review, the policy has already been approved. There were no questions or action therefore, no motion needed.

**ITEM #6: DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION TO THE NOVEMBER 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Mr. Boren explained to the council that the investment policy reports a monthly report per department. The property tax is not available at this time. This simply breaks down the cash on hand of city funds. He wants the financials to be ran like a check book like most businesses. He also stated that he and the department heads meet weekly to stay on top of things.

Lewis Ivey made the motion to approve the financial report and Don Hendrick second

All in favor, none opposed, motion carries

**ITEM #7: DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Golf Manager, Jimmy Mettlen reports that attendance has been down due to all the rain. A members meeting is scheduled for this week to discuss recruitment for more members and increase in revenues. The guys have been busy working on drainage issues and appear to be ahead of schedule.

Park Director, Luis Maldonado reports the department has been busy mowing and weed eating. The cemetery is all well and good. He will be looking into the field restrooms to dress them up and hopefully start plumbing work prior to opening day.

Code Officer, Bryant McCollum reports there were 8 new residential properties in value of 1.2-1.5 million taxable value added to the tax role this year. He has been working on a list around town of things to be done, cut and or cleared. He will get with the Mayor and City Manager of any suggested property needing to be cleaned up.

Civic Center Director, Loretta Christmas reports the civic center is busy and doing well. They are booked for January through May. They are working on Tamale Festival and new attractions.

Finance Director, Elvia Garza reports that the auditors will be here next week.

Public Works Director, Dee Scarborough reports that the water department has been fixing leaks. The street department has been performing crack and seal and replacing signs.

Police Chief, Steve Baker reports the tower is up and working. The dispatch has been cleaning to prepare for a mild remodel for an improved work space. The department is outgrowing the facility and trying to make better accommodations with limited space. He also reports that he is trying to hold out on cars to last a few more months. He is fully staffed, crime is low and business is going well.

VFD, Gary Jones reports the new truck has arrived and dependable. The communication is a lot better now that the tower is up.

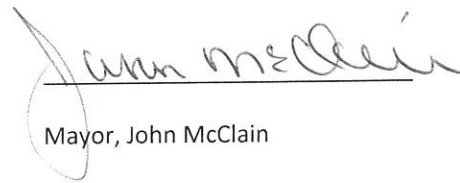
**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

Gerry Boren reports that he will kick off with a city manager facebook page tomorrow. He has had a great first week and is looking forward to his future here at Diboll.

**ADJOURN:**

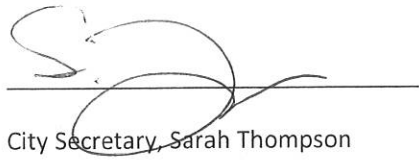
Lewis Ivey made the motion to adjourn at 5:56p.m.and Don Hendrick seconded.

All in Favor, none opposed, motion carries



Mayor, John McClain

**ATTEST:**



City Secretary, Sarah Thompson