

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DIBOLL, TEXAS MEETING ON MONDAY, April 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, and Daniel Lopez

ABSENT Tom Farley

STAFF PRESENT

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

Mayor McClain called the meeting to order and Lewis Ivey gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance was coordinate by those in attendance.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing opened at 5:20pm by Mayor Pro Tem, Lewis Ivey. Mr. Ivey presented the upcoming project to the audience in attendance. A new tower submission on proposed construction of a 300 foot self-supported lattice telecommunication tower and associated equipment with an 80 foot by 80 foot compound and a proposed 20 foot by 85 foot access/utility easement. City Manager, Gerry Boren conveyed the council along with the audience that property owners in a 200 foot corridor had been notified in writing of their rights to voice their concerns regarding the proposed project. Tower Representative, Tom Hallant reported that construction is normal and will be quick, within two weeks. Should there be any conflict with the tower, storms or structural damage, the tower is designed to crumble rather than fall at an angel to keep other property from being effected. Councilmembers were concerned that the new roadways may be affected. Mr. Hallant assured them if any roadways were affected they would repair them. The value of the tower is approximately \$300,000.00 and will improve the cell one service in the area. The project is projected to be complete by August.

Without any further questions or concerns the hearing was closed at 5:36pm.

AUDITORS PRESENTATION:

Brooks Cardiel, PLLC representative Anthony Cardiel presented the council with the auditor's report for Fiscal year 2014-2015. All reports look great and the city is in good standing. Accounting changes and adjustments were made and reports are better than previous year. A booklet of detailed accounting per departments were presented to the council and for permanent filing. Mr. Cardiel also reported he is always impressed with the production of the city and the staff. Finance Director, Elvia Garza has been a pleasure to work with and ensures a smooth audit.

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 MARCH 14, 2016 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/OR TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 14-16, IN APPROVAL OF A NEW DIBOLL POLICE DEPARTMENT UNIFORM PATCH.**

Police Chief, Steve Baker addressed the council with a new proposed patch. The uniform patch has not been updated in many years and he would like to update the look of the patch. The patch was originally copied from Fort Worth many years ago from a former chief. The original patch displayed a bible verse; Matthew 5:19. Chief Baker put the patch on social media which quickly resulted into a controversy due to the scripture. Due to the controversy in which was not local but individuals that were not residence of East Texas as far as the East Coast the patch will not display the scripture. The patch will display "In God we Trust" which has been approved by the Supreme Court. Research was performed by City Attorney, Jimmy Cassels and found that memo case law states the national motto as, In God we Trust. Chief Baker also stated that the previous patches were not paid with city funds however the new patch would be, with approval of the council. Also stated was that anytime there is a major change to this nature, department heads should bring ideas before the council prior to advertisement of any kind.

Lewis Ivey made the motion to adopt the said Resolution and Don Hendrick Second.

All in favor, none opposed, motion carries