

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DIBOLL, TEXAS MEETING ON MONDAY, September 21, 2015, AT 5:15 PM, DIBOLL CITY HALL

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Mayor John McClain and Tom Farley

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Manager Dennis McDuffie, City Secretary Sarah Thompson, Finance Director Elvia Garza, Public Works Director Dee Scarborough, Civic Center Director Loretta Christmas, Police Chief Steve Baker and Code-Inspection Officer Bryant McCollum.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis Ivey called the meeting to order and Pastor Kenny Hibbs gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance was coordinate by those in attendance.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

**1. DISCUSS CITIZENS CONCERN ON ISSUES IN WEST DIBOLL**

City Manager Dennis McDuffie reports that the issues that were brought forth to the council the last meeting have been taken care of. There were no residents present at this time to address the council.

**CONSENT AGENDA: DISCUSSION /ACTION**

**2. CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, AUGUST 3, SEPTEMBER 8 AND SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.**

Don Hendrick made the motion to approve consent item and Daniel Lopez second

All in favor

none opposed

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**3. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FY 2015-2016 DIBOLL MUNICIPAL BUDGET.**

Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis Ivey, there were no questions or concerns by any participants, Mr. Ivey closed the hearing.

**4. CONSIDER APPROVING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FY 2015-2016 DIBOLL MUNICIPAL BUDGET.**

Finance Director Elvia Garza addressed the council regarding the 2015-2016 Municipal Budget. Mrs. Garza states the municipal budget is the same with a slight change within the police department. The original draft didn't include a replacement for the sergeant position to replace Mr. Baker when he was promoted to chief last year. This had been discussed and approved but was not included in the original draft.

Chief Baker stated to the council that this was overlooked during the budget but has not been taken care of. Mr. Baker also reports that the department has always worked with (14) fourteen officers and since he was prompted to Chief the department has been shorthanded with only (13) thirteen officers. This has caused overtime in the department to cover all shifts when an officer either takes vacation or calls in sick. He stated he is to only maintain what the department has already had in the past, not asking for a new position.

Daniel Lopez made the motion to approve the 2015-2016 municipal budget and Don Hendrick second

All in favor

none opposed

**REGULAR AGENDA: DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**5. CONSIDER APPROVING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TAX RATE FOR FY 2016.**

Daniel Lopez made the motion to approve the Tax Rate and Don Hendrick second

All in favor

none opposed

**6. CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE II, SECTION 21-17 ABD ARTICLE II, SECTION 21-33 IF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DIBOLL ESTABLISHING RATES CHARGED FOR WATER AND SANITARY SEWER USAGE IN THE CITY OF DIBOLL, TEXAS. CIT**

Mrs. Garza reports a (3%) three percent increase per household.

Don Hendrick made the motion to adopt the ordinance and Charles Moses second

All in favor

none opposed

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS: PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION**

**6. THE CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEADS MAY PRESENT REPORTS AND INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR DEPARTMENTS.**

Police Chief Steve Baker reports the tower is almost complete. Oncor is working to complete the electrical this week. The patrol car that was hit by the (18) eighteen wheeler is being looked at by

the insurance adjuster. The damages appear to be around \$20,000.00 and the car bought new is \$24,000.00. Waiting on adjuster to complete the report.

Public Works Director Dee Scarborough reports the ground storage tank on Arrington is complete. Well #1 has been repaired and well #5 will be repaired next week. The street department has been working on Hines Street repairing the cracks with crack and seal. A speed limit sign has been put up on Mockingbird and a culvert has been replaced on Lumberjack Drive.

Civic Center Director Loretta Christmas reports that the civic center is doing great. They have been slow recently but will pick back up for the holidays.

Gary Jones represent the VFD and reports the new truck is in. They have been working to install the new equipment on it.

Code Enforcement Officer, Bryant McCollum reports a couple of houses are going up on Arrington Street and Red Bud.

Finance Director reports that the city hall renovation is on schedule and should be complete by the end of the week.

City Manager Dennis McDuffie reports to council that the paperwork for the Welcome to Diboll signs have been completed and application has been sent in. The Keeler Grant will fund the new skin.

**ADJOURN:**

Don Hendrick made the motion to adjourn at 5:38 p.m. and Charles Moses seconded.

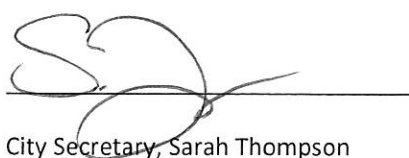
All in Favor

None Opposed



Mayor Pro Tem, Lewis Ivey

**ATTEST:**

  
City Secretary, Sarah Thompson