

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY WORKSHOP OF THE CITY OF DIBOLL, TEXAS MEETING ON MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 12, 2015 AT 5:15 PM, DIBOLL CITY HALL

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Veronica Hernandez

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was coordinate by those in attendance.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

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.

Dortha Jackson addressed to the council that she is the owner of Book Mouse Publishing, a new business in Diboll. She extends an invitation to both the council and community to attend a book publishing class on Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at the TLL Temple Library.

Craig Simmons returned to the meeting to thank the council and city workers for taking care of his list of needs he brought forth last council meeting. Letters are being sent to property owners to clean up their property but will take some time to get this taken care of. The council ask for Mr. Simmons patience during this time. Mr. Simmons asked the council to explain the 10 foot easement of personal property. He insist that the areas near Willie Massey Street be mowed and taken care of as soon as possible. The council explained to Mr. Simmons that the city can't spend public funds to take care of these issues. Mayor McClain explained that he, the city manager and code officer have met and are working on taking care of his request. Letters are being sent to property owners to clean up their property but will take some time to get this taken care of. The council ask for Mr. Simmons patience during this time.

**CONSENT ITEMS/ACTION:**

- 1. CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2015.**
- 2. ANNUAL REVIEW OF INVESTMENT POLICY.**

There are no changes to the investment policy. The council is required to review annually. No changes to minutes therefore consent items are approved.

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

All in favor

none opposed

**REGULAR AGENDA: DISCUSSION/ACTION**

- 3. CONSIDER APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING FIVE MEMBERS TO THE CIVIC CENTER BOARD.**

City Manager Dennis McDuffie explained that (4) four out of the (5) five members will be reappointed. Carol Mettlen, Richard Nelson, Brenda Russell and Teresa Stribling. Linda Cordell has asked to not be reappointed. Therefore the council will look for other candidates and reappoint at the November council meeting.

Lewis Ivey made the motion to reappoint the said members and Don Hendrick second.

All in favor

none opposed

- 4. CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SAFTEY CAMERAS AMENDING SECTION 3A OF ORDINANCE 06-07 TO ALLOW FOR A (30) THIRTY DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW.**

Dennis McDuffie reported to the council that this was a change in the past year. The ordinance will allow us to remain in compliance with the state law.

Lewis Ivey made the motion to adopt the ordinance and Don Hendrick second.

All in favor

none opposed

- 5. CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN PROCEEDING BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS RELATED TO TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANT, LLC**

Dennis McDuffie explained to the council that Oncor electric has filed bankruptcy. The resolution is a strategy to help protect against an increase in rates for the city and citizens. The company has been purchased by the Hunt Family.

Lewis Ivey made the motion to adopt the resolution and Don Hendrick second.

All in favor

none opposed

**CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Police Chief Steve Baker reports that the tower now has electric. Looking at 2-3 weeks for an approval to raise the elevation to meet communication standards. The wrecked police car has been totaled and a new Chevy Caprice has been ordered. Should arrive within 6 weeks.

Public Works Director Dee Scarborough reports things are going well and as routine for this time of year. A water leak on Dale Street was repaired this week. Crack and Seal is still being done by street department. They will also begin to start mowing the medians in the next week or so.

Civic Center Director Loretta Christmas reports that the Community Fall Festival is next week. They will have bounce houses, lots of candy and treats for the kids.

Finance Director Elvia Garza reports the remodel in the water utility/court department is complete. Things are working well and court is more secure. She and the employees are very pleased.

Code Officer Bryant McCollum reports 3 new building permits have been given this week. The science lab at the high school should be going up soon.

**CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CLOSED MEETING IS BEING HELD PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE V.T.C.S. (OPEN MEETINGS LAW), IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL**

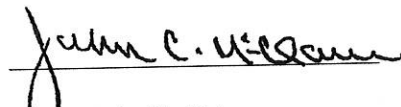
**A. DISCUSSION REGARDING HIRING FOR THE CITY MANAGER POSITION**

**ADJOURN:**

Lewis Ivey made the motion to adjourn at 6:06p.m.and Don Hendrick seconded.

All in Favor

None Opposed

  
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Mayor, John McClain

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Secretary, Sarah Thompson