

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DIBOLL, TEXAS MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015 AT 5:15 PM, DIBOLL CITY HALL

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor John McClain, Mayor Pro Tem, Lewis Ivey, Councilmember's, Charles Moses Sr., Veronica Hernandez, Don Hendrick and Daniel Lopez

ABSENT

Council Member, Tom Farley and City Attorney, Jimmy Cassels

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John McClain called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM. Bro. Kenny Hibbs gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance was coordinate by those in attendance.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS:

1. CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.
2. CONSIDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR A JET MACHINE AND TRANSPORT.

City Manager Dennis McDuffie reported that the current jet machine is nine (9) years old. A jet machine is used to flush pipes and the one the city currently has is too small for larger jobs. It is also on a trailer and to provide greater service it would be best to have the machine mounted on the truck.

3. CONSIDER APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE DESIGN FOR DIBOLL COMMITTEE.

Mayor McClain reports to the council that Gary Gores, Lee Woodward and Richard Nelson has been appointed to the Design for Diboll Committee.

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

All in favor

none opposed

REGULAR AGENDA: DISCUSSION/ACTION:

4. CONSIDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO USE ZIMMERMAN COMMUNICATIONS TO DESIGN A PLAN TO PROMOTE THE CITY OF DIBOLL.

Mayor McClain reports that the Design 4 Diboll has suggested using Zimmerman Communications to further promote the City. The cost of the service is \$950 per month and will take 3 months of service to get the website where it should be.

Lewis Ivey made the motion and Don Hendrick second

All in favor

none opposed

5. CONSIDER APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING TWO MEMBERS TO THE CIVIC CENTER BOARD.

Mayor McClain reports that Steve Jackson will be appointed to the civic center board. There are no other recommendations at this time. The council hopes to appoint someone at the next council meeting.

Don Hendrick made the motion and Lewis Ivey second

All in favor

none opposed

6. CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A HEALTH PLAN FOR THE CITY EMPLOYEES FOR 2016.

Finance Director Elvia Garza reports to the council that during the budget workshop she had planned for a zero percent increase but that is not the case. United Healthcare come back with a fourteen percent increase therefore the city will return to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas for the 2016 calendar year. The Metlife dental plan has also increase by six percent, therefore the dental will change to The Standard. Life, Death and Dismemberment will remain with Dearborn National. As will the Ameridoc.

There are concerns for next year. Due to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) it will be difficult to find an affordable plan next year. The city will plan and prepare for any changes and review options prior to the next budget calendar year.

Lewis Ivey made the motion and Don Hendrick second

All in favor

none opposed

CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Public Works Director, Dee Scarborough reports the Christmas lights will be put up on Monday. Limbs and trees have been trimmed at Brookshire Brothers. The water department has been busy with several large leaks. Departments have been staying busy and doing well.

Parks Director, Luis Maldonado reports he should have an estimate for the splash pad and new bleachers soon. The department has been mulching and staying busy.

Civic Center Director, Loretta Christmas they have been staying busy with holiday events. They will be having a benefit Bingo next week along with the Senior Luncheon. She also reports to have driveway lights installed hopefully next week.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mayor McClain reports there will be no closed session at this meeting. He addressed the audience that a few months ago the council hired Waters & Company for the recruitment of the replacement for the retirement of city manager, Dennis McDuffie. There were twenty two applicants and the firm narrowed the list down to four. The council met with each applicant thoroughly interviewed them. Mr. Gerry Boren of Gun Barrel City has been chosen as the new city manager and is scheduled to start January 4, 2016. Mr. McClain reports the council wishes the best of retirement to Dennis and thanked him for his service as city manager.


ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32pm.

Lewis Ivey made the motion to adjourn and Don Hendrick seconded.

All in Favor

None Opposed



Mayor, John McClain

ATTEST:



City Secretary, Sarah Thompson