

The Bovina Council met for public hearing on February 17, 2010 at 5:30pm

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The public hearing on Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Local Park Grant Program was called to order by Mayor Miller at 5:37pm.

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Miller at 5:40 pm followed by a word of prayer by Mayor Miller.

Those attending were, Mayor Stan Miller, Alderman Richard Villarreal, Alderwoman Celia Tienda Alderman David Curtis, Alderwoman Brenda Riddle, City Manager Jana Pitcock, Chief of Police Gary Sinclair, and City Secretary Jade Mahaney.

Also attending the meeting was Jim Prather, Jim and Kay Swafford, Amy Melendez, Latrelle Meiher, Mike Prather, Justus Brozek, and Denise Anderson.

The motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on January 13, 2010 was made by Alderman Curtis and seconded by Alderman Rhodes. The motion passed with no opposition.

The council reviewed progress on the property at 809 Ave I. Pictures and report from Public Works Director Cesar Marquez was submitted on behalf of Robert Tienda to show the council the progress that has been made to the property since the last meeting. A motion to extend Mr. Tienda's permit for sixty days was made by Alderman Villarreal and seconded by Alderman Rhodes. The motion passed 4 to 0 and one abstention.

The motion to approve accounts payable was made by Alderman Rhodes and seconded by Alderman Curtis. The motion passed with no opposition.

The Council heard a presentation from Jim Swafford who works for Scandia Wind Southwest on the progress of the Mariah Project, the wind farm is being built in Parmer County. Five Hundred landowners have signed up for the project. A line will connect Parmer County to Hereford, Texas and 18 months to two years to build. Mr. Swafford stated that pre-construction for the Mariah Project will start in the 2013 and construction in the year 2014.

The Council heard a presentation from the National Junior Honor Society for a "Community Cleanup Day" project. Justice Brozek, the president of the Honor Society, explained that they would like to involve the Council. The Council and Honor Society mutual agreed upon the date of April 23, 2011.

The Council heard a presentation from Chief Sinclair on TCLEOSE 2010 racial profiling report. Chief Sinclair reported that the Bovina Police Department issued 1,304 citations in the year 2010 and out of those 1,304 citations: 42 were African, eight were Asian, 644 were Caucasian, 605 were Hispanic, and five were Middle Eastern. In addition, the number searches that were conducted with or without consent and that race or ethnicity where not know prior to the stops.

The Council appointed a committee to work on relations with other law enforcement agencies. Alderman Villarreal nominated Alderman Rhodes and Alderman Rhodes nominated Alderman Villarreal.

The motion to approve the committee was made by Alderman Rhodes and Alderman Villarreal and Alderman Curtis seconded both nominations. The motions passed with no opposition.

The Council considered and approved City Ordinance #110217 Illegal substance that contains chemicals or compounds similar to marijuana or hallucinogens (K-2). A motion to approve Ordinance #110217 was made by Alderman Rhodes and was seconded by Alderman Villarreal. The motion was passed with no opposition.

Alderwoman Tienda left the meeting at 6:50pm.

The council took a short break at 6:50 pm and the meeting resumed at 7:10 pm.

The public hearing for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Local Park Grant program was closed at 7:11pm by Mayor Miller. No public comments were made pertaining to the application.

The Council heard a report from the Bovina Fire Department. Jim Prather, a volunteer Fire Fighter reported on behalf of the Fire Chief, Cesar Marquez. Mr. Prather reported that the Bovina Fire Department responded to twenty-five fires from December of 2009 to November of 2010.

The Council considered and approved changes to Personnel Policy 3.10 on Telephone use. The changes are as follows: Telephones are to be used for CITY OF BOVINA business and Cell phones are not to be used while operating dangerous or motorized equipment and vehicles. The only use allowed will be by hands free device and only when time sensitive. The motion to approved changes to personnel policy on telephone use was made by Alderman Villarreal and was seconded by Alderman Rhodes. The motion passed with no opposition.

The Council considered and approved changes to Personnel Policy on Employee Code of Ethical Conduct. The changes are as follows: As a city employee, my fundamental duty is to serve the community, and to respect the constitutional right to liberty, equality, and justice. I will keep my private life as example to all. I will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me, the city, or the profession; I will maintain calm, develop self-restraint, and always be mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in my personal and official life, I will obey the laws of the land and the regulations of the City of Bovina. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or is relayed to me in my official capacity will be kept confidential unless revelation in necessary in the performance of my duty. I will never permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. I recognize the discharge of my duty is a public trust and I will devote my time and attention to the effective and professional performance of my responsibilities. Alderman Curtis took the floor and took the position that he did not feel like an employee's personal life should fall under the City's ethics policy. The motion to approve the changes to the Employee Code of Ethical Conduct was made by Alderman Villarreal and was seconded by Alderman Rhodes. The motion passed with 3 and 1.

The Council approved the authorization of the City to sponsor the Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The use of promotion funds to pay for the banquet with the profit made off the banquet will replace the said funds. The motion to approve was made by Alderman Rhodes and seconded by Alderwoman Riddle. The motion passed with no opposition.

The Council approved the authorization to use released Texas Water Development Board interest funds for the building of the Community Center. The motion to approve was made by Alderman Rhodes and seconded by Alderman Villarreal. The motion passed with no opposition.

The Council considered and approved the increase in Water Service Connection Charges. The new fees for initial installation of matters will be: 5/8" is \$750.00, 1" is \$950.00 and 2" is \$1458.00 for water and sewer line connection. The motion to increase water and sewer connection charges was made by Alderman Villarreal and was seconded by Alderwoman Riddle. The motion passed with no opposition.

The Council considered and approved the Notice of General Election for May 14, 2011 in both Spanish and English. The motion to approve was made by Alderwoman Riddle and was seconded by Alderman Villarreal. The motion passed with no opposition.

The Council considered and approved Resolution 110217 the Order of Election in both Spanish and English. The motion to approve was made by Alderman Curtis and was seconded by Alderman Villarreal. The motion passed with no opposition.

The Council considered and approved Danna Angie Guerrero for Election Judge for the General Election on May 14, 2011. The motion to approve was made by Alderman Rhodes and was seconded by Alderman Villarreal. The motion passed with no opposition.

The Council considered and approved Resolution 110217-A the Signature Authority. The Resolution designates the signators authorized to sign on the account with Security State bhank as the official signators of the City of Bovina, Texas. The motion to approve Resolution 110217-A was made by Alderman Curtis and was seconded by Alderwoman Riddle. The motion passed with no opposition.

The Council considered and approved Resolution 110217-B the Authorizing Application for Park Grant Program. The Resolution certifies that we are eligible to receive assistance under the Program and authorizes and directs the City Manager to act for the applicant. The motion to approve was made by Alderwoman Riddle and was seconded by Alderman Rhodes. The motion passed with no opposition.

The council reviewed the financial reports for both the City of Bovina and the Municipal Court.

The council set the date for the next meeting on March 8, 2011 at 5:30pm at the Bovina EMS Building.

Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

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Mayor Stan Miller

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City Secretary Jade Mahaney