

Board of Aldermen meet in regular session May 18 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Those attending were Alderman Richard Villarreal Alderman David Curtis Mayor Stan Miller Mayor Pro –Tem Jessie Stone Alderman Jim Swafford and newly elected Celia Tienda, City Manager Jana Pitcock City Secretary Bonnie Scaff Public works superintendent Andy Garza Chief of Police Gary Sinclair Public works assistant Cesar Marquez. Alderman Gaylon Rhodes was not in attendance.

Mayor Miller called their meeting to order at 7:08 pm, followed by a word of prayer by Alderman Jim Swafford.

Council reviewed minutes from the April 14 meeting and approved as presented. Alderman Stone made the motion to approve Alderman Villarreal made the second motion passed with no opposition.

Council canvassed the May 9 2009 election votes and approved resolution 05-18-2009 Declaring the results of the canvass for the election as:

Jim Swafford	21
Celia Tienda	69
Richard Villarreal	83
Gaylon Rhodes	70

Alderman Curtis made the motion to approve election results Alderman Stone made the second motion passed with no opposition.

Mayor Miller swore in Alderman Villarreal and Alderwoman Celia Tienda Alderman Rhodes was not in attendance to be sworn in.

Nominations for mayor pro-tem were opened, Alderman Curtis nominated Jessie Stone Jessie Stone nominated Richard Villarreal. Jessie Stone was elected receiving 3 votes Villarreal received 1.

Council was given an update on the sewer plant as received from OJD Engineering.

Council heard a request from Ignascio Hernandez requesting a variance to the city code requiring mobile homes to face the street. Mr. Hernandez was asking to place his mobile home to face the alley. Council approved with the stipulation that if the property and the home are sold at anytime the mobile home must remain in the same position and no other homes will be permitted to be added on the property Alderman Villarreal made the motion to approve with the stipulation Alderman Curtis made the second motion passed with no opposition.

Chief Sinclair presented the annual Racial Profiling to the council.

Council approved the addition of a Building Code Department to the city code and appointed Cesar Marquez as the department head. Cesar is State Certified as a Code Enforcement Officer to inspect all violations in the city code. Alderman Curtis made the second to approve the addition Alderman Villarreal made the second motion passed with no opposition.

Consideration to the junk/and or abandoned vehicles was tabled for further review. Alderman Curtis made the motion to table Alderman Stone made the second motion passed with no opposition.

Council approved resolution 09-0518A authorizing the submission of a 2009 Homeland Security Grants program application to PRPC and authorizing the mayor to represent the City in all matters pertaining to this application.

Homeland Security funding would enable the city to purchase: Jaws of Life for the fire department, alert siren for the city and funding to add a classroom for law enforcement to the anticipated Community Center.

Alderman Curtis made the motion to approve Alderman Stone made the second motion passed with no opposition.

Council approved resolution 09-0518-B authorizing the submission of a 2009 Homeland Security Grant to PRPC and authorizing the mayor to represent the city in all matters pertaining to the application. These funds would enable the city to purchase equipment for law enforcement.

Alderman Villarreal made the motion to approve Alderman Tienda made the second motion passed with no opposition.

Council approved resolution 09-0518-C authorizing the submission of a 2009 US Department of Justice grant for the funding for bullet proof vests for law enforcement .Alderman Curtis made the motion to approve Alderman Tienda made the second motion passed with no opposition.

Council approved a purchase order request for a new sprinkler system in the city park in the amount \$7700.00 installed by Javier Arpero. Alderman Stone made the motion Alderman Curtis made the second motion passed with no opposition.

Council reviewed financial reports and bank balances as well as municipal court reports.

Council set their next meeting for June 16 at 7:00 pm

Mayor Stan Miller adjourned their meeting at 9:30pm.

Mayor Stan Miller

City Secretary Bonnie Scaff

