

1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2
3 September 14, 2005

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5 Attended: Mike Springer, Mayor pro tem
6 Don Strong, Councilor
7 Roger McKinley, Councilor
8 Tom McAuslan, Councilor
9 Marvin Casebeer, Councilor
10 Bob Titus, Public Works
11 Diane Clingman, City Recorder
12 Reilly Cosgrove, BME
13 Dennis Voigt

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15 Mike Springer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The roll was called, Jim Hamsher
16 and Mark Wishard being absent. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The minutes of
17 the August 24 meeting were considered. **MSP: To approve the minutes as written,**
18 **Marvin Casebeer/Tom McAuslan.**

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20 Landfill: A written inspection report was received.

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22 Public Works: Bob Titus provided the council with documentation of his conversation
23 with Gary Burnett of the DHS regarding re-circulation of the million gallon tank (see
24 copy.) In other business, he said Georgia Patterson is back to work ½ days but is limping
25 quite a bit. He expressed concern that she is doing too much. The council stressed that
26 she should be doing very light duty.

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28 Dennis Voigt addressed the council regarding the electrical boxes located inside the
29 wastewater wet wells. He said the wet wells are classified as class 1, division 1 situations
30 or a “hazardous location.” Because the city has had to remove the pumps so often, the
31 location of the boxes inside the wells poses a safety issue. He said he had talked with the
32 electrical inspector and they both agreed the boxes should be located outside the wells.
33 He suggested an engineered drawing be submitted to the state for approval. When
34 questioned about it being a design flaw, he said it standard in wet wells, but normally
35 pumps are not being pulled out on a regular basis. When removing the pumps, he said it
36 is unsafe, awkward and difficult to do with the boxes located inside. Bob Titus was
37 asked if Anderson Perry had been contacted about the problem. He said no, but they had
38 talked about it a year or two ago. It was suggested that they be given the opportunity to
39 address the problem and that a letter should be sent to them. It was also suggested that
40 since the city would have to pay for the changes, the city attorney be notified. Voigt also
41 said the electrical does not meet code in some areas and that the permit was not signed
42 off by an inspector. There was discussion about who would come up with a drawing and
43 Voigt was asked to come up with a basic one.

1 Well Drilling: Joe Hitz was not in attendance, but had faxed two draft agreements with
2 John Coombs for the council to consider. Both were identical except for different
3 provisions to give the school water as part of his compensation for locating wells on his
4 property. One option would be to provide 40,000 gallons of water to the school free for 8
5 months and 80,000 gallons of water free for 12 months of the year. The other was to
6 provide water at ½ price to the school. The council agreed a special meeting should be
7 scheduled to consider the legality, actual costs and impact of providing free or reduced
8 rates to the school. It was agreed they would meet Wednesday, September 21 at 6 p.m. to
9 discuss the options.

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11 Accounts Payable: The council questioned the bill from JWN Well Drilling for filling in
12 the test well. It was agreed that verification of what was done to abandon the well should
13 be provided before paying the bill. A bill from Boothby Architecture was also
14 considered for approval. **MSP: To pay the bills, including the Boothby Architecture**
15 **bill, but not the JWN bill, Roger McKinley/Mike Springer.**

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17 The council considered the request to move the Public Works Department to the Hospice
18 Building. There was discussion of approximate costs that might be involved. It was
19 noted that a door should be installed in the back so the crew could enter and exit through
20 the back instead of through the front carpeted area. **MSP: To move Public Works to**
21 **the Hospice Building, Tom McAuslan/Roger McKinley. Marvin Casebeer opposed.**

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23 The council considered an amendment to the Personnel Policy raising the mileage
24 reimbursement from .35 to .405 cents, the amount allowed by the state. **MSP: To raise**
25 **the rate to the state allowed amount whenever it raises, Roger McKinley/Marvin**
26 **Casebeer.**

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28 The council considered two bids for installing a heating stove in the Texaco building.
29 **MSP: To go with the bid from Triangle Oil, Roger McKinley/Marvin Casebeer.**
30 **Tom McAuslan opposed.**

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32 The 2005/06 Street Project bid from Winegar Excavation was again considered for
33 approval. Roger McKinley said the mill might help pay for paving near the scales on 4th
34 Street. **MSP: To accept the bid from Winegar Excavation for the Water Alley**
35 **portion of the 05/06 Street Project, Mike Springer/Roger McKinley.**

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37 **7:25 It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.**

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39 Respectfully submitted:

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Diane Clingman, City Recorder

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Approved this Date: _____

Jim Hamsher, Mayor