

CITY OF CUMBY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

THE CITY OF CUMBY, TEXAS, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011, AT 7:00 PM, 100 E. MAIN STREET, CUMBY TEXAS.

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT: MAYOR JEFF STRICKLAND, ALDERMAN CHUCK TUGGLE, ALDERMAN BILL JENKINS, ALDERMAN CODY TALLEY, ALDERMAN KATHY HALL CARTER, ALDERMAN LARRY WHITE, CITY SECRETARY ANGIE ALLEN, CHIEF SCOTT SEWELL, LANA POWELL, ROGER PETTY, JOHN LITTLEFIELD, RICHARD PICKENS, CATHIE MITCHELL.

1) MAYOR STRICKLAND CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM.

2) ALDERMAN JENKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH MEETING. ALDERMAN TALLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL APPROVE. MOTION PASSED.

3) PRESENTATION FROM THE CITIZENS: NONE

4) OLD BUSINESS:

A) STREETS: GOOD SHAPE, WILL BE PATCHED AS NEEDED.

B) WATER FACILITIES: WELLS PUMPED 3,922,200. WATER SOLD 3,622,400. THE WWTP & CHURCHES USED 299,800. THERE WAS A LOSS OF 0 GALLONS. 77 POUNDS OF CHLORINE WERE USED.

C) SEWER PLANT: REPLACED THE SLUDGE PUMP.

D) WELL SITUATION: NEED TO KEEP AN EYE ON WELL 3, THE WATER LEVEL IS ONLY 8-10 IN ABOVE THE PUMP.

MAYOR STRICKLAND STATED THAT THE CITY WILL NOW GO INTO STAGE 4 OF THE ADOPTED DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN. ALDERMAN JENKINS WILL CONTACT TCEQ WITH THE CHANGE.

E) LEAK SITUATION: LEAK UNDER MAIN STREET. ROGER STATED THAT HE WILL NEED CONTRACT LABOR HELP. ALDERMAN JENKINS MADE A MOTION TO PAY THE CONTRACT LABOR \$8.00 PER HOUR. ALDERMAN CARTER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL APPROVE.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

**A) DISCUSS/ACTION – FRISCO STREET PROJECT / SOUTHWEST ENGINEERING:** JOHN LITTLEFIELD OF SOUTHWEST ENGINEERING STATED THAT THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD HAS BOND PROGRAMS WITH 4.61 PERCENT INTEREST RANGING FROM 22 TO 25 YEARS. THE FIRST STEP WOULD BE FOR A PRE APPLICATION MEETING IN AUSTIN BETWEEN THE CITY, ENGINEERING FIRM, BOND ATTORNEY, FINANCIAL ADVISOR, AND TWDB.

THE CITY WOULD NEED TO HOLD A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TO HIRE ENGINEERING SERVICE, FINANCIAL ADVISOR, AND ATTORNEY AND TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH EACH. MR. LITTLEFIELD SUGGESTED THAT THE CITY HIRE BILL BLITCH FOR THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR AND BILL CORSBIE FOR THE ATTORNEY.

MAYOR STRICKLAND ASKED MR. LITTLEFIELD TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH THE TWDB SO THE CITY MAY PERSUE THE BONDS.

**B) CATHIE MITCHELL / OLD MOTEL:** MS. MITCHELL STATED, SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE OLD MOTEL ON THE SOUTH SERVICE ROAD NEEDS TO BE DEMOLISHED AND WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH THE CITY. THE HOTEL WAS CONDEMNED IN 2006 BY THE CITY BUILDING INSPECTOR. SHE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF SHE COULD GET AN UP TO DATE INSPECTION REPORT. MAYOR STRICKLAND STATED THE CITY WOULD CONTACT THE BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR THE REPORT. MS. MITCHELL ASKED THE CITY TO LOOK UP INFORMATION ON BAMBOO STREET. HER SURVEY HAS THE STREET RUNNING THROUGH HER PROPERTY. MAYOR STRICKLAND STATED THAT THE CITY WOULD LOOK INTO IT.

**C) DISCUSS/ ACTION – 2011-2012 BUDGET:** MAYOR STRICKLAND STATED THAT THE 2011-2012 BUDGET WAS FILED WITH THE CITY SECRETARY ON AUGUST 12, 2011. THE CITY COUNCIL HELD THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET ON AUGUST 16, 2011. THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2011. ALDERMAN TUGGLE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2011-2012 BUDGET. ALDERMAN WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL APPROVE. MOTION PASSED.

**D) DISCUSS/ ACTION – LEVY TAXES 2011:** MAYOR STRICKLAND READ A CAPTION FROM THE TAX RATE ORDINANCE. THIS ORDINANCE STATES: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CUMBY, TEXAS, LEVYING TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF SAID CITY FOR THE TAX YEAR 2011 UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE SAID CITY, FIXING THE RATE THEREOF; PROVIDING THAT SAID ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FULL FORCE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CUMBY, TEXAS:

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THERE IS HEREBY LEVIED, AND THERE SHALL BE COLLECTED, FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE SAID CITY OF CUMBY, TEXAS FOR THE TAX YEAR 2011. UPON ALL PROPERTY, WHETHER REAL, PERSONAL, OR MIXED, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF SAID CITY AND SUBJECT TO TAXATION, A TAX OF .3800 PER EACH \$100.00 VALUATION OF SUCH PROPERTY.

ALDERMAN JENKINS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TAX RATE OF .3800 PER \$100.00 OF VALUE. ALDERMAN TUGGLE SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL APPROVE. MOTION PASSED. THIS ORDINANCE WILL BE NUMBERED 2011-8.

**E) DISCUSS / ACTION – AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:** MAYOR STRICKLAND STATED THAT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 THE CITY EMPLOYEES

WILL EARN PAID TIME OFF (PTO) AT THE RATE OF 13.5 HOURS PER MONTH. ALDERMAN TUGGLE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AMENDMENTS IN THE EMPLOYEE HAND BOOK. ALDERMAN WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL APPROVE. MOTION PASSED.

**F) DISCUSS / ACTION – CITY TRUCK BIDS:** MAYOR STRICKLAND STATED THAT THE CITY RECEIVED TWO BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW CITY TRUCK. THE FIRST BID RECEIVED FROM SULPHUR SPRINGS DODGE. THE SPECS ARE: 2500 REGULAR CAB ST 4X2 W/ 8FT.BED, V-8 / 5.7 LITER (HEMI), 6 SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANS., A/C, VINYL SEATS, NO CARPET, WHITE, BID PRICE: \$20,773.

THE SECOND BID RECEIVED FROM BRIAN TOLLIVER FORD, SULPHUR SPRINGS. THE SPECS ARE: F250 4X2 SD R/C, 6 SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANS., A/C, VINYL SEATS, WHITE, BID PRICE: \$20,402.00. BOTH VECHICLES WILL HAVE TO BE ORDERED AND WILL TAKE 6 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY. MAYOR STRICKLAND STATED THAT THE CITY WILL FINANCE THE NEW TRUCK WITH ALLIANCE BANK.

ALDERMAN WHITE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM SULPHUR SPRINGS DODGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,773 AND TO FINANCE THE VEHICLE WITH ALLIANCE BANK. ALDERMAN JENKINS SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 VOTES FOR, 1 OPPOSED. MOTION PASSED. ANGIE ALLEN WILL CONTACT ALLIANCE BANK FOR THE FINANCING.

**G) DISCUSS / ACTION – EMPLOYEE INSURANCE:** ANGIE ALLEN STATED THAT THE CITY RECEIVED A BID FOR HEALTH INSURANCE FROM THE AMERICAN WORKER FOR CITY EMPLOYEES. THE INSURANCE PLAN IS NOT A MAJOR MEDICAL PLAN. THE CITY WILL PAY FOR ½ OF THE EMPLOYEE ONLY BENEFITS AT THE RATE OF \$51.47 PER MONTH PER EMPLOYEE. ALDERMAN TUGGLE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID ON EMPLOYEE INSURANCE. ALDERMAN WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL APPROVE. MOTION PASSED.

**H) ELECTION DATE CHANGE:** ANGIE ALLEN STATED THAT DUE TO CHANGES IN SENATE BILL 100 THE CITY HAS SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR THE CITY'S GENERAL ELECTION.

OPTION 1: UNSTAGER TERMS. THIS ALLOWS THE CONTINUATION OF MAY UNIFORM ELECTION DATE, BUT ONLY ON ODD-NUMBERED YEARS.

OPTION 2: MOVE THE GENERAL ELECTION DATE TO NOVEMBER BY ADOPTING A RESOLUTION BY DECEMBER 31, 2012. THIS ALLOWS FOR A JOINT ELECTION WITH THE COUNTY ON EACH NOVEMBER UNIFORM ELECTION DATE.

OPTION 3: BUY OR LEASE MACHINES FROM A VENDOR. THIS ALLOWS A CITY TO CONTINUE TO CONDUCT ITS OWN ANNUAL ELECTIONS ON THE MAY UNIFORM DATE.

OPTION 4: COUNTY WILL STILL CONDUCT JOINT ELECTION OR PROVIDE MACHINES TO CITY. THIS ALLOWS A CITY TO CONTINUE WITH ANNUAL

ELECTIONS ON THE MAY UNIFORM ELECTION DATE BY CONDUCTING ITS OWN ELECTION OR HOLDING A JOINT ELECTION WITH COUNTY. THE BEST OPTION FOR THE CITY WOULD BE TO USE OPTION 2. THE COUNTY INFORMED THE CITY THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH EQUIPMENT TO SHARE WITH THE CITY ON MAY ELECTIONS. ANGIE ALLEN CHECKED ON PURCHASING THE EQUIPMENT, THE PURCHASE PRICE IS BETWEEN \$15,000 AND \$20,000. THE CITY COUNCIL AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST IF THE CITY CHANGE THE UNIFORM ELECTION DATE TO NOVEMBER.

6) POLICE DEPT./ CHIEF SEWELL: FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 250 CITATIONS ISSUED. 7 OFFENSE REPORTS, 3 INCIDENT REPORTS, 5 CASES FILED WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, 1 CASE FILED WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

7) PAY MONTHLY BILLS: ALDERMAN CARTER MADE A MOTION TO PAY THE MONTHLY BILLS. ALDERMAN JENKINS SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL APPROVE. MOTION PASSED.

8) ITEMS FROM COUNCIL: NONE.

WITH ALL BUSINESS COMPLETE THE MEETING WAS ADJORNED AT 8:35 PM.

  
MAYOR JEFF STRICKLAND

ATTEST:



