

MINUTES
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROSE HILL CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.
ROSE HILL CITY HALL/COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ACTION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The regular meeting of the Rose Hill City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Mark Conway and held in Council Chambers. Councilmembers present: Matt Bates, David Vernia, Tamara Potter, Ole Pederson, and Rob Curtis. Administration and staff present: Kathy A. Raney, City Administrator/City Clerk; Kirk Hayden, Public Works Director; Bob Sage, Chief of Police; Kelly Mendoza, Asst. City Clerk; and Andrew Marino, Asst. City Attorney. Citizens present: Vernon Frantz, Nathan Knisley, Ed Bonham, Gary Townson, Don Waller, Michelle Eskeli, Daina and Steve Blencoe, Wilda Mueller, Ruth Peoples, Laura Hayden, Jeffrey and Mary Price, Carol Badman, David Hopkins, Kyla Kuss, Kelsey Nelson and Zac Sparr

ACTION ITEM #2: INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Pastor Frantz gave the invocation then led the flag salute.

ACTION ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With copies of the 11/16/09 agenda previously distributed and before each Councilmember, the following:

MOTION (by D. Vernia): To approve the 11/16/09 agenda as presented. SECOND BY R. Curtis with MOTION PASSING 5-0.

ACTION ITEM #4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With copies of the minutes of the November 2, 2009 Regular Council, meeting previously distributed and before each Councilmember, the following:

MOTION (by T. Potter): To approve the minutes of the November 2, 2009 Regular Council meeting. SECOND BY O. Pederson, with MOTION PASSING 4-0. (Councilmember Bates abstained due to absence from that meeting.)

ACTION ITEM #5: CLAIMS

With copies of Appropriation Ordinance No. 22 previously distributed and before each Councilmember, the following:

MOTION (by R. Curtis): To approve the payment of claims for Appropriation Ordinance No. 22. SECOND BY D. Vernia, with MOTION PASSING 5-0.

ACTION ITEM #6: CITIZEN REQUESTS

Michelle Eskeli, 256 W. Young, came before Council to thank the Police Chief and his staff for a job well done.

Mary Price, 212 N. Cedarwood, came before Council with a safety issue. Mary stated her concerns regarding water drainage on Silkknitter and Cedarwood. Kirk Hayden, Public Works Director explained that the Storm Sewer Drain would soon be replaced on Silkknitter.

Nathan Knisley, 209 S. Rose Hill Road, came before Council with concerns regarding the Debt Service for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Gary Townson, 212 E. Brownie, came before Council with concerns regarding the increase in Sewer Improvement costs and asked whether other methods were explored to help pay for the Plant.

Michelle Eskeli, 256 W. Young, came before Council asking why the increases in Sewer rates were not broken down over time.

Steve Blencoe, 812 Candia Court, came before Council asking where the quarter cent sales tax monies were going and if it could be used to help pay for Plant.

Wilda Mueller, 816 Candia Court, came before Council with concerns regarding how individuals with fixed incomes would be able to live in Rose Hill without selling their homes.

Jeff Price, 212 Cedarwood, came before Council with concerns on whether or not there were any Public Notifications and if the increase was due to the new housing growth.

Don Waller, 222 E. Waller, came before Council asking if residents could revert back to using their wells and septic tanks.

Don Gerber, 1025 McCaskey, came before Council with concerns on how much of their tax levy goes towards the sewer.

Mayor Conway thanked everyone for coming and voicing their concerns. He then gave a brief overview and timeline of the KDHE mandated Wastewater Treatment Facility and how the debt service was not adequately funded by the previous Sewer Improvement Fee. Mayor also explained how the rates and improvement fees were determined after thorough analysis of current and projected revenues and that State Statute requires the City to generate adequate funds to support the operation through utility user fees. General taxes cannot be used for this purpose. He also encouraged everyone to contact Todd Tiahrt's office and reiterated how the City has received \$2.3 million in grants already and would continue to seek after additional Federal Funded Grants.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE

Chief Sage presented Captain Gayle Tenbrook with a plaque of recognition for 16 years of service as a Police Reserve. Chief also thanked him for his dedicated service to the community.

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Mayor Conway recessed the meeting at 7:55p.m.

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Mayor Conway reconvened the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

ACTION ITEM #7: ORDINANCE NO. 551 AUTHORIZING BOND SALE/REFUNDING – WATERWORKS REVENUE BOND AND APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Mayor Conway introduced Mark Detter, Dewaay Financial Network, LLC. Mark came before Council to answer questions regarding the refunding of the outstanding Waterworks System Revenue Bonds of the City. After discussion, the following:

MOTION (by D. Vernia): To approve Ordinance #551 authorizing the issuance of the City's General Obligation Water Utility System Refunding Bonds. SECOND by T. Potter, with MOTION PASSING 5 -0.

ACTION ITEM #8: RESOLUTION NO. 448 WATERWORKS REVENUE BOND REFUNDING

Mark came before Council to answer questions on Resolution 448 which prescribes detail, form, sale and delivery of the General Obligation Water Utility System Refunding Bonds. Mayor Conway thanked Mark for coming before Council. After discussion, the following:

MOTION (M. Bates): To approve Resolution No. 448 authorizing and directing the sale and delivery of General Obligation Water Utility System Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$835,000. SECOND by R. Curtis with MOTION PASSING 5-0.

ACTION ITEM #9: APPROVE PETITION FOR VACATION OF EASEMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY ROSE HILL PLANNING COMMISSION – HERITAGE TOWN HOMES OF ROSE HILL, LLC (MANSKE & ASSOCIATES / 304-310 E. BERRY AVE.)

The Rose Hill Planning Commission approved the Vacation order for a 20' utility easement for the proposed Senior Housing Project. After discussion the following:

MOTION (by M. Bates): To accept the recommendation of the Rose Hill Planning Commission for the Vacation of an easement for Heritage Town Homes of Rose Hill, LLC. SECOND by T. Potter. With MOTION PASSING 5-0.

ACTION ITEM #10: 3RD QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION (M. Bates): To approve the 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report. SECOND by R. Curtis. With MOTION PASSING 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DISCUSSION ITEM #1: NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Butler County Commission Agendas/Minutes:** Mayor Conway noted that copies of the Butler County Commission minutes/agendas were in Council packets.
- **Rose Hill Recreation Commission Agenda/Minutes:** Mayor Conway noted that copies of the Rose Hill Recreation Commission minutes/agenda were in Council packets.
- **Sales Tax Revenue Report:** Copy of report in packets. Mayor noted that refunds are down for 2009.

DISCUSSION ITEM #2: CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kathy Raney, City Administrator, reported on the following items:

- **Veterans Tribute:** Kathy reported that she attended the Veterans Tribute and was very moved by the speakers and the music.
- **Tree Lighting Ceremony:** Kathy reminded the Council to mark their calendars for the Tree Lighting Ceremony which will be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 9th at City Hall.
- **Hometown Christmas Event:** Kathy encouraged the Council to participate in the Hometown Christmas event sponsored by the Historical Society.
- **Sewer Rate/Improvement Fee:** Kathy also thanked the staff publicly for fielding all of the Sewer Rate/Improvement Fee increase calls and for all of their hard work during this time.

DISCUSSION ITEM #3: DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORT

Kirk Hayden, Public Works Director, reported on the following items:

- **Silkknitter Project:** Kirk reported that the Silkknitter Project is moving forward, beginning on the East side of Park Lane to Poston Road.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Test results have hit optimum perimeters, three weeks in a row. It is doing what it was designed to do.
- **Parks:** Three out of the four parks have had the new rubber mulch laid down.

Bob Sage, Chief of Police, reported on the following:

- **Sales Tax Ballot:** Bob reminded everyone of the Butler County Quarter-Cent Sales tax ballot for the Public Safety Communication System.

DISCUSSION ITEM #4: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Conway reported on the following items:

- **Youth Site Council:** Mayor thanked members of the Youth Site Council for attending the Council meeting.
- **Fall Sports:** Congratulated all the teams for a job well done.
- **Council Meeting:** Reminded everyone that the next Council Meeting will be in 3 weeks.
- **Reserve Officer:** Congratulated Captain Gayle Tenbrook on his retirement.

DISCUSSION ITEM #5: COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

R. Curtis: Congratulations to Gayle Tenbrook on his retirement and thanked everyone that came out to voice their concerns.

O. Pederson: Congratulations to Gayle Tenbrook, he also congratulated the Teens that came out for the Council Meeting.

T. Potter: Happy Thanksgiving and Congratulations to Gayle.

D. Vernia: Dave reiterated the congratulations to Gayle.

M. Bates: Matt also reiterated the congratulations to Gayle.

DISCUSSION ITEM #6: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the following:

MOTION (by D. Vernia): To adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. **SECOND BY T. Potter** with MOTION PASSING 5-0.

Respectfully submitted:

Kelly L. Mendoza, Recorder
Assistant City Clerk

11/16/09