

## MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

City of Stephenville - City Council  
Tuesday, August 18, 2009, 5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Stephenville, Texas, convened on August 18, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 298 West Washington Street, for the purpose of a Regular Business Meeting, with the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, time, place and subject thereof, having been posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, with the following members present, to wit:

Mayor	:	Nancy A. Hunter
Mayor Pro-Tem	:	Malcolm Cross
Council members	:	Joe E. Cude Donald L. Zelman Russ McDanel Alan Nash Alan Nix Martha Cashon Scott Evans
Others Attending	:	Mark A. Kaiser, City Administrator Randy Thomas, City Attorney Betty L. Chew, Director of Community Development, sitting in for city secretary

- I. **Call to Order.** The meeting of the Stephenville City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, by Mayor Hunter.

Mayor Hunter took a moment to offer special congratulations to Mark and Kim Kaiser as they celebrate today as their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

II. **Public Hearing on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

City Administrator Mark Kaiser gave a summary of the proposed budget, stating that the budget is balanced and funded and includes \$21,039,147 in total expenditures. Highlights of the budget are:

- \$2.2 million in principal debt will be retired
- \$3 million in capital projects and equipment replacement
- \$75,000 in payroll adjustments

Changes mentioned in last week's budget work session which have been included are:

- Additional \$50,000 for brick street restoration project
- Additional \$10,500 for museum capital projects
- Proposed increase of 5% for hangar rental

Mayor Hunter opened a public hearing on the budget. As no one came forward to speak, the mayor closed the public hearing.

**III. Consider Approval of Child Safety Funds**

- A. Stephenville Independent School District**
- B. Cross Timbers Family Services**
- C. Star Council on Drug Abuse**

MOTION by Scott Evans, second by Don Zelman, to approve the requests for child safety funds as follows:

\$2,000 to Stephenville Independent School District (Henderson Junior High/Gilbert Intermediate) for two-way radios;  
\$2,000 to Cross Timbers Family Services, Inc. for their Youth Leadership Conference; and  
\$2,000.00 to STAR Council for life skills training program.

MOTION CARRIED.

**IV. Consider the Time, Date and Place of a Public Hearing on the Tax Rate for 2009**

MOTION by Scott Evans, second by Alan Nix, to set two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues, with the first public hearing to be held on September 1, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers, Stephenville City Hall, Stephenville, Texas, and the second public hearing to be held on September 8, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers, Stephenville City Hall, Stephenville, Texas. MOTION CARRIED.

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION. At 5:40 p.m. Mayor Hunter recessed the open portion of the meeting, and council went into executive session in compliance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, Subchapter D, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, in accordance with Sec. 551.071 Consultation with Attorney and Sec. 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**

- A. Cause No. CV-30165, Gale Warren d/b/a Fiddle Creek Steakhouse v. Erath County Appraisal District, Erath County Appraisal Review Board, Erath County, City of Stephenville, Stephenville Independent School District, Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District; Jerry Lee, Individually; Leonard Moncrief, Individually; A. C. Martin, Individually; Dottie Corbin, Individually; Gary Key, Individually; and Joanie Peterson, Individually, in the 266<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Erath County, Texas**
- B. Part of Lots 1-B, 14-A, Block 16, Park Place Addition, Stephenville, Erath County, Texas**
- C. Part of Lot 14-C, Block 16, Park Place Addition, Stephenville, Erath County, Texas**

Council reconvened in open session at 5:56 p.m.

**VI. Action Taken on Matters Discussed in Executive Session (if necessary)**

MOTION by Martha Cashon, second by Alan Nix, to authorize the mayor to execute contracts of sale on properties set out above which are located in Park Place Addition. MOTION CARRIED.

**VII. Adjourn**

MOTION by Joe Cude, second by Alan Nix, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED at 5:58 p.m.

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Nancy A. Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cindy L. Stafford, City Secretary