

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
City of Stephenville - City Council
Tuesday, June 1, 2010, 5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Stephenville, Texas, convened on June 1, 2010, 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 Hunter
Mayor Pro-Tem	:	Malcolm Cross
Council members	:	Joe E. Cude Russ McDanel Alan Nash Alan Nix Martha Cashon Scott Evans
Absent	:	Don Zelman
Others Attending	:	Mark A. Kaiser, City Administrator Randy Thomas, City Attorney Cindy L. Stafford, City Secretary

I. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Stephenville City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, by Mayor Hunter. Hunter recognized the director of finance, director of community development, director of community services, police chief, fire chief, and director of public works.

II. Citizens' General Discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cross asked to address the meeting and read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the greatest source of pride and delight for any parent comes from their children; and

WHEREAS, **Lexi Hunter** has brought pride and honor to her parents, her family, and her community by achieving the rank of Valedictorian of the 2010 Class of Stephenville High School with a grade point average of 103.2; and

WHEREAS, **Lexi Hunter** has not only excelled academically, but also through the gifts of her musical talent and the numerous organizations and activities in which she has participated; and

WHEREAS, Lexi Hunter will continue her education at Texas Tech University as a member of the honors program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City Council of the City of Stephenville that we congratulate **Dan Hunter** and **Mayor Nancy Hunter** on the occasion of their daughter's high school graduation; and we recognize the many accomplishments of their daughter, **Lexi Hunter**, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy and successful life.

Mayor Hunter thanked the council for this recognition and presented the proclamation to her daughter, Lexi.

III. Citizens' Budget Requests

Mayor Hunter noted that requests have been submitted by citizens. They are as follows:

- Continuation of the brick street project.
- Extension of street repairs on Long Street from the railroad tracks to Graham Street.
- Submit an application to the Texas Historical Commission seeking an historical marker for the Recreation Hall on Long Street.
- New library.
- Microfilm reader for the library.
- Fence surrounding the playground at Optimist Jaycee Park.
- Sidewalk down Dale Street between Gilbert Intermediate and Stephenville High School.
- New cover over the Birdsong Amphitheatre.
- Hire a head librarian with a degree in library science.
- More monetary support to the Stephenville Museum.

Council members commented on this process, and Council Member Nash specifically urged citizens to be persistent with their requests, submitting their requests each year if necessary. Council Member McDanel offered a request for a security fence between the museum grounds and the Bosque River Trail. He said a citizen had mentioned this to him, but did not submit it in writing. He also mentioned electrical upgrades at the RV camping area at City Park. Pati Hendrickson made a request for \$15,000 for a new floor at the Senior Citizens' Center.

IV. Erath County Appraisal District Report—Bill Bailey, Chairman of the Board of Directors

Bill Bailey presented the ECAD 2010-2011 budget and reported that the appraisal district is comprised of eighteen entities. The proposed budget provides for a 7% increase over the 2010 budget, and the city's portion of that is approximately \$7,900. City Administrator Kaiser explained that while council members do not vote on the district's budget, they can offer direction as to how they would like him to vote. Council members offered critical comments of the proposed budget ranging from "awful", "a joke", "insulting", and "offensive".

City Administrator Kaiser will write a letter to the ECAD Board expressing the council's concerns over the proposed budget.

V. Fire Department Annual Report—Jimmy Chew, Fire Chief

Chief Chew presented the following statistical report of the department's activity for the year 2009:

STAFF REPORT				
	2009	2008	2007	2006
Total number of runs	1738	1682	1772	1576
Fire responses	233	235	235	296
EMS responses	1505	1447	1537	1280
EMS billed calls	1065	856	1020	827
Aid given to other fire departments	20	16	20	47
Aid received from other fire departments	5	3	4	3
Training for paid personnel:				
Total fire training hours	3190	2835	2746	2419
Average training hours per firefighter	106.33	105.00	101.70	89.59
Total EMS training hours	969	995	903	1100
Average EMS hours per firefighter	32.3	36.85	33.44	40.74
Total training hours for paid personnel	4159	3830	3649	3519
Training for volunteers:				
Total volunteer training hours	713.5	1000.5	981	1070
Average training hours per volunteer firefighter	35.68	62.5	61.3	59.5
Number of time volunteer manpower used	144	141	128	113
Public education contacts	2872	3202	2229	1268
Fire inspections completed	317	330	327	99

Council member McDanel asked Chief Chew to explain ISO. Chew explained that ISO—Insurance Standards Office—is the rating system that is assigned to a fire protection class for every jurisdiction in the United States. Insurance rates are based on the fire protection class. Ratings go from 1 to 10, with 1 being the best and 10, the worst. In March 2009 Stephenville went from 4 to 3, which ranks us among the top 5% of the nation.

MOTION by Alan Nix, second by Joe Cude, to accept the Fire Department report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. Consider Approval of Application for Assistance to Firefighters Grant for Computer

MOTION by Joe Cude, second by Martha Cashon, to approve the application for Assistance to Firefighters Grant. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. Consider Approval of Council Committee Appointments

MOTION by Alan Nix, second by Russ McDanel, to approve the committee appointments listed below. MOTION CARRIED.

Finance Committee

Alan Nash, Chairperson
Malcolm Cross
Alan Nix
Scott Evans

Nominations Committee

Malcolm Cross, Chairperson
Alan Nash
Martha Cashon
Scott Evans

Personnel Committee

Martha Cashon, Chairperson
Joe Cude
Alan Nash
Alan Nix

Planning & Development Committee

Scott Evans, Chairperson
Russ McDanel
Alan Nash
Martha Cashon

Public Health & Safety Committee

Don Zelman, Chairperson
Joe Cude
Malcolm Cross
Russ McDanel

Environmental Management Committee

Russ McDanel, Chairperson
Joe Cude
Don Zelman
Alan Nix

Public Works Committee

Alan Nix, Chairperson
Joe Cude
Malcolm Cross
Don Zelman

VIII. Election of Mayor Pro-Tem

Alan Nash nominated Malcolm Cross. MOTION by Russ McDanel, second by Joe Cude, to close nominations and elect Malcolm Cross as Mayor Pro-Tem. MOTION CARRIED.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Joe Cude requested Item B. be removed, and Russ McDanel requested that Item A.1. be removed. MOTION by Alan Nix, second by Scott Evans, to approve Items A.2. and C. MOTION CARRIED.

Following clarification of the vote on Item X.C. of the May 4, 2010 minutes, Russ McDanel made a motion, second by Joe Cude, to approve Item A.1. of the Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Following clarification of the project area, Joe Cude made a motion, second by Russ McDanel, to approve Item B. of the Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

A. Approve Minutes—TAB 5

- 1. Regular Council Meeting on May 4, 2010**
- 2. Special Council Meeting on May 11, 2010**

B. Approve Change Order No. 1 to 2010 Capital Improvements Program

C. Authorize the Sale of City Property

X. Comments by City Administrator

- Texas State Comptroller has awarded the Gold Leadership Certificate for Accounting Transparency to the City of Stephenville
- Equipment is being mobilized to begin the Ollie Street and the Long Street improvements. Included in the project are sidewalk improvements on the east side of Ollie Street.
- Bosque River Trail is planned to open sometime in July

XI. Comments by Council Members

XII. Adjourn

MOTION by Russ McDanel, second by Martha Cashon, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED at 6:37 p.m.

Nancy A. Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy L. Stafford, City Secretary