

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP
August 23, 2012**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hocking called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Brown
Councilmember Trube
Councilmember Osteen
Mayor Pro-Tem Bell
Mayor Hocking

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hocking led the Invocation and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. WORKSHOP

City Manager Buttler thanked City Council for allowing us the opportunity to present these items at the Workshop. The purpose of this workshop is to present City Council with requested information based on the outcome of the last City Council meeting.

- a. New Brush Pick-up
 - \$0.46 cents

There was discussion on the cost of initiating a citywide cost for brush pick up vs. individual cost. This was presented in an effort to offset costs to the city when brush is disposed at unauthorized sites. Ms. Koneman presented City Council with advantages/disadvantages of the proposed costs. There was a general consensus that the City needed to look at other options.

- b. Discussion - Previous Audits (FY 2009-2011) with Auditors

The auditors were not able to be at the meeting due to previous engagement. Councilmember Osteen voiced concerns regarding the management letters from city audits performed since 2008 which indicated that management had not been corrected the deficiencies from audit year to audit year. City Council will be reviewing much closer to ensure that management is handling fiduciary issues responsibly.

Councilmember Osteen also addressed concerns with the reimbursement of FEMA funds into the City's general fund and requested a task team be appointed to research the projects, timeline, completion date and status of requested projects. Councilmember Osteen indicated that he would like to serve and suggested that the City Manager, Finance Director and Emergency Management Coordinator be part of the task force. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell suggested that he would like a councilmember that served during the disaster also be on this team. This would give insight on some of the history. He suggested Councilmember Trube and stated that he would be available, if needed.

Councilmember Osteen made a motion to adjourn for lunch Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. The Workshop meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

- c. Discussion - Disaster Payments
 - FEMA Funds
 - Risk Pool Funds
 - Texas Windstorm (TWIA)

There was further discussion regarding FEMA funds and accountability.

- d. Non-Profit Organizations

City Manager Buttler discussed the Boards and Commissions and their role within the city budget.

- 1. City-Created
 - Parks Board
 - Clean City Commission
 - Cemetery Board
- 2. Independent

City Manager Buttler discussed the Independent Boards. Discussion followed regarding the these organizations and donation information was requested.

- Friends of the Library
- Crimestoppers
- Citizens Police Academy

- e. Retirees
 - Annuities
 - Health Insurance

City Manager Buttler discussed benefits for retirees and there was a general consensus that previous Councils had establishes these ordinances for the specific purpose of employee morale and longevity. The Consensus of Council is not jeopardize these benefits that had been promised to those long term employees and instructed City Manager to research the health insurance for retirees and propose an ordinance that would not penalize long time employees and protect the city from future misapplication.

Mayor Hocking adjourned for short break at 1:49 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 2:01 p.m.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

6 ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Trube made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Osteen seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Bobby Hocking, Mayor

Zina Tedford, City Clerk