

TOLAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 16, 2007 – REGULAR MEETING

The City of Tolar Council met on April 16, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Terry Johnson, Mayor
Janet Carter
Barbara Gilliam
Charlotte Mabery
Charles Carroll

City Staff Present: Joyce Johnson, City Secretary
Mikel Allen, Chief of Police
Rena Lovell
Don Tran

Citizens Present: Larry & Tonya Harkins
Eldon & Ann Winston
Dixie & Lynn Parker
Mark Waldrep
Bob Neely

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Council members, Janet Carter, Barbara Gilliam and Charlotte Mabery were present.
Charles Carroll arrived late.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS

None

CITIZENS APPEARANCE – 5 MINUTE LIMIT

Several citizens spoke to Council regarding the article in the Hood County News (interview with Chief Allen) stating that musical entertainment held on Friday nights for senior citizens is an accident waiting to happen. Mr. & Mrs. Harkins were offended by the article and felt they were being singled out. Mr. & Mrs. Parker would like for Chief Allen to be more visible on Friday night when people are leaving the Place to Pick and possibly park patrol car with lights turned on and aid them in crossing the streets.

There was no response from Council.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Police Report

Chief Allen presented council with a written report.

Motion by Janet Carter second by Barbara Gilliam to approve report as presented.

Motion carried 4-0

B. Approve bank reconciliations

Motion by Janet Carter, second by Charlotte Mabery to approve as presented.

Motion carried 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 03-19-07 Regular Meeting

Motion by Charles Carroll, second by Barbara Gilliam to approve minutes as presented.

Motion carried 4-0

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mayor Johnson spoke of barbeque grills donated to the Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discuss and take necessary action for the JD Neely Community Center Update on Spring Fling Fundraiser to be held on May 19th.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss and award bid received for surplus land
Only one bid was received from Texas New Mexico Power for the amount of \$ 35,000.00.
Motion by Janet Carter second by Charles Carroll to award bid to Texas New Mexico Power.
Motion carried 4-0

B. Presentation of bid tabulations and bid recommendation for construction contract in connection with ORCA CDBG Contract #726649 for Water System Improvements
Marvin Reavis presented bids to Council. Two bids were received, Dowell Well Services \$249,940.00 and Bennett Well Services \$147,048.00. Mr. Reavis recommended that the Council award bid to the lowest bidder, Bennett Well Services.

C. Consider and possibly take action on award of construction contract in connection with ORCA CDBG #726649 for Water System Improvements.

Motion by Janet Carter, second by Barbara Gilliam to award the contract to Bennett Well Services

Motion carried 3-0 Charles Carroll abstained from voting.

D. Appoint Richard McKinley as Building Official and Code Enforcement Officer
Motion by Charles Carroll second by Janet Carter to appoint Richard McKinley as Building Official and Code Enforcement Officer

Motion carried 4-0

E. Discuss and approve final plat Eldon Winston's subdivision
Marvin Reavis spoke to Council about the drainage issue concerning some of the citizens. Mr. Reavis did not see a problem with the drainage; water would be pulled away and move the water to the west. Mr. Reavis stated drainage was okay. Janet Carter questioned the deed restriction that was placed on the property in the past by Harold Price concerning the size of the homes. Mrs. Winston stated that there were no restrictions; they had been rescinded by Harold Price. It was also noted that the City could not request that the back entrance gate be locked; this would be a liability issue for the City. City will be given a 150' x 150' parcel of land for new water well to be drilled.

Motion by Charles Carroll, second by Charlotte Mabery to approve final plat as presented.

Motion was tied 2 for, 2 against. Mayor Johnson broke the tie by voting for approving the final plat.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION ON ITEMS TAKEN UP IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. May 21, 2007 Regular meeting @ 7:00 P.M.

B. May 28, 2007 office closed for Memorial Day

ADJOURN

Motion by Janet Carter, second by Barbara Gilliam to adjourn meeting at 8:00 P.M.
Motion carried 4-0

APPROVED:

Terry Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Johnson, City Secretary