

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP SESSION

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Burkburnett, Texas met in a workshop session on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 501 Sheppard Road, Burkburnett, Texas. The meeting was open to the public with notice being given in compliance with the Open Meeting Act. The following Commissioners were present:

Carl Law	Mayor
Charlene Lewis	Mayor Pro-Tem
Bill Lindenborn	Commissioner
Ted Kwas	Commissioner
Josh Andrajack	Commissioner
Chase Thornton	Commissioner
Raymond Holland	Commissioner

Other's present: Mike Slye, City Manager; Trish Holley, City Clerk; Dale Lewis, Director of Administration, Michael Whaley, Director of Public Works and Mike Tracey, Chief of Police.

Other's present: Glen Hutchinson, Clay Gahagan, Wade Medbery, Brad & Carresa Garrett, Stuart Tunnell, Tina & William Jackson, Charles Jackson, Michael Thornton, Nicole Cook, Amy Broustein, Kimberly & Mark Jackson, Lahoma Vaughn, Arnie & Nancy Wells, Jack McMullen, Michael Bunton, Ron Clarke, Bill Vincent, Lee Shoffner, Paula Smith, Charles Kernott, Warren Fretz and others that were illegible.

Jeff Bromley, representing Burkburnett Informer Star was present.

Item 1. Mayor Law called the workshop session to order and announced a Quorum is present.

Item 2. Discuss and and/or all matters on the regular Commissioners Meeting Agenda for May 17, 2010.

Mike Slye, City Manager addressed the Commissioners regarding the Planning & Zoning Commission Case on the agenda. Mr. Slye explained the process, all property owners within 200 feet of a zoning request are notified, a legal notice is published in the paper and the Planning & Zoning Commission will hear the request and make their recommendation to the City Commissioners. The case tonight has been before the Commission 3 times and 1 time as a possible re-zone classification for the entire block. The property owner is requesting permission to place a mobile home on the property.

The P & Z Commission has unanimously has voted for the case to be denied each time, in order for the Board of Commissioners to overturn the decision, it would require a super

majority vote (5-2). You will hear tonight from the property owner and possible residents in the area that are opposed to bringing in a mobile home to be placed on the lot.

Commissioner Andrajack asked for clarification on Item 13. Sex Offenders ordinance- will we act on the ordinance tonight or act on the intent to go forth with consideration of the ordinance.

Mayor Law stated it will be whether or not to go forth with the intent of preparing an ordinance.

Commissioner Thornton stated in their packets is a letter from him stating he has placed the item on the agenda regarding the sex offenders ordinance due to citizens bringing this to his attention for the safety of our children. Commissioner Thornton reported there are 3 sample ordinances from other cities plus a sample draft the city might be able to use, I ask for your consideration for this ordinance.

Item 3. Discuss Code Enforcement process.

Mike Slye, City Manager addressed the Commissioners and stated since Code Enforcement has been on peoples mind lately, I wanted to reassure you on the city's policy and if you want to change it, we will need direction from you.

Code Enforcement is never an easy job and we are fortunate to have one person to fill that role and because of the volatility of that job, when he has to speak to property owner, it has been the practice to send a partner with him. In the past I've stated we need to be "Burk Friendly", we don't go and hunt or research violators of the ordinance, we make the inspections after the city has received a complaint. Code Enforcement will drive down the street and back up through the alley in order to see if there are any other violators. We do not use Code Enforcement as a retaliation tool towards people that want to challenge City Hall. We don't have the time or tools to drive up and down looking for violators; we pursue the complaints that are called in.

Commissioner Holland stated it was a "Thankless job" but what can be done to help the elderly, handicapped or income restricted people that can't get it cleaned up.

Mr. Slye stated that we do everything in our power to help those in that type of situation; we don't help the repeat violators.

Commissioner Lewis stated she has a problem with the people that get evicted from their home and leave all the trash at the sidewalk, then by the time Friday bulk pickup arrives, the trash is scattered all over the yard, can't something be done?

Mr. Slye stated it would require an amendment to the ordinance setting times and dates as to when trash could be placed on the curb for bulk pickup.

Item 4. Discuss potential Lodging Ordinance.

Mr. Slye stated the Wichita Falls Public Health District is proposing the city enforce a Lodging Ordinance in order for them to make the local hotel/motels be in compliance with the health restrictions. The ordinance would allow the Wichita Falls Public Health District to charge for a permit and allow for health inspections.

Mayor Law requested it be listed on the June 21st agenda.

Item 5. Discuss City Manager travel schedule.

1. Quarterly health board meeting this Friday in Abilene.
2. TML legislative session on June 18th.
3. June 22-25th underwriting health board meeting.

Item 6. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Carl Law, Mayor

ATTEST:

Trish Holley, City Clerk