

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Burkburnett, Texas met in a special called meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at noon 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
Mike Tugman	Mayor Pro-Tem
Billy T. Elder	Commissioner
Charlene Lewis	Commissioner
Scott Dolan	Commissioner
Charlie McCullough	Commissioner

Commissioner Jim Phillips was absent.

Other's present were: Mike Slye, City Manager; Trish Holley, City Clerk; Dale Lewis, Director of Administration; Mike Tracey, Chief of Police; Mike Whaley, Director of Public Works; Rodney Roberts, Parks Director and Richard Boyd, City Engineer.

Other's present: Raymond Holland, Michael Bunton, Wade Medberry, John Reinke, Ted Kwas, Glen Hutchinson, Dick Vallon and Joanne Ryalls.

Jeff Bromley, representing Burkburnett Informer Star was present.

Item 1. Mayor Law called the meeting to order.

Item 2. Commissioner Lewis gave the invocation.

Item 3. Mike Whaley, Director of Public Works presented the previously opened bids for the College Street Reconstruction project. Mr. Whaley stated Richard Boyd, City Engineer had submitted a supplement letter recommending the low base bid of \$ 402,073.90 for hot-mix asphaltic concrete paving from Barnett Paving and Sealing. Mr. Boyd briefly explained his justification

Item 4. Resolution Number 443 was presented in its entirety. A resolution amending the City of Burkburnett Policy to disallow employee health insurance to active duty dependents that are covered 100% by their active duty spouse.

Dale Lewis, Director of Administration addressed the Commissioners. Mr. Lewis explained Texas Municipal League has amended their policy to disallow employee health insurance if covered 100%.

Wade Medberry, 1018 Pawhuska and Glen Hutchinson, 1318 Lucille, Burkburnett spoke to the Commissioners about the resolution being discriminatory by not allowing the employee the additional insurance without knowing if they are fully covered by the spouse insurance.

After much discussion, Mayor Law removed Item 4 from the agenda.

Item 5. Mike Slye, City Manager addressed the Commissioners. Mr. Slye briefly explained the Revenue Rescue Program. Mr. Slye reported a representative from the company wasn't able to come today nor could Fire Chief Rod Ryalls. No action taken.

Item 6. Rodney Roberts, Director of Parks & Recreation reported Mel and Tina Feller have been taking care of Pocket Park on Third Street. Mr. Roberts explained the Feller's would like to lease the park and would be responsible for the upkeep, improvements and security of the park. The current proposed lease agreement is for one year and the Feller's have asked for a longer lease. No action taken.

Item 7. Proposed/Draft Ordinance Number 758 was presented in its entirety. Caption of same being:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BURKBURNETT, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 290 AND A PORTION OF SECTION 99.17 (A) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BURKBURNETT, TEXAS REGULATING THE HEIGHT OF TREES, HEDGES, BUSHES OR VINES OVER PUBLIC OR CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS.

The Commissioners asked what happens if the person who receives the letter is elderly, on a fixed income and has no one that can trim the trees? The Commissioners asked if city staff would be allowed to trim the trees if it is creating a public safety issue. The Commissioners asked for better clarification regarding those issues before they can consider the ordinance. No action was taken.

Item 8. Mike Slye, City Manager addressed the Commissioners. Mr. Slye stated the city sends out Pink Notices to water customers if they haven't paid their water bill by the due date. Mr. Slye reported the city spends an average of \$10,000.00 per year on the notifications that gives the customer another week before the water is turned off for non-payment.

Mr. Slye reported in Friendship Park Pond, adults are fishing and leaving hooks and lines that are harmful to the ducks and extremely dangerous to children. The park fishing ordinance specifically states it is for children 15 years of younger accompanied by an adult. Mr. Slye stated signs are being made that will state the fishing rules and has asked the Chief of Police to step up patrols and enforce the ordinance.

Mr. Slye stated at the Rotary Club meeting, County Commissioner Bill Presson presented a program explaining the Wichita County Sheriffs Referendum. If the pay increase passes, it will have a significant impact on Burkburnett being able to retain police officers due to the salary differences.

Mr. Slye reported on Friday, the Burkburnett Police Department would be holding a ceremony promoting Officers Klenk and Morgan to Sergeant.

Mr. Slye reminded the Commissioners that any city related business they respond to by either mail or email becomes an open record and to copy furnish the city their response and if interested Flu Shots are scheduled for October 22nd at \$25.00.

In closing, Mr. Slye stated the Sheppard Road will be chip sealed on Thursday and Friday; annual City Christmas Dinner is December 11th and he will be out of the office on Monday, October 11th.

Item 9. Commissioner McCullough reported Friendship Festival was a success and thanked the City Parks and Street Department. Commissioner McCullough asked when Pawhuska would be open-Richard Boyd, City Engineer reported it should be completed sometime next week.

Commissioner Elder stated he was out of town and missed Friendship Festival but heard only good things about the festival. Commissioner Elder asked about Preston Road and Richard Boyd reported profiling should start next week.

Commissioner Lewis thanked Commissioner Dolan for driving the tram around all day at Friendship Festival and asked if speed limit signs are posted on Pawhuska. Mr. Slye stated they would look and if speeding were a problem, they would increase patrol in that area.

Commissioner Dolan stated he was sorry he missed the Annual Fire Department Banquet and stated last week was “Walk your kid to school” and reported people speeding close to I.C. Evans. Commissioner Dolan asked if speed limits signs were posted in the area. Mr. Slye stated there are signs posted but would have the Chief look into this with more patrol in the area.

Item 10. Motion was made by Commissioner Dolan seconded by Commissioner McCullough to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Carl Law, Mayor

ATTEST:

Trish Holley, City Clerk