

MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Burkburnett, Texas met in a special called meeting on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 7:00 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

Others present: Mike Slye, City Manager; Trish Holley, City Clerk; Mike Whaley, Director of Public Works; Don Ives, Director of Administration/Comptroller.

Jeff Bromley representing Burkburnett Informer Star was present.

Item 1. Mayor Law called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors.

Item 2. Mike Slye, City Manager addressed the Commissioners concerning the Parks & Open Land Space Master Park Plan. Mr. Slye stated if the two bond questions pass on November 2th, before proceeding with the water splash park, the city would need to update the park plan.

Motion was made by Commissioner Andrajack, seconded by Commissioner Holland to approve Duncan Sims Stoffels, Inc. for the purpose of updating the Parks & Open Land Space Master Park Plan contingent upon Proposition 2 passing.

Ayes: Mayor Law, Commissioners: Andrajack, Holland, Kwas, Lindenborn and Thornton
Nays: Commissioner Lewis
Abstained: none

W.L. Bunton, 1585 Ratt Road, Wichita Falls stated that if you pass Item 2, you are giving Duncan Sims Stoffels, Inc. the go ahead to start updating the park master plan.

Mayor Law stated a citizen has requested to speak on Item 3 before the Commissioners go into Executive Session.

W. L. Bunton, 1585 Ratt Road, Wichita Falls stated the closed meeting you are going to hold is illegal due to no names being referred to on the agenda.

Item 3. Mayor Law recessed to “Executive Session” at 7:19 p.m. pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 (a) “Personnel Matters, to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee:

- (a) Potential search for new City Manager, and
- (b) Potential appointment of Interim City Manager

Item 4. Mayor Law reconvened to regular session at 8:51 p.m.

- (a) Motion was made by Commissioner Thornton, seconded by Commissioner Holland to approve the hiring of an outside search firm for a new City Manager. Motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Motion was made by Commissioner Andrajack, seconded by Commissioner Lindenborn to approve the appointment of Don Ives as Interim City Manager effective November 6, 2010 at an annual salary of \$85,000.00 with duties to include that of a City Manager and Director of Administration/Comptroller and the assurance to return to his position of Director of Administration/Comptroller of an annual salary of \$75,000.00 upon the hiring of a City Manager.

Ayes: Mayor Law, Commissioners: Andrajack, Lindenborn, Kwas, Lewis, Thornton

Nays: Commissioner Holland

Abstained: none

Item 5. City Manager’s report.

- A. SECO project update. Mr. Slye reported the contractor started today on the Library without too much inconvenience to patrons.
- B. Update on Pocket Park. Mr. Slye stated Mr. Mel Feller is the caretaker of the park and staff had talked with him about the park ordinance stated no wares made by sold from a public park; Mr. Feller had stated at one time they would like to purchase the park, in order for an entity to sell a public park, it would have to be voted on by the citizens.
- C. Discuss Bond Election Town Hall Meeting. Mr. Slye stated election brochures were mailed out this week to every citizen in Burkburnett and a sample picture of a water splash park will be featured in the local paper.

Item 6. Commissioner Andrajack stated “I’ve thought over the last 3 hours whether or not I should say this, and I think this the appropriate thing is for me to make this comment-I would like to express a disappointment in KAUZ Channel 6 for demonstrating a lack of professional courtesy in providing an email address owned by my employer to all its viewership multiple times on television without first requesting permission from my employer to do so.”

Commissioner Kwas thanked everyone for coming and showing interest in what is being discussed and don’t be afraid to speak up about complaints or ideas, sign up to speak, we are doing the best we can.

Commissioner Lindenborn thanked everyone for coming and that he is glad to get the two issues resolved, it's going to be an exciting time for the city and looking forward to hiring a new city manager.

Commissioner Lewis stated she was sorry that no Town Hall meeting will be held before the election and thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Holland stated he is still having fun, something different every day, sorry we can't get a Town Hall meeting up before the election, but we want to encourage everyone to sign up to speak and tell us your comments, thank you for coming.

Commissioner Thornton thanked everyone for coming tonight, and stated he is having a wonderful time and experience, I would also like to have seen a town hall meeting for the two propositions; I hope we are doing what the citizens want and also congratulations to Mr. Ives for getting the interim City Manager's position, just follow the city charter and I think everything will be okay.

Mike Slye, City Manager addressed the board, he stated nothing prevents you from having a town hall meeting to discuss the two propositions during early voting, there was no time available to have the meeting before early voting began.

Mayor Law asked Mr. Slye to check the Community Center schedule to see if the meeting could be held there and to let the Commissioners know.

Mayor Law stated the Commissioners are about to embark on something that is significantly new to everyone in the hiring a city manager with the exception of Commissioner Lewis, she has been through this process. As Commissioner Holland stated it's a fun and exciting time in our city and I'm excited the Commissioners want to work together on this process.

Item 7. Motion was made by Commissioner Holland, seconded by Commissioner Thornton to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Carl Law, Mayor

ATTEST:

Trish Holley, City Clerk