

City of Tea
Regular Meeting
October 18, 2010

A regular meeting of the Tea City Council was held at Tea City Hall on October 18, 2010 at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor John Lawler called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. with the following members present: Sidney Munson, Brian Fowlds (arrived at 6:33), Chuck Ortmeier, Herman Otten (arrived at 6:22), Joe Weis and Todd Boots. Also present was Finance Officer Dawn Murphy, Planning & Zoning Administrator Kevin Nissen, Administrative Assistant/Economic Development Director Jenni White, Police Chief Brian Ketterhagen, City Attorney Todd Meierhenry and City Engineer Jason Kjenstad. Utility Superintendent Thad Konrad was absent.

MOTION 10-199. **MOTION** by Boots, seconded by Weis to go into executive session for legal matters at 6:17 p.m. All members voted AYE. Council came out of executive session at 7:14 p.m.

AGENDA. MOTION 10-200. **MOTION** by Otten, seconded by Weis to approve the October 18 agenda with the addition of All American Towing. All members voted AYE.

MINUTES. MOTION 10-201. **MOTION** by Ortmeier, seconded by Boots to approve the October 4 and 6, 2010 minutes. All members voted AYE.

TERINA SMITH addressed the council asking for an exception to Ordinance 199, Section 7.14 due to personal medical issues. They are in the process of moving to Tea and currently have 5 dogs and 2 cats. City of Tea Ordinance allows for 6 total pets and of the 6, only 4 can be of one type. **MOTION 10-202.** **MOTION** by Otten, seconded by Fowlds to allow an exception for Ms. Smith at 400 N. James Ave. for the number of pets allowed due to medical reasons, however if one of the current animals should pass, it can not be replaced if it would mean they would be in violation of the ordinance. All members voted AYE.

ALL AMERICAN TOWING. Scott Aubuchon from All American Towing had submitted costs for his services as requested at the last meeting. He is requesting the Tea Police Department use All American Towing for their towing needs. **MOTION 10-203.** **MOTION** by Weis, seconded by Boots to use All American Towing when towing services are needed. After further discussion both Councilmembers withdrew their motions. **MOTION 10-204.** **MOTION** by Weis, seconded by Boots to use All American Towing for towing services for the City, but not exclusively. All members voted AYE.

HWY 111 PROJECT UPDATE. Gas lines were found within the Brian St. intersection, the gas company will be there this week to move the lines. The stop light signal was adjusted again last week to better the flow of traffic due to the construction. The Brian St. intersection should be completed and opened the first week of November. Further discussion took place regarding initial Geotek samplings and the drying of dirt.

HWY 111 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PAY REQUEST. **MOTION 10-205.** **MOTION** by Fowlds, seconded by Boots to approve Pay Request 12 to Friessen Construction for the Hwy 111 Improvement Project in the amount of \$446,411.03. All members voted AYE.

468TH PRELIMINARY DESIGN CONTRACT. **MOTION 10-206.** **MOTION** by Boots, seconded by Fowlds to approve the 468th Preliminary Design Contract with HDR Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$29,401.00. All members voted AYE.

ZONING. Currently the City has exempted churches and schools from paying certain building permit fees. A fee schedule for building permit exemptions will be looked at to recoup administration fees.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 205, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6.01 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, (F) TIME WHEN ON-SALE SERVICE PROHIBITED AND (G) TIMES WHEN OFF-SALE SERVICE PROHIBITED. The council held the first reading of Ordinance 205. Second reading will be held at the November 1, 2010 meeting.

EMPLOYEE TERMINATIONS. MOTION 10-207. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Boots to approve the employee terminations for full time employee Ken Haugen effective October 12, 2010 and part time employee Thomas Maunders effective October 18, 2010. All members voted AYE.

HIRING OF PART TIME POLICE OFFICER. MOTION 10-208. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Ortmeier to hire part time police officer Keith Munro at \$13.00 per hour effective October 14, 2010. All members voted AYE.

MOTION 10-209. MOTION by Weis, seconded by Otten to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. All members voted AYE.

John M. Lawler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn R. Murphy, Finance Officer

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