

Howe City Council
Regular Meeting
October 15, 2013

Mayor Jeff Stanley called a regular meeting of the Howe City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Bill French, Georgia Richardson, Debbie Lowery, Sam Haigis and Dennis Bozeman.

INVOCATION

Harvey Morris gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO FLAGS

Mayor Stanley led the pledge to the United States of America and Texas flags.

RECOGNIZATION AND PRESENTATION

Chief Carl Hudman presented Community Service Awards to individuals and businesses that contributed to the Texoma Night Out event October 5, 2013.

PUBLIC REQUEST

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Sam Haigis and seconded by Dennis Bozeman to approve consent agenda which included September financial reports, minutes of September 17, 2013 and September 23, 2013 council meetings. The Library Services contract and the Fire Protection Contract agreements with Grayson County for FY 14 were approved, along with the Christmas tree challenge with the City of Van Alstyne. Motion carried: 5 Yes 0 No.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #728

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 545; NOW CODIFIED AS CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOWE, CHAPTER 2, ANIMAL CONTROL; REGULATING THE KEEPING OF DOGS AND CATS IN THE CITY OF HOWE, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL VACCINATION OF DOGS BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DOG TAGS, EVIDENCING SUCH VACCINATION AND ID; PAYMENT OF AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOUNDMENT OF ANIMALS AND THE DISPOSAL OF ANIMALS IF

NOT REDEEMED; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOUNDAGE AND CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS SUSPECTED OF RABIES; DETAINING DANGEROUS, VICIOUS, FIERCE AND MISCHIEVOUS DOGS; MAKING IT AN OFFENSE FOR ANY OWNER OR OTHER PERSON TO OWN, KEEP OR HARBOR WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF SAID CITY ANY DANGEROUS, VICIOUS, FIERCE OR MISCHIEVOUS DOG AS DEFINED IN SAID ORDINANCE AND CONTAINING A PENALTY CLAUSE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PROPERLY PUBLISHED FOR HEARING AS REQUIRED BY LAW; CONTAINING A CONFLICT LIMITATION CLAUSE; AND CONTAINING A REPEALER CLAUSE.

END PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Bill French and seconded by Georgia Richardson to approve Ordinance #728. Motion carried: 5 Yes 0 No.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Bill French gave a presentation regarding Mr. L. B. Kirby's military service and the council discussed renaming Bledsoe Drive to L. B. Kirby Avenue, honoring Mr. Kirby. A reception and proclamation will be done in November honoring Mr. Kirby. Motion by Debbie Lowery and seconded by Dennis Bozeman to approve changing the name of Bledsoe Drive to L. B. Kirby Avenue. Motion carried: 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis and seconded by Bill French to approve Resolution 13-0006, regarding the take-or-pay issue with the City of Melissa. Motion carried: 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Debbie Lowery and seconded by Dennis Bozeman to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Melissa as it relates to the take-or-pay issue. Motion carried: 5 Yes 0 No.

Robert Maniet, Howe Volunteer Fire Department Chief, gave information about the purchase of a Fire Truck for \$45,000 and requested the City's assistance on this purchase.

Motion by Bill French, second by Debbie Lowery to assist the fire department, in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000), to purchase a fire truck with the agreement the Fire Department reimburse the City for a portion of this purchase by a reduction in the yearly contribution made to the Fire Department by the City. Motion carried: 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Bill French and seconded by Sam Haigis to approve the contract with Eddie Peacock, C.P.A. for pre-audit work. Yes: Councilmembers French, Richardson, Haigis, and Bozeman. No: Council Member Lowery. Motion carried: 4 yes, 1 no.

Motion by Sam Haigis and seconded by Bill French, to authorize city staff to terminate the ambulance contract with the City of Sherman in accordance with the termination language in the contract. Motion carried: 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Dennis Bozeman, and seconded by Debbie Lowery to authorize city staff to enter into a contract with the City of Van Alstyne to provide ambulance service to the City of Howe to begin immediately when termination of the contract with Sherman is final. Motion carried: 5 Yes 0 No.

A presentation was presented by Ken Day, of DayCom Solutions, regarding establishing a web site and/or web master for construction and maintenance of a web site for the City of Howe. Motion by Sam Haigis and seconded by Bill French to accept the proposal for a web site. Motion carried: 5 Yes 0 No.

No discussion or action regarding street and road repairs or advertising for bids on the waste water project at or near Farmington Road.

1. Departmental reports on activities for month of September:

Chief Hudman gave a report for the monthly activities of the Howe Police Department.

David Wortham gave a report for Code Enforcement and the Utility Department.

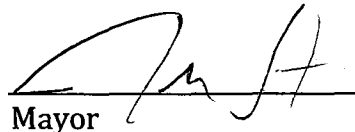
Joe Shephard gave a report for Municipal Court and Administration.

Robert Maniet gave a report for the Howe Volunteer Fire Department.

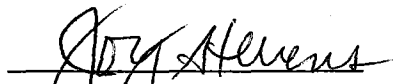
Motion by Dennis Bozeman and seconded by Sam Haigis to review TMRS and retirement questions next year during the budget meetings. Yes: Councilmembers French, Richardson, Haigis, and Bozeman. No: Councilmember Lowery. Motion carried: 4 yes, 1 no.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Secretary