

City of Howe
Regular Meeting
October 21, 2014

Mayor Jeff Stanley called a regular meeting of the Howe City Council to order at 6:02 p.m. Members present were Bill French, Dennis Bozeman, Georgia Richardson, Sam Haigis and Debbie Lowery.

INVOCATION

Georgia Richardson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO FLAGS

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

PRESENTATION

Carl Hudman recognized John Grant, a part time police officer, for his good work for the Howe Police Department since April 26, 2011. A plaque was presented from his fellow officers. Officer Grant has taken a full time Police Department position with the City of Murphy, Texas.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Debbie Lowery to approve the consent agenda items which included September 2014 financial statements, minutes of September 16, 2014 and September 26, 2014. Also approved was the Quarterly Investment Report, the Grayson County Fire Contract, and the 2013 Annual Tax Report from Bruce Stidham, Tax Assessor-Collector. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Motion by Dennis Bozeman, second by Sam Haigis, to approve the contract with Eddie Peacock, C.P.A., for pre-audit work for the 2013-2014 Audit. Motion Carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Monte Walker discussed with the Council a proposal for the City of Howe to lease the building at 101 E. Haning Street for Economic Development, Keep Howe Beautiful and a future Chamber of Commerce. Motion by Bill French, second by Georgia Richardson to table this to obtain more information regarding average lease costs per square foot for all the downtown buildings for comparison. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Bill French, second by Georgia Richardson for the City of Howe to enter into a loan contract with Independent Bank of Howe for the purchase of two (2) police vehicles and to authorize City Administrator Joe Shephard to sign and execute all related documents. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Executive Session

The City of Howe entered into Executive Session at 6:29 p.m. for consultation with the attorney under GC 551.071: Professional Services Agreement (Howe Commercial, Ltd./Wood Creek)

The Council returned to open session at 6:54 p.m. Motion by Debbie Lowery, second by Bill French, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with (Howe Commercial, Ltd./Wood Creek). Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

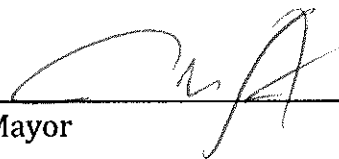
Scott Norris of Tomlin Investments gave a presentation regarding Howe Commercial, Ltd., (Wood Creek).

Joe Shephard and Monte Walker gave the council current information regarding Hawaiian Falls Water Park, Walmart and an unnamed fast food restaurant locating in Howe, Texas. The discussion included possible land acquisitions, costs and other factors. No action taken.

Carl Hudman gave the Police Department report, David Wortham gave the Utility Department report and Monte Walker gave the Economic Development report.

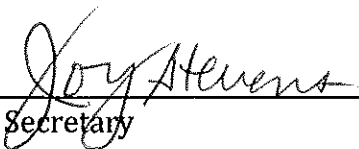
ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary