

MINUTES
FRITCH CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2015
CITY ANNEX 509 W. BROADWAY FRITCH, TEXAS
7:00 P.M.

- 1. Call to order.** Meeting called to order by Mayor W. Kelly Henderson. Councilmembers present: Arlin Audrain, Yvonne Blackwell, Denise Campbell, Arturo Gutierrez. Richard Hein – Absent. City employees present: Cody Bengé, Monte Leggett, Steve McKay, Cindy Cook and Ed Adamson.
- 2. Invocation – pledge of allegiance.** Prayer given by Mayor Pro Tem Audrain. Pledge led by Councilmember Blackwell.
- 3. Recognize visitors – Mayor Kelly Henderson.**
- 4. Open forum.** Barbara Vaughn – Ms. Vaughn said, I pray for the city council that you would have wisdom. She asked two questions. Her first one was what was the litigation fee of \$69,000? Mayor explained that it was paid to the lawyer representing the city in the PUC case concerning the \$12 surcharge. The second question was if the city would provide her a list of what was spent on the water system. City Manager McKay asked her to put her request in writing as an open records request.
- 5. New business:**
 - A. Approve minutes of the following meetings: September 15, 2015 and September 28, 2015.** Motion to approve the minutes of September 15 and 28, 2015 was made by Councilmember Blackwell. Second made by Mayor Pro Tem Audrain. Vote 4/0.
 - B. Discuss and take action on accounts payable.** Councilmember Campbell made the motion to approve the accounts payable as presented. Second made by Councilmember Gutierrez. Vote 4/0.
 - C. Discuss and take action to award the small purchase procurement for replacement and installation of meters and cans to High Plains Contractors.** Joe Price with PRPC informed the Council that the debris funds for the state of Texas had run out so it was good that the City's application had been turned in on time. City had received several quotes for the replacement and installation of meters. High Plains Contractors of Dumas had put in a proposal of \$12,780.00. Motion made by Councilmember Campbell to award the small purchase procurement for replacement and installation of meters and cans to High Plains Contractors. Second made by Councilmember Blackwell. Vote 4/0.
 - D. Discuss and take action to award the Debris Removal Contract for the remaining debris.** Joe Price told the Council that only one bid had been received and it was opened on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. The bid was from Howell Sand and it was for \$104,950. \$206,000 was in the budget so this is well below. Motion made by Councilmember Blackwell to award the debris removal contract to Howell Sand. Second made by Mayor Pro Tem Audrain. Vote 4/0.
 - E. Discuss and take action on grazing lease located behind sewer plant.** City Manager Steve McKay explained that Mr. Everett Timmons is no longer in the cattle business and would like to be released from the grazing lease agreement. Councilmember Campbell made the motion to terminate the grazing lease agreement with Everett Timmons and to open the bid process for a new agreement. Second made by Mayor Pro Tem Audrain. Vote 4/0.
 - F. Discuss and take action on amendment to the City of Fritch EMS agreement.** A Texas non-profit corporation has been set up to handle the ambulance service. This amendment to the EMS agreement is basically a name change. Motion to approve the amendment to the City of Fritch EMS agreement made by Councilmember Campbell. Second made by Councilmember Gutierrez. Vote 4/0.
 - G. Discuss and take action to obtain bids for depository contract.** City Secretary Cindy Cook explained to the Council that the depository contract with Happy State Bank had expired and based upon information given by TML attorney Bill Longley it was necessary for the City to go out for bids for a new depository

contract. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Audrain to obtain bids for depository contract. Second made by Councilmember Blackwell . Vote 4/0.

H. Discuss and take action on Fire Protection Agreement. Commissioner Jerry Hefner said this is a one year contract which allows the Fritch Volunteer Fire Department to go into the County to fight fires. It is a little different than last year's contract. The money stayed the same but there some word changes. He told the council that this should have been done for October 1, 2015 so we are a little behind. City Manager McKay said there are some policy and procedure changes and different reporting options. Both Commissioner Heffner and City Manager McKay recommended that the Council sign the agreement. Fire Chief Ed Adamson voiced his disapproval on certain sections of the agreement. It was stated that the Stinnett Fire Chief did not like the agreement either. The main reason stated was that some policies and procedures are in contradiction with the individual department standard operating procedures. Commissioner Heffner told the Council that PRPC says other entities cannot assist on County fires without this signed agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Audrain made the motion to approve the Fire Protection Agreement. Second made by Councilmember Gutierrez. Vote 4/0.

6. City officers' reports.

A. Report from City Manager. Discuss NIMS training, software conversion and bank accounts. City Manager Steve McKay spoke about the required NIMS training. A city may not receive FEMA funds without this training. He also told the Council that the software was going pretty well and he stated that we have been notified that the PUC has received requests to look into the new water rates.

B. Report from Chief of Police. Chief Monte Leggett said the new Allsup's has had lots of traffic and most of the calls from 1a.m to 5 a.m. are there. The three suspects involved in the damage at the park have refused to cooperate so charges will be made against them. They are all above 17 years of age and will be considered adults. Money that the city is out for the damages will not be recovered quickly.

C. Report from Public Works Director. Public Works Director Cody Bengé said the maintenance crew has been working hard to fix leaks.

D. Fritch E.D.C. Report. Minutes from last EDC meeting were given to the council.

E. Crime Control (This item was accidentally left off of the agenda.) Dwight Kirksey said the new officers for the Crime Control are: President – Dwight Kirksey, Vice President – Kevin Black, Secretary/Treasurer – Brooklyn Bidwell. Crime Control has paid for 4 Surface Pro 3's and accessories. They are also working on speakers for the school system that will speak on issues that concern Fritch. It was also stated that all officers handling taxpayer money have a required class. If Mr. Kirksey goes, the class cannot be paid for by the Crime Control but must be paid by the City.

7. Executive Session. 7:50 p.m.

The City Council will convene into closed session in accordance with Texas Government Code Subchapter D, Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters. 1. Discuss and take action on employee evaluation.

8. Reconvene into open session. 8:18 p.m.

No action taken.

9. Mayoral/councilmember announcements. Mayor Henderson read an announcement provided by Vicki Wilson concerning the Veteran walls at the city park.

10. Future agenda items. There will be a short called session next Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Audrain made a motion to adjourn. Second made by Councilmember Gutierrez. Vote 4/0.

READ, PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Mayor W. Kelly Henderson

Cindy Cook, City Secretary