

City Council

200 North Brazil

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, July 8, 2014

6:00 PM

City Hall

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Workshop on electronic agenda

Mike Lyons from IQM2 presented through a webinar training to the Council on the electronic agenda. Mr. Lyons answered questions from the Council.

Consent Agenda

Approval or rejection of Minutes from June 10, 2014 and June 26, 2014 meetings.Adopted

Consent agenda was approved as presented.

Tom Jones made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of Minutes from June 10, 2014 and June 26, 2014 meetings., seconded by Polo Narvaez the vote was [Unanimous].

Approval or rejection of the Order of Election and Notice of Election for the November 4, 2014 City Election.Adopted

Consent agenda approved as presented.

Tom Jones made a motion to approve Approval or rejection of the Order of Election and Notice of Election for the November 4, 2014 City Election., seconded by Polo Narvaez the vote was [Unanimous].

Visitor remarks - To speak you must sign in prior to the meeting and you have a limits of 3 minutes to speak.

There were no comments.

Action Items

Presentation, consideration and ACTION on report by Rodeo Committee and approve to utilize Hotel/Motel fund tax to promote Los Fresnos Rodeo.Adopted

Mike Todd, Chairman of the Rodeo Committee, and Wesley Milum, Chairman of Social Media, were present. Mr. Milum presented a slide show on how social media has helped the Rodeo. They thanked the Council for their support last year for marketing the Rodeo and would like to ask the Council to continued the marketing support again this year.

Mr. Mark Milum explained that there are funds available in the Hotel/Motel tax fund.

Councilmember Jones made a motion to approve \$2,500 for marketing the Rodeo, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Cruz and the vote for approval was 5-0.

Tom Jones made a motion to approve Presentation, consideration and ACTION on report by Rodeo Committee and approve to utilize Hotel/Motel fund tax to promote Los Fresnos Rodeo., seconded by Yolanda H. Cruz the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION on first reading of Ordinance 457 approving a negotiated resolution between the City and Texas Gas Service ("TGS" o "The Company") regarding the Company's May 1, 2014 Cost of Service Adjustment ("COSA") filing; granting the Company's request for a good cause waiver of language in Section C.5 of the COSA Clause; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; approving attached tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable; providing for the recovery of the City's and TGS' reasonable and necessary rate case expenses; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; declaring an effective date; repealing and prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the Company and the City's Legal Counsel.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained that Geoffrey Gay with Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend is the Cities legal counsel in the rate case. They have negotiated an agreement with Texas Gas Service on the increase in rates. The residential rates will see a slight increase but the majority of the rate increase will be with commercial and industrial customers.

A representative from Texas Gas Service was present and he answered questions from the Council.

Councilmember Real made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 457 that negotiates an agreement between the Cities and Texas Gas Service, seconded by Councilmember Mendez and the vote for approval was 5-0.

Swain Real made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION on first reading of Ordinance 457 approving a negotiated resolution between the City and Texas Gas Service ("TGS" o "The Company") regarding the Company's May 1, 2014 Cost of Service Adjustment ("COSA") filing; granting the Company's request for a good cause waiver of language in Section C.5 of the COSA Clause; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; approving attached tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable; providing for the recovery of the City's and TGS' reasonable and necessary rate case expenses; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act;

declaring an effective date; repealing and prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the Company and the City's Legal Counsel., seconded by Javier Mendez the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to approve a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas authorizing and approving publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligation; complying with the requirements contained in Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12; and providing an effective date.Adopted

Mr. Milum explained that this is approving to publish the Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation. This is for scenarios 7 and 8 that were approved at the last meeting which include Lopez lift station, purchase of land, engineering for sewer extension west, sewer extension Escalante Road, sewer extension Whipple Road, water loop, Evergreen Street, and Architect and Design for City Hall. If there is any money left over then we can do one of the other projects that we are approving in the resolution.

Mayor Narvaez made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing and approving publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation; complying with the requirements contained in Securities and Exchange Commission rule 15c2-12; and providing an effective date, seconded by Councilmember Real and the vote for approval was 5-0.

Polo Narvaez made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to approve a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas authorizing and approving publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligation; complying with the requirements contained in Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12; and providing an effective date., seconded by Swain Real the vote was [Unanimous].

Consideration and ACTION to appoint two new members to Planning & Zoning Commission.No Action

No action was taken.

made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to appoint two new members to Planning & Zoning Commission., seconded by the vote was .

Consideration and ACTION to appoint a member to the Housing Authority.No Action

No action was taken.

made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to appoint a member to the Housing Authority., seconded by the vote was .

Consideration and ACTION to appoint a member to the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporation Board.No Action

No action was taken.

made a motion to approve Consideration and ACTION to appoint a member to the Los Fresnos Community Development Corporation Board., seconded by the vote was .

Update by City Manager

Update by City Manager A. Wastewater Plant Expansion B. Raw Water Line Upgrade, Filter Replacement, Sludge Removal System C. Development Projects - Whipple Road Apartments and WalMart D. Community Park Parking E. Los Fresnos Nature Park F. Hazardous Mitigation Plan G. Category 7 Projects Submitted to MPO No Action

Wastewater Plant Expansion - We are waiting approval from TCEQ. Then TWDB will be able to give us final approval to start the bidding process.

Raw Water Line Upgrade, Filter Replacement, and Sludge Removal System - We are waiting for USDA for final approval of the bids. All contracts documents have been signed and we have held the pre-construction meetings with contractors.

Development Projects - 1. Apartment Complex on Whipple Road is moving quickly. 2. WalMart ground work has begun.

Community Park Parking - The County has begun work on the parking lot to the west side of the Park. The parking area on Nogal Street and Third Street is in the approval process.

Los Fresnos Nature Park - We are waiting on the approval of the appraisals so we can make the final deal. We have verbally agreed with one of the property owners.

Hazardous Mitigation Plan - We have not heard anything. I was told they are very backed up in looking at the applications. They will not give us a time line of when they might get to it.

Category 7 Projects - Applications have been submitted for Whipple Road, Los Fresnos Loop, Hike & Bike Trails and Henderson Road. The Technical Committee is still reviewing all the projects. They probably will not go to the Policy Committee for approval until August.

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.

made a motion to approve Update by City Manager A. Wastewater Plant Expansion B. Raw Water Line Upgrade, Filter Replacement, Sludge Removal System C. Development Projects - Whipple Road Apartments and WalMart D. Community Park Parking E. Los Fresnos Nature

Park F. Hazardous Mitigation Plan G. Category 7 Projects Submitted to MPO, seconded by the vote was .

Department Head Reports**Finance Report**No Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.
made a motion to approve Finance Report, seconded by the vote was .

Public Works ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.
made a motion to approve Public Works Report, seconded by the vote was .

Police Department ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.
made a motion to approve Police Department Report, seconded by the vote was .

Municipal Court ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.
made a motion to approve Municipal Court Report, seconded by the vote was .

Library June ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.
made a motion to approve Library June Report, seconded by the vote was .

EMS ReportNo Action

Mr. Milum answered questions from the Council.
made a motion to approve EMS Report, seconded by the vote was .

9. **Adjournment****Adopted**

Mayor Narvaez adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder