



April 21, 2010

This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the Simonton City Council on April 20, 2010.

1. Mayor Boudreaux called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Those present were:

Lou Boudreaux

Daniel McJunkin

Sandy Bohannon

Kathy Nida

Jane Stockton

Dub Sabrsula

Jeff Young

A quorum was present.

2. Councilman Daniel McJunkin said the Invocation and led the Pledge of Alliance.

3. Consent Agenda.

- a. In the MARCH minutes under New Business item F: PODs – Pastor Steve Littlefield of Simonton Community Church said the city could use the church parking lot for a POD site.
- b. Financials: the CD listed in the paperwork as maturing on 4/1/2010 actually is a 12 month CD and will mature on 9/1/2010.

*Councilwoman Sandy Bohannon made a motion to accept the consent agenda; Councilman Jeff Young seconded – MOTION PASSED.*

4. Announcements or Public Comments.

- a. NONE

5. Council Information Sharing

- a. CenterPoint Franchise new agreement shows a loss of \$ .04 a month.
- b. TX mock hurricane drill on May 5, 2010 from 10 AM- 2PM. Simonton ECO as well as Weston Lakes EOC will activate and participate to meet FEMA requirements. Greg Norman will do a weather report to use. Check to see if it will stream live on the internet.
- c. The property on Wrangler Road with the Pavilion has been inspected by Dean Eichelberger. He said it is well built. Recommended tie downs.
- d. Mayor Boudreaux and Councilman McJunkin met with Glen Plowman from Twinwood and Jim Minton from Emergency Fire District #4. The District is planning ahead and shopping for property in the area for a (distant) future fire station. Mr. Plowman was very receptive and said he was willing to help in that endeavor.

6. Old Business.

- a. Mayor Boudreaux started the pumps. Councilman Sabrsula asked if there is any other maintenance that the city need to be doing, but there is not until there are more hours on the engineer.

7. New Business.

- a. Mayor Boudreaux volunteered to replace Daniel McJunkin on the Simonton Development Corporation (4B) once Daniel becomes Mayor in May. Daniel pointed out that there would

need to be another member selected to replace Maryanne Griswold. That should be an item for next month.

*Councilman Jeff Young made a motion to accept Lou Boudreaux as the replacement member for Daniel McJunkin in May; Councilman Daniel McJunkin seconded – MOTION PASSED.*

- b. 2010 Exemptions for Ad Valorum tax; Current exemptions include (HS) Homestead Local, (O65) Over 65 Local (48), (DP) Disabled Persons Local (3), (DV) Disabled Vet (5), (HB366) House Bill 366 (2), (AUTO) Lease Vehicles Ex (2).

*Councilman Daniel McJunkin made a motion to keep the same Exemptions in place that currently exist; Councilwoman Sandy Bohannon seconded – MOTION PASSED.*

- c. Public Utilities – CPI Rate.

The new CPI rate adjusted maximum rates are as follows:

Residential \$1.83      Non-Residential \$4.20      Point-to-point \$0.00

The default rates for 2010 is as follows & is the same as 2009:

Residential \$1.70      Non-Residential \$3.91      Point-to-point \$0.00

*Councilman Dub Sabrsula made a motion to accept the default rate for 2010; Councilman Jeff Young seconded – MOTION PASSED.*

- d. FBC Board of Directors Appraisal District. Council nominated Jim Gammill.

*Councilman Daniel McJunkin made a motion to nominate Jim Gammill to the Appraisal District Board; Councilman Dub Sabrsula seconded – MOTION PASSED.*

- e. FBC Economic Development Council. The city can join the council for \$1,000 a year in dues. It will help to bring some focus to this part of the county.

*Councilman Jeff Young made a motion to join the Ford Bend Economic Development Council; Councilwoman Sandy Bohannon seconded – MOTION PASSED.*

- f. Speed Limit Signs in Valley Lodge. Mayor Boudreaux believes we will need sixteen (16) signs for a total of \$1,070.00. Mayor Boudreaux called the city attorney, David Olson, he said as long as the city was in compliance with the State speed limits, there was no need for an ordinance. Mr. Olson will send the exact wording to the city to have on file.

*Councilman Daniel McJunkin made a motion to move ahead with having the speed limit signs installed; Councilman Dub Sabrsula seconded – MOTION PASSED.*

- Councilman McJunkin also voiced concerns about the speed limit signage along FM 1093 saying the speed changes were not clearly marked. He asked for addition signs indicating the reduced speed signs. The Mayor will talk to Jim Hunt from TXDot.

- g. CD Coming Due: As discussed earlier, the CD in question actually will not mature until 9/1/2010 but it was once again pointed out that the city currently \$474,421.51 in Wallis State Bank. Well over the \$250,000 that is FDIC insured. Councilman Jeff Young, Investment Officer, and Kathy Nida, Financial Officer, asked the council to give them permission to move \$120,000 from the Money Market fund at Wallis State Bank into a CD at Commercial State.

*Councilman Daniel McJunkin made a motion to move the \$120,000 from the Money Market account at Wallis State Bank into a CD at Commercial State Bank if the rate is greater than 1% for a one (1) year CD; Councilwoman Sandy Bohannon seconded – MOTION PASSED.*

- h. Security System: Three companies were verbally invited to submit sealed bid for the installation of a magnetic lock system for the front door, an intrusion alarm system and a video surveillance system. A copy of the minutes summarizing the three (3) bids, their costs and a comparison of their companies is attached to these minutes. The companies were; The Replay Group, Broadview (Brinks) and Simplex Grannell. The Council agreed the City

should move forward with the MagLock installation with Broadview. There was discussion over whether or not the cost of a video system was justifiable based on the value of equipment in the building. Need to consider monitoring the generator. If the city uses a video system, we should upgrade to an 8-channel DVR.

*Councilman Jeff Young made a motion to go ahead and have Broadview install the MagLock with the AiPhone then consult with them to further investigate exactly what the city needs in the way of an alarm system; Councilman Daniel McJunkin seconded – MOTION PASSED.*

7. Adjournment


*Councilman Daniel McJunkin made a motion to adjourn; Councilman Jeff Young seconded – MOTION PASSED.*

The meeting ended at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Louis J. Boudreaux  
Mayor



Kathy Nida  
City Secretary