



February 17, 2010

This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the Simonton City Council on February 16, 2010.

1. Mayor Boudreaux called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Those present were:

Lou Boudreaux

Jane Stockton

Sandy Bohannon

Kathy Nida

Jeff Young

Daniel McJunkin

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A quorum was present.

No public in attendance.

2. Councilwoman Sandy Bohannon said the Invocation and led the Pledge of Alliance.

3. Consent Agenda.

Councilman Daniel McJunkin questioned why the money had not been transferred to the Money Market account out of the checking account. Kathy Nida said she was waiting to cover the checks for both 4A and 4B Corporations before moving the funds. The check for 4B was written this month. The check to 4A still needs to be written. Councilman Daniel McJunkin also asked about Permit Fees for the year. To date, only one permit has been applied for this fiscal year.

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

4. Announcements or Public Comments.

- a. CenterPoint Energy started tree trimming in Valley Lodge on Monday, FEB 15, 2010.
- b. Community Pot Hole party on Saturday, FEB 20, 2010.
- c. Mayor Boudreaux passed out a list of Objectives for 2010 for the council to review and discuss at a later date.
- d. Mayor Boudreaux found out at the Town Hall Meeting that Simonton was possibly eligible for a program (Community Rating System) that may reduce flood insurance rates for the community. He proposes forming a committee to form a plan to meet the criteria that would make the city compliant with the program. Simonton is already on track because of their efforts in improving drainage, using larger culverts and the installation of the flood gates. The rate reduction is anywhere from 5% to 45%.
- e. Kathy Nida presented a copy of the contract with the county as well as the total cost (\$4,303) of the May 8, 2010 general election for the council's information. If the candidates all run unopposed, the election is cancelled and there is no cost to the city.
- f. The new city credit cards are finally here, but Mayor Boudreaux's name is incorrect so that must be corrected. The first statement also included a \$147 credit – which is wrong as well.
- g. Kathy Nida attended the record management class and attended 5 different lectures. Now, she will go about the process of updating and archiving the records. Most surprising was how electronic files are considered public record as well as the website must be archived on a regular basis.
- h. Mayor Boudreaux pointed out how much the administrative duties have started to pile up.

5. Old Business.

- a. Councilman McJunkin and Mayor Boudreaux started the pumps. After the election, Mayor Boudreaux offered to take on the responsibility of starting the pumps each month. Councilman McJunkin said he would help Mayor Boudreaux again this month.

6. New Business.

- a. Simonton generally signs the agreement with Fort Bend County to follow their Emergency Management Plan. It is time to once again, sign the agreement with the county.

*Councilman Daniel McJunkin made a motion to accept the Fort Bend County's Emergency Management Plan; Councilwoman Jane Stockton seconded – MOTION PASSED.*

- b. Speed Limit Signs: TML said the city does not need an ordinance in order to post speed limit signs in Valley Lodge, but it is probably a good idea. The council agreed we should proceed with research and writing such an ordinance. Enforcement could be an issue. The Mayor and members of the council can issue citations, but we must check into that. The county can issue tickets.

- c. The city needs a new vacuum cleaner.

*Councilwoman Jane Stockton made a motion to purchase a new vacuum cleaner valued under \$200 for city hall; Councilwoman Sandy Bohannon seconded – MOTION PASSED.*

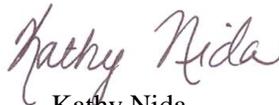
*Councilwoman Sandy Bohannon made a motion to adjourn; Councilman Jeff Young seconded – MOTION PASSED.*

The meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Louis J. Boudreaux  
Mayor



Kathy Nida  
City Secretary