



November 17, 2009

This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the Simonton City Council on November 17, 2009.

1. Mayor Boudreaux called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Those present were:

Mayor Lou
Boudreaux
Kathy Nida

Jeff Young
Dub Sabrsula
Sandy Bohannon

Jane Stockton

Absent:

Daniel McJunkin

A quorum was present.

Public in attendance:

Jim Gammill

2. Councilwoman Jane Stockton said the Invocation and led the Pledge of Alliance.
3. Consent Agenda. Mayor Boudreaux asked about the OCT sales tax. The city received \$11,000 but the report shows that total tax broken down (with the amounts for Corporations 4A & 4B not shown at all). Councilman Jeff Young asked about the CD interest amount on the financials (Actual v. Budget) from Wallis State Bank. The interest amount did not change because the CD's pay interest quarterly.
Jeff Young made a motion to accept the consent agenda; Sandy Bohannon seconded – MOTION PASSED.
4. Announcements and Public Comments.
 - a. The log jam video made the Channel 13 news. Both Mayor Boudreaux and Councilman McJunkin were interviewed by phone. A helicopter news crew flew over the river for more photos. People are working on clearing the debris out, but the contract will probably not be approved for several months and the work will not begin until June 2010. Several issues to consider: if hazardous materials are found in the debris it becomes another issue; if the county attempts to remove the debris and it breaks loose and damages structures downriver; actual removal of debris. Current bids to remove debris are around \$1 million dollars. The gates below the bridge are broken and need to be secured to keep kids on 4-wheelers off of the log pile.
5. Old Business.
 - a. Mayor Lou Boudreaux and Councilwoman Jane Stockton started the pumps. Councilman Sabrsula and Councilman McJunkin will do the next start-up in December.
6. New Business.
 - a. Mayor Boudreaux got a phone call from David Ollinger of the Fort Bend County Health Department asking if Simonton had a place for them to set up a nursing station for 2-3

months to give out H1N1 vaccines. The use of City Hall was offered with Council's approval.

Jane Stockton made a motion to allow the Health Department to set up in ; Dub Sabrsula seconded – MOTION PASSED

b. Flood Base Elevations Changes.

- FEMA will host one meeting per county to present new flood maps.
- Base elevations are higher than they were for Valley Lodge.
- Municipalities will have 90 days to dispute the new maps and information.
- Dub Sabrsula recommended getting a letter from FEMA saying flood insurance will still be available IF residents do not allow their coverage to lapse.
- How should information be made available to residents? Email/Letter
- City should hold special meeting at city to answer questions after the initial FEMA meeting.
- Lou Boudreaux recommended to the council that the city start using Charles Kalkomey as the flood plain administrator/city engineer.

c. Flood Gate Bulkhead Cost Estimate

- The county gives estimates when projecting costs for a job based on current prices. Often it takes a long time to begin the project and the costs increase. Cost of steel has increased. Mayor Boudreaux is pushing for completion so the city does not lose its funding for the grant. Increased cost is now \$6,000.

Dub Sabrsula made a motion to approve additional funding (\$6,000) for completion of the flood gates; Jeff Young seconded – MOTION PASSED

d. City Hall Security. Mayor Boudreaux wants to pursue bids to install security system for City Hall that includes a lock on the front door that can be activated by the secretary. There would be a camera on the front door and another camera inside the building facing the secretary's office and Weston Lakes office. The recorder would be motion activated and the camera is infrared so it can film in the dark. It also would include 2 monitors. Jeff Young questioned having a camera on the new generator.

Sandy Bohannon made a motion to renew pursue bids for a new security system; Dub Sabrsula seconded – MOTION PASSED

e. FBC Appraisal District Board of Directors. Mayor Boudreaux read the Resolution # 09-1113 into the minutes stating the City of Simonton casts it's vote for Jim Gammill be elected to the Board of Directors.

Jeff Young made a motion to accept the resolution; Sandy Bohannon seconded – MOTION PASSED.

Jane Stockton made a motion to adjourn; Sandy Bohannon seconded – MOTION PASSED.

The meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Louis J. Boudreaux
Mayor



Kathy Nida
City Secretary