



## MINUTES

### CALLED COUNCIL MEETING July 19, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

#### **CALLED MEETING:**

**Call to Order:** The July 19, 2011 Called Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 6:00 pm.

**Attendance:** Mayor David L. Jordan, Larry Bowen, Kenneth Roach, Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Turman, Wayne Braswell, Clark Williams, and City Clerk Gloria Brown.

#### **Additions or Deletions to Agenda:**

1. Park Request – Donnie Bolemon

**Approval of Agenda:** Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the agenda; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

#### **New Business:**

- A. **Highway 106 Gas Expansion Project and Financing Terms with Municipal Gas Authority – Mike Mihalick:** Mr. Mihalick went over the project and financing terms of \$1,000,000.00 at 5% or lower interest with a payback of 16 ½ years and debt service of 10 years. Mr. Mihalick also advised Council that Royston was the most untapped area in this region. This project would add 58 poultry houses and some residential as well. Discussion held. Mayor Jordan advised he thinks that this project would put a lot of risk on Royston citizens and he is afraid that the City would probably have to raise rates. Mayor Jordan also advised that this would stretch the City to pay the debt and we would essentially be asking citizens to back the debt. Mr. Mihalick advised that the gas market is stable due to new technologies and that now is a good time to do this project for expansion. David Pressley advised Council that this is a viable project, but we do have several smaller projects closer that would have a better payback period. Discussion Held. Keith Turman made a motion to entertain financing with Municipal Gas Authority based on smaller projects; Clark Williams seconded the motion; Keith Turman amended his motion that the City look at smaller expansion projects and to look at available resources of funding, keeping open financing potential with Municipal Gas Authority; Clark Williams seconded the amended motion; Council asked if the City was in any way bound by approving the low bid at the July 12, 2011 meeting; Mike Mihalick of Municipal Gas Authority and Eddie Conder of Southeastern Gas Engineering confirmed the bid is good for 60 days and that the City could reject all bids and the project without repercussion; motion carried 5-0.

Wayne Braswell made a motion to reject all bids; Keith Turman seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0. Wayne Braswell made a motion to explore packaging together all small gas expansion projects together and possibly seek financing with Municipal Gas Authority with a 5 to 7 year payback period. Keith Turman seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

David Pressley advised Council that Petro on Highway 51 wanted to switch over to natural gas and that the cost to all 4 buildings would be \$16,000.00 – does the City want to incur this all this expense or a portion of

it as the payback will be 1 year. Discussion held. Kenneth Roach made a motion that the City incur 100% of this cost; Clark Williams seconded the motion; Kenneth Roach amended his motion to include a one-year agreement/commitment to Petro that they will remain a natural gas customer for 1 year or they would have to repay the City the \$16,000.00; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

**B. Park Request – Donnie Bolemon:** Donnie advised Council that Jared Hightower had asked permission to hold a disc golf day on 9/24/11 only for persons with disabilities, which would require shutting down the main parking lot for the event; Mr. Hightower will be responsible for all signage. Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the event; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0. Donnie Bolemon also advised Council that Mr. Hightower would be holding a community disc golf day, to introduce the sport, on August 20, 2011 from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm.

**In Other Business:** Keith Turman advised he would like to see a digital marquis sign in front of City Hall so that we can advertise any city events. Discussion held. Keith Turman made a motion to explore the idea of a digital marquis sign and pricing for the sign; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

**Old Business:** None

**Adjourn:** Keith Turman made a motion to adjourn; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0; meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

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**Mayor David L. Jordan**

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**Gloria A. Brown, City Clerk/CFO**

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