

Town Council Minutes
April 11, 2011

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF TARRANT §
TOWN OF PANTEGO §

The Town Council of the Town of Pantego, Texas, met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Town Hall, 1614 South Bowen Road, Pantego, on the 11th day of April 2011 with the following members present:

Melody Paradise
Duane Smith
Jane Barrett
Russell Brewster
Don Surratt

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Council Members

constituting a quorum. Councilmember Arlington arrived around 9:00 p.m. for the executive session. The following staff members were present:

Tom Griffith
Gayla McNair
Jim Jeffrey
Joel McKinney
Robert Newsome
Ron Edwards
Chad Joyce

Interim City Manager
City Secretary
City Attorney
Police Chief
Finance Director
Director of Public Works
Building Inspector

Also in attendance:

Jim Staples

PEDC Vice President

WORK SESSION 6:30 P.M.

1. Interim City Manager Report
2. Monthly Staff Reports
3. Acceptance of Purchase Orders: BUDGETED ITEMS
4. Approval of Bills Payable for Professional Services
5. Minutes: PSAB and Town Council

Mayor, Council, and staff discussed the consent and regular agenda items.

SCHEDULED EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council will convene in the City Secretary's Office pursuant to the Texas Government Code for an executive session as follows:

- Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071, meeting with Town Attorney for consultation, discussion and to receive advice regarding potential litigation involving:
 1. Drainage issues on Rogers Court

Mayor Paradise adjourned the work session into executive session at 6:58 p.m. and reconvened at 7:34 p.m. with no action taken.

REGULAR SESSION 7:30 P. M.
CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Mayor Paradise called the regular session to order at 7:35 p.m.

INVOCATION BY: CINDY SHERRILL, PANTEGO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTERESTS

Councilmember Surratt thanked the Public Works Department for all of their hard work and efforts regarding the Clean Up Day. The citizen's appreciate the services provided.

Councilmember Barrett echoed Councilmember Surratt's comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith thanked Police Chief McKinney for the police department watching his home while he and his wife were away for their 60th anniversary. In addition, thanked Mr. Ron Edwards for his efforts in resolving the sidewalk drainage problem on Peachtree Lane and Country Club Court. Mr. Smith noted that KFC has a couple of specials on Monday and Wednesday nights where two people can eat for under \$6.00, and feels that KFC is a good business for our community.

Councilmember Brewster thanked staff for all their hard work and appreciate the Clean Up Day.

Mayor Paradise agrees with Mayor Pro Tem Smith in the fact that KFC is a great place to eat with excellent employees and customer service.

COUNCIL LIAISON TO BOARDS REPORTS

• **Park & Recreation Board**

Mayor Paradise said that the Park Board will be meeting on Tuesday, April 19th in the training room to stuff Easter eggs prior to the stuffing of the eggs at The Waterford on Wednesday. The Mayor invited everyone to come and help.

Public Safety Advisory Board

Councilmember Brewster said the board met last week and there was further discussion regarding the block parties. They are still debating on whether to have a couple or just one big town party. Whichever they decide, they are looking to doing it in May, before it gets too hot. The PSAB is still looking for new members and there has even been discussion of combining PSAB and P&R, due to the lack of members on both boards. Finally, the Public Safety Forum meeting has been rescheduled to April 21st at the Waterford and the topic of discussion will be Emergency Public Preparedness.

Mayor Paradise asked for everyone to talk to neighbors to help encourage participation for all boards.

PEDC REPORTS

Vice President Staples congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Smith on his 60th anniversary. Mr. Staples informed Council that the Interim Executive Director Tom Griffith has posted the position for an Economic Development Coordinator and he may have an interest in that position. Nana's Restaurant has opened and they are coordinating a ribbon cutting. Mega Buffet has been closed due to a leak repair. They have changed operators and should reopen the first of May.

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

David Nelson, 1910 Sarah Court, just wanted to express his appreciations to the police department for their quick action with the current issues with the gas drilling during the night.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Councilmember Surratt moved to approve Consent Agenda Items, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Councilmember Barrett seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Smith, Barrett, Brewster, and Surratt

Nays:

Abstentions:

Mayor Paradise declared the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION, REVIEW, APPROVAL AND / OR DIRECT STAFF

6. Discussion of letter from attorney Bryn Meredith regarding HB 3105 and SB 875 and their potential impact on municipalities.

Council directed City Attorney Jim Jeffrey to look into TML and provide recommendation to Interim City Manager Tom Griffith. Mr. Griffith will report back to council informally for further direction.

COUNCIL INQUIRY

Councilmember Surratt requested that council revisit the gas well ordinance.

SCHEDULED EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council will convene in the City Secretary's Office pursuant to the Texas Government Code for an executive session as follows:

- Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.074, to deliberate the appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee – City Manager, Municipal Judge, City Attorney, City Engineer, City Secretary.
 1. Discussion of position of City Manager
 2. Discussion of position of City Secretary

Mayor Paradise adjourned the regular session into executive session at 7:52 p.m. and reconvened at 11:04 p.m. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Paradise adjourned the regular session at 11:05 p.m.

APPROVED:


Melody Paradise, Mayor

ATTEST:


Gayla McNair, City Secretary

