

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

The Town Council of the Town of Pantego, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Town Hall, 1614 South Bowen Road, Pantego, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011 with the following members present:

Melody Paradise	Mayor
Duane Smith	Mayor Pro Tem
Donna Arlington	Council Members
Jane Barrett	
Russell Brewster	
Don Surratt	

constituting a quorum. The following staff members were present:

Tom Griffith	Interim City Manager
Gayla McNair	City Secretary
Joel McKinney	Police Chief
Robert Newsome	Finance Director
Ron Edwards	Public Works Director
Chad Joyce	Building Inspector

Also in attendance:

Jim Staples	PEDC Vice President
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**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: P&R and Town Council

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

Mayor Paradise adjourned the work session at 7:30 p.m.

**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: TERRY CAGLE, CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTERESTS**

Councilmember Brewster thanked staff for all their hard work.

Councilmember Barrett echoed Councilmember Brewster comments.

Councilmember Arlington said that she went to a restaurant in Mansfield and was talking with the owner. She had her Town Council T-shirt on and he said that he and his family used to live in Pantego and they have such fond memories of our town. They have a special needs child and they visited the Pantego Fire Department and the firemen would show them around and he wanted to thank the fire department for the efforts.

Councilmember Surratt thanked the staff and welcomed the visitors.

Mayor Paradise mentioned the PYLC will head out to Austin Wednesday, March 16th. They have worked hard to raise money for their trip and are looking forward to this experience. Clean Up Day is April 9th and the Wellness Program will be on April 12th. There are a lot of good things happening in the town.

### **COUNCIL LIAISON TO BOARDS REPORTS**

- **Park & Recreation Board**

Councilmember Donna Arlington reported that Park Board met the previous Tuesday and planned for the upcoming Easter egg event. They have found a wicker chair for the Easter Bunny, and Jane confirmed that her son will volunteer to be the Easter Bunny again this year. The event is from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23rd. The residents at the Waterford have volunteered again this year in helping stuff the Easter eggs. Their efforts and hard work are greatly appreciated. The next event will be on Memorial Day. In addition, the Park and Recreation Board are looking for board members. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone interested, please let them know.

- **Public Safety Advisory Board**

Councilmember Brewster stated that Public Safety Advisory Board met on March 1st and discussed how the year end events went. The Candy Train went over really well and they had 100 stockings left over. The police department took the remaining stockings to Shady Valley Apartments and distributed them to the kids. The board also discussed increasing the number of block parties. In addition, the Public Safety Advisory Board is looking for board members. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone interested, please let them know.

### **PEDC REPORTS**

Vice President Staples congratulated Mayor Paradise and Councilmembers Don Surratt and Russell Brewster for winning the election. Mr. Staples reported that Nana's Kitchen is scheduled to open Friday, March 18th. The Traditional Martial Arts Institute is moving forward with their renovation. Mr. Staples continues to visit local businesses, and they seem to be very optimistic in this time of recession. The upcoming development of the 7-11 is going to be a huge anchor for the corner of S. Bowen and W. Park Row as well as a spark for the West Park Row Project. Mega Buffet closed temporarily for remodeling, and wanted to make council and staff aware of this closure.

Mayor Paradise inquired if a ribbon cutting has been discussed for NaNa's Kitchen. Interim City Manager Tom Griffith stated not as of yet, however he will look into it and report back to council.

### **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

Terry Griffin, 27 Whitewolf Drive, Arlington, owner of John B's Food & Spirits on W. Arkansas Lane inquired about the consideration of a new smoking ordinance that may be implemented. He explained that if this ordinance passes that it will drastically affect his business in a negative way, if not result in him closing his business. He employs 6-8 employees and makes enough to just pay his bills. He has a signed petition that he can submit to council.

Mayor Paradise explained to Mr. Griffin that a public hearing will be set and it is at that time that he would need to attend and submit any documentation that he may have in addition to addressing council with his concerns.

### **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 with #3 PO 1133 be pulled, and #5 corrections made as stated in the work session. Councilmember Brewster seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Smith, Arlington, Barrett, Brewster, and Surratt

Nays:

Abstentions:

Mayor Paradise declared the motion passed unanimously.

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

- 6. **Consider any action to ratify and confirm the appointment of Judge Paul Previte and Judge David Kulesz as Associate Judges for the Pantego Municipal Court for service when Judge Mark Haney is not available.**

Mayor Pro Tem Smith made a motion to ratify and confirm the appointment of Judge Paul Previte and Judge David Kulesz as Associate Judges for the Pantego Municipal Court for service when Judge Mark Haney is not available. Councilmember Arlington seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Smith, Arlington, Barrett, Brewster, and Surratt  
Nays:  
Abstentions:

Mayor Paradise declared the motion passed unanimously.

Each associate judge gave a brief description of themselves and their accomplishments.

**SWEARIN IN OF ASSOCIATE JUDGES**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**  
**ORDINANCE:**

- 7. **Public Hearing and consider any action on the First Reading of a proposed ordinance to adopt the 2009 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code with local amendments.**

Discussion between council, staff and city attorney regarding the expectations of the town from the IECC. No formal motion was made at this time.

**RESOLUTION:**

- 8. **Consider any action on a proposed resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into an interlocal agreement by and between the Town of Pantego and Fort Worth's Environmental Collection Center Household Hazardous Waste Program.**

Director of Public Works Ron Edwards explained to council that this is a yearly contract renewal that the town has with the City of Fort Worth to use their environmental facility.

Councilmember Barrett made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into an interlocal agreement by and between the Town of Pantego and Fort Worth's Environmental Collection Center Household Hazardous Waste Program. Councilmember Brewster seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Smith, Arlington, Barrett, Brewster, and Surratt  
Nays:  
Abstentions:

Mayor Paradise declared the motion passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL INQUIRY**

If a member of the Council makes a spontaneous inquiry about a subject not on this agenda, then the Town Council or an appropriate Town official may make a statement of factual information or policy in response to such an inquiry. However, in accordance with Open Meetings Act Section 551.042, the Town Council cannot discuss issues raised or make any decisions on that subject at this time. Issues raised may be referred to Town Staff for research and possible future action.

**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
  
- Following the Scheduled Executive Session, the Council will reconvene in public session and may take any and all action necessary concerning the Executive Session.

The council reconvened from executive session at 9:20 p.m.

Mayor Paradise directed Interim City Manager Tom Griffith to take down job postings on all sites effective immediately. No action was taken regarding the City Secretary position.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Paradise adjourned the regular session at 9:20 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**Melody Paradise, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Gayla McNair, City Secretary**