

**Town Council Minutes
January 23, 2012**

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 23rd day of January 2012 with the following members present:

**Melody Paradise
Don Surratt
Jane Barrett
Don Funderlic
Duane Smith**

**Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Council Members**

constituting a quorum. Council Member Russell Brewster and Finance Director Fitzhugh Newsome were excused from tonight's meeting. The following staff members were present:

**Sean Fox
Lindsay Wells
Jim Jeffrey
Joel McKinney
Tom Griffith
Ron Edwards
Chad Joyce**

**City Manager
City Secretary
City Attorney
Police Chief
Fire Chief
Public Works Director
Community Development Director**

WORK SESSION 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Paradise called the work session into order at 6:34 p.m.

1. City Manager Report

- Town Staff Introductions- Tabitha Griffith has been hired as a dispatcher and begins work Wednesday, January 25, 2012.
- Del Taco Progress-The process to transform the former Fabulous 50s into Del Taco has begun. Construction is anticipated to be completed in March with the restaurant opening in April.
- Business Owners Meet & Greet-Colonial Savings and PEDC will host a Meet & Greet from 5:30-8:30 and will discuss business loans.
- Gateway Arch Progress-Issues related to pylon placement have required the gas line to be relocated and recent rains could delay the project. The anticipated completion date is on or around February 14, 2012.
- Tarrant County Assistance-Originally, five road projects were turned in for consideration by Tarrant County. The Park Row proposal was amended to address repairs in existing concrete and installation of crosswalks and sidewalks.
- PantegoFEST-An initial meeting with businesses, sponsors, and volunteers will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
- Shamburger Fund-At the last Council meeting, staff was instructed to research possible uses for the Fund for an animal essay contest similar to the City of Arlington. City Secretary Lindsay Wells will present the information at the next meeting.
- Arlington Handitran/library-Met with Interim City Manager Bob Byrd of the City of Arlington. The Town of Pantego and the City of Arlington are currently working to reach an agreement.

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Council discussed issues related to the Gateway Arch including gas line relocation as well as usage of the Shamburger Fund.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable and Purchase Orders in Excess of \$1,000.**
3. **Minutes: PEDC-December 14, 2011
Town Council-January 9, 2012**

Council directed City Secretary Lindsay Wells to make changes to the Town Council minutes from January 11, 2012 as discussed.

Council next discussed agenda item #4 regarding amending the Code of Ordinances related to Traffic and Vehicles. Community Development Director Chad Joyce updated Council on the specifics of the recently passed ordinance and detailed options available to residents in order to come in to compliance with the current ordinance. Council discussed the options presented including costs, definition of an improved surface, and grandfathering current properties. City Attorney Jim Jeffrey recommended amending the current ordinance that encompasses Council concerns.

Council next discussed agenda item #6 regarding sewer use regulations. Public Works Director Ron Edwards informed Council of changes made as directed at the last Council meeting.

Mayor Paradise adjourned the work session at 7:16 p.m.

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

Mayor Paradise called the regular session to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION BY:
Fire Chief Tom Griffith
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
COUNCIL RECOGNITION

Police Chief Joel McKinney introduced Officer Chad Hickey and informed those in attendance that Officer Hickey had been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Mayor Paradise presented Sgt. Hickey with his new Sergeant badge and pinned his badge on his uniform. Chief McKinney introduced Sgt. Hickey's wife, Sarah and Sgt. Hickey introduced everyone in attendance for his recognition.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTERESTS

Councilmember Smith informed Council of his experience with the City of Arlington's ambulance service after receiving a bill for \$1,268. Councilmember Barrett attended the groundbreaking for the Park Row Gateway Arch and is excited for its completion.

Councilmember Funderlic is impressed with the turnout of citizens for Sgt. Hickey recognition and thanked the citizens in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Surratt stated that he was glad that the Town is able to recognize and acknowledge employees.

Mayor Paradise mentioned the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast to be held this Saturday, January 28, 2012 at the Odis Pharr Community Center. She also welcomed new dispatcher Tabitha Griffith.

COUNCIL LIAISON TO BOARD REPORT

- **Community Relations Board**

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Mayor Pro Tem Surratt stated that the board will next meet Tuesday, February 7, 2012 and encouraged all citizens in attendance to join the board.

- **Pantego Youth Leadership Council**

Mayor Paradise stated that the PYLC met last Tuesday, January 17, 2012 and discussed ethics and conflicts of interest as well as working with non-profits. The organization, PAIS, made a presentation. New Community Relations Board member, Eric Fox, has joined PYLC as a mentor to the students.

PEDC REPORTS

City Manager Sean Fox informed Council that PEDC utilized the last meeting held on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 to discuss long-term goals and a mission statement.

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Thomas Hughes, 3301 Country Club Pantego, TX 76013 - Mr. Hughes requested clarification regarding parking vehicles as discussed in work session.

Mayor Paradise informed Mr. Hughes that this item will be discussed in agenda item #4.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Surratt moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 2, and 3 with changes as discussed. Councilmember Funderlic seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Surratt, Barrett, Funderlic and Smith

Nays:

Abstentions:

Mayor Paradise declared the motion passed unanimously.

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

4. Discuss, review and consider amending Chapter 12, "Traffic and Vehicles," Article 12.05 "Parking, Standing, and Stopping," of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Pantego, Texas, and direct staff.

This item was discussed during work session.

City Attorney Jim Jeffrey discussed rental property issues as it relates to the ordinance and proposed changes.

Jim Siddens, 1710 Robin Rd. Pantego, TX 76013 - Mr. Siddens inquired about residents parking on grass or in a yard and enforcement of violations.

Community Development Director Chad Joyce informed Mr. Siddens of requirements currently enforced by ordinance and how the Town enforces ordinances.

Council directed staff to work with City Attorney Jim Jeffrey to amend the current ordinance to include items such as grandfathering current properties, rental properties,

ORDINANCES

5. Consider any action on a first reading of a proposed ordinance implementing a water rate increase to fund water infrastructure projects.

Mayor Paradise stated that a public hearing was held on January 9, 2012 and tonight will be the first reading of a proposed ordinance with the second reading at the Council meeting scheduled for February 13, 2012. City Manager Sean Fox informed Council of the details of the ordinance including how a rate increase is calculated and sewer winter averaging.

Council discussed the ordinance with City Attorney Jim Jeffrey including calculating winter averaging, restricted and designated funds, and why an ordinance as well as a resolution has been presented.

City Manager Sean Fox explained the benefits of the proposed rate increase as a pay as you go plan as opposed to holding a bond election. Council discussed conducting an independent study and reassessing the system every three to five years with the Citizens Ad Hoc Water Committee.

Council directed City Manager Sean Fox to research options to earmark the funds from the increase with Finance Director Fitzhugh Newsome and clarify water rate information with Carolyn Marshall.

Mike Robertson, 1701 Arrowhead Dr. Pantego, TX 76013 - Mr. Robertson inquired about a rolling average rather than an annual recalculation.

City Manager Sean Fox stated that he would research a rolling average with Incode.

Barbara Joiner, 1709 Dickerson Dr. Pantego, TX 76013 - Ms. Joiner asked about if the proposed rate increase will address the quality of the water.

Public Works Director Ron Edwards stated that the increase will allow projects to commence improving the water quality and lower sodium content.

Mr. Robertson stated that he would prefer a designated fund rather than a restricted fund because circumstances change and having access to the funds would be preferable.

Councilmember Funderlic made a motion to approve the first reading of a proposed ordinance implementing a water rate increase to fund water infrastructure projects subject to potential changes as discussed. Councilmember Barrett seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Surratt, Barrett, Funderlic and Smith

Nays:

Abstentions:

Mayor Paradise declared the motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider any action on a Second and Final of an ordinance amending Chapter 13, Section 13.03 "Sewer Use Regulations."

This item was discussed during work session.

Mayor Pro Tem Surratt made a motion to approve the second and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 13, Section 13.03 "Sewer Use Regulations." Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

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Ayes: Surratt, Barrett, Funderlic and Smith
Nays:
Abstentions:

Mayor Paradise declared the motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider any action on a First and Final Reading of a proposed ordinance calling for the General Election of town officers for the Town of Pantego, Texas to be held Saturday, May 12, 2012 for Councilmembers Places 1, 2, and 3; providing for publication; providing for the administration and procedures for the conduct of the election; and declaring an effective date.

Council discussed with City Secretary Lindsay Wells issues related to May elections including proposed redistricting maps and primary elections for Presidential races.

Jim Siddens, 1710 Robin Rd. Pantego, TX 76013 – Mr. Siddens inquired about voting registration as it relates to redistricting and stated that his current registration is expired.

City Secretary Lindsay Wells stated that his registration has not been affected by the redistricting map and it will be renewed once the map has been established.

Councilmember Barrett made a motion to approve an ordinance calling for the General Election of town officers for the Town of Pantego, Texas to be held Saturday, May 12, 2012 for Councilmembers Place 1, 2, and 3. Councilmember Funderlic seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Surratt, Barrett, Funderlic and Smith
Nays:
Abstentions:

Mayor paradise declared the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL INQUIRY

Mayor Pro Tem Surratt updated Council regarding the Local Option Liquor Election and stated that approximately 250 signatures have been attained.

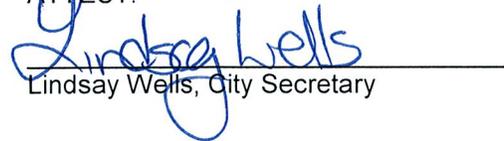
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Paradise adjourned the regular session at 8:49 p.m.

APPROVED:


Melody Paradise, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lindsay Wells, City Secretary

