

**Town Council Minutes
February 13, 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 13th day of February 2012 with the following members present:

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

**Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Council Members**

constituting a quorum. Community Development Director Chad Joyce was excused from tonight's meeting. The following staff members were present:

**Sean Fox
Lindsay Wells
Jim Jeffrey
Fitzhugh Newsome
Joel McKinney
Tom Griffith
Ron Edwards**

**City Manager
City Secretary
City Attorney
Finance Director
Police Chief
Fire Chief
Public Works Director**

WORK SESSION 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Paradise called the work session into order at 6:35 p.m.

1. City Manager Report

- Town Staff Introductions-Josh Brown and Juan Longoria of the Public Works Department are in attendance. Juan Longoria was recently hired and Mr. Brown has been recently promoted to Foreman.
- Gateway Arch Progress-The concrete base is complete with the forms removed. Tentative plans are in place to set the arch at the end of the week. The Town is working with Pantego Christian Academy to rectify issues related to the location of the arch. Passersby are curious and excited to see the completed project.
- PantegoFEST-An initial meeting was held last Tuesday, February 7, 2012 with sponsors to outline the scope of the event. The sponsors brought several great ideas and expressed excitement.
- Handitran & Library service interlocal agreement-A proposal has been submitted to Arlington Interim City Manager Bob Byrd which was well received. The proposal will be submitted to their Council informally on February 23, 2012 with a possible resolution to be presented on March 6, 2012.

Council welcomed Josh Brown and Juan Longoria and discussed issues related to the Gateway Arch visibility. Council also discussed the Arlington Handitran/library services interlocal agreement.

2. Monthly Staff Reports

Council discussed employee expenditures and deficits with Finance Director Fitzhugh Newsome. The fire department monthly activity report and expenditures were discussed with Fire Chief Tom Griffith. Public Works Director Ron Edwards briefed Council on issues related to failures at the Lane Well and the 303

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Well. Mayor Paradise informed Council that Camp Thurman is in the process of constructing a pool on their property.

3. Approval of Bills Payable and Purchase Orders in Excess of \$1,000

Council discussed purchase orders presented including invoices for magistration services, technology services and maintenance agreements.

- 4. Minutes: P&Z-November 7, 2011 and December 5, 2011
Community Relations Board-November 8, 2011 and January 3, 2012
PEDC-January 11, 2012
Town Council-January 23, 2012**

Council discussed agenda item #7 regarding telecommunications improvements for Town facilities. City Manager Sean Fox provided details of the improvements proposed and explained that three proposals were received, including a proposal from Time Warner Cable. Mr. Fox is recommending Time Warner Cable to make these improvements. Council discussed issues including add-on fees, monthly payments and insurance claims from a recent lightning strike on the police station.

Mayor Paradise adjourned the work session at 7:25 p.m.

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

Mayor Paradise called the regular session to order at 7:34 p.m.

INVOCATION BY:
Dennis Smith, Arlington Community Church
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTERESTS

Councilmember Brewster thanked those in attendance and thanked staff for their continued hard work. Mayor Paradise welcomed everyone in attendance as well.

COUNCIL LIAISON TO BOARD REPORT

- **Community Relations Board**

Mayor Pro Tem Surratt stated that the board met Tuesday, February 7, 2012 with 11 members present while a few members attended the PantegoFEST meeting being held simultaneously. Issues discussed at the meeting included electing a new Secretary, Christmas tree lighting in the park and planning the Easter event.

Mayor Pro Tem Surratt stated that the Easter event will be held Saturday, April 7, 2012 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

- **Pantego Youth Leadership Council**

Mayor Paradise stated that the PYLC will meet next Tuesday, February 21, 2012 when they will begin preparing for a year-end mock trial to encompass everything they have learned throughout the year. Judge Haney will be in attendance to answer questions about the municipal court.

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PEDC REPORTS

City Manager Sean Fox informed Council that PEDC has not met since the previous Council meeting. PEDC will next meet on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. President Bill Brown will be unable to attend the meeting so Vice President Nancy York will preside over the meeting.

Mr. Fox updated Council on the status of the Gateway Arch and stated that completion is tentatively scheduled to be completed next week.

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

None at this time.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Surratt, Barrett, Brewster, Funderlic and Smith

Nays:

Abstentions:

Mayor Paradise declared the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

5. Consider any action on a resolution suspending a requested rate change by Atmos Energy Corp.

Finance Director Fitzhugh Newsome explained that the resolution is asking to suspend a rate change for 90 days. Mary Jean Maloney of Atmos Energy Corp explained that representatives from the member cities would like additional time to research a proposed rate change and require a resolution to suspend the current rate change scheduled to take effect March 6, 2012.

Councilmember Brewster moved to approve the resolution suspending a requested rate change by Atmos Energy Corp. Councilmember Funderlic seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Surratt, Barrett, Brewster, Funderlic and Smith

Nays:

Abstentions:

Mayor Paradise declared the motion passed unanimously.

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

6. Discuss and review the annual Town presentation by Community Waste Disposal of the recycling program.

Robert Medigovich of Community Waste Disposal came before Council to present an annual review of CWD's service in the Town. Mr. Medigovich discussed issues including recycling volume and presented Mayor Paradise with a Recycling Award.

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7. Discuss, review and consider telecommunication improvements for Town facilities.

This item was discussed during work session.

Council discussed concerns including unknown add-on costs and maintenance agreements. City Manager Sean Fox detailed the increased capabilities of the new phone systems compared to the Town's current system as well as explained an analog backup system that will be installed simultaneously.

Councilmember Barrett made a motion to approve the proposal by Time Warner Cable to improve telecommunications in Town facilities with the 36 month timeframe to lease/purchase new equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Surratt seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Surratt, Barrett, Brewster, Funderlic and Smith

Nays:

Abstentions:

Mayor Paradise declared the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss, review and consider an annual essay contest for school-age Pantego residents.

City Secretary Lindsay Wells presented options for Pantego to create an annual essay and art contest including a summer contest period, sponsorships, proposed topics and allowing all school-age Pantego residents to take part in the contest.

Mayor Paradise stated that Council would revisit this issue in the future.

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

9. Discuss, review and consider Park Row improvements.

City Manager Sean Fox detailed a proposal presented to Tarrant County for improvements along the Park Row corridor to include crosswalks, road restriping and redevelopment. Mr. Fox stated that Tarrant County has approved payments totaling \$260,000 over two fiscal years to help fund projects along the Park Row corridor. Council discussed issues including total cost, engineering costs and the scope of projects.

Mr. Fox informed Council that conceptual renderings of the redevelopment of the Park Row corridor began in 2008 with presentations to PEDC although no plan was ever formally approved. Mr. Fox stated that the project being considered by Tarrant County would include the installation of a new water pipeline that would go from Bowen Road to the city limits and increase to 10 inch line. Council discussed Tarrant County expenditures and disbursements.

Mr. Fox proposed the creation of a committee of Council and PEDC Directors to discuss Park Row improvements.

10. Consider any action on Second and Final Reading of a proposed ordinance implementing a water rate increase to fund water infrastructure projects.

Council confirmed with City Attorney Jim Jeffery that changes made to the ordinance at the last Council meeting would make an additional resolution as originally presented unnecessary. Council discussed restricted and designated accounting funds.

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Mayor Pro Tem Surratt made a motion to approve the second and final reading of a proposed ordinance implementing a water rate increase to fund water infrastructure projects. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Surratt, Barrett, Brewster, Funderlic and Smith

Nays:

Abstentions:

Mayor Paradise declared the motion passed unanimously.

11. Discuss and consider any action on a First and Final Reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 4, "Business Regulations," Article 4.06 "Gas Drilling and Production," of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Pantego, Texas.

City Manager Sean Fox stated that Council passed an amendment to the original gas well ordinance on November 14, 2011 and after several conversations with Town officials, citizens and Carrizo representatives, the decision was made to draft a new amendment to address issues raised during these conversations.

Representatives from Carrizo, Scott Hudson and David Friedman, came before Council to discuss the proposed changes to the gas well ordinance including noise regulations and restrictions, vibratory analysis, low frequency studies, and fencing requirements.

Council clarified language related to noise restrictions with City Attorney Jim Jeffrey. Council discussed the information presented and debated issues including advice received from experts, a proposed supermajority requirement, and fencing requirements.

Chen Lee, 2001 Melbourne Dr. Pantego, TX, 76013 – Mr. Lee feels that the fencing requirements should be more restrictive near residential properties and would prefer a masonry fence over a wood fence.

David Nelson, 1910 Sarah Ct. Pantego, TX 76013 - Dr. Nelson stated that he would prefer for Pantego residents to call Carrizo with complaints rather than calling the police. He feels that as long as the fence is maintained, the current fence is acceptable. Dr. Nelson also stated that he is pleased that the noise has gotten better.

Council discussed requirements in place for Pantego gas well sites as opposed to other municipalities.

Councilmember Funderlic made a motion to approve a first and final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 4, "Business Regulations," Article 4.06 "Gas Drilling and Production," of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Pantego, Texas with changes as discussed. Councilmember Brewster seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Surratt, Barrett, Brewster, Funderlic and Smith

Nays:

Abstentions:

Mayor Paradise declared the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL INQUIRY

Mayor Paradise would like to see an agenda item for the next PEDC meeting regarding attendance and continued service on the board. Councilmember Barrett will be excused from the next meeting on February 27, 2012. Councilmember Barrett inquired about standing water outside town hall and City Manager Sean Fox stated that the issue is currently being address.

ADJOURNMENT

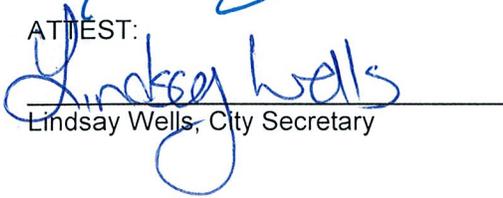
Mayor Paradise adjourned the regular session at 10:21 p.m.

APPROVED:



Melody Paradise, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lindsay Wells, City Secretary

