

**Town Council minutes
May 21, 2012**

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

The Town Council of the Town of Pantego, Texas, met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Town Hall, 1614 South Bowen Road, Pantego, on the 21st day of May 2012 with the following members present:

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

constituting a quorum. Police Chief Joel McKinney and Fire Chief Tom Griffith were excused from tonight's meeting. The following staff members were present:

Sean Fox	City Manager
Lindsay Wells	City Secretary
Jim Jeffrey	City Attorney
Fitzhugh Newsome	Finance Director
Ron Edwards	Public Works Director
Chad Joyce	Community Development Director

Also in attendance:

Hank Merbler	Former Mayor
Charlie Price	Council Member-Elect

WORK SESSION 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Paradise called the work session into order at 6:00 p.m.

1. City Manager Report

- Possible Water Infrastructure Fee Amendment – The water infrastructure rate will be brought before Council for discussion on at the June 11, 2012. Several variables were taken into account when calculating the recently implemented rate increase and customers such as Shady Valley Apartments and other businesses with multiple units on one billing account are being billed a greater amount than was originally estimated. Mr. Fox informed Council of proposed amendments for these establishments and possible bill adjustments.

Council discussed issues including amending the rate for specific business accounts and billing adjustments.

2. Discussion on possible moratorium for new Certificates of Occupancy specifically related to hookah lounges until discussion on proposed smoking ordinance

This item was discussed previously and requested by Mayor Pro Tem Surratt to be placed on tonight's agenda. City Attorney Jim Jeffrey stated that a moratorium could not be put in place tonight. Council only has the option to direct staff. Mr. Jeffrey stated that any moratorium should be a specific amount of time and can only apply to future applications and not applications already on file. Mr. Jeffrey recommended a defined time of 30 days.

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Community Development Director Chad Joyce stated that one Certificate of Occupancy application is currently in process. Council discussed issues related to implementing a moratorium for specific businesses and the proposed smoking ordinance. Council directed this issue be placed on June 11, 2012 agenda.

Mayor Paradise closed the work session at 6:14 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION 6:10 P.M.
CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Mayor Paradise called the regular session to order at 6:14 p.m.

INVOCATION BY:
Mayor Pro Tem Don Surratt
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CANVASSING OF THE MAY 12, 2012 SPECIAL ELECTION

- 3. Consider any action on an ordinance of the Town of Pantego canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Special Election held May 12, 2012 and providing for the implementation of the local option liquor election.**

Mayor Pro Tem Surratt moved to approve ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Special Election held May 12, 2012 and providing for the implementation of the local option liquor election. 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.

INAUGURATION

Mayor Paradise performed the oath of office for Councilmember Charlie Price, Councilmember Don Funderlic, and Councilmember Jane Barrett.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Councilmember Brewster made a motion to re-elect Mayor Pro Tem Surratt. Councilmember Funderlic seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Surratt, Barrett, Brewster, Funderlic and Price

Nays:

Abstentions:

Mayor Paradise declared the motion passed unanimously.

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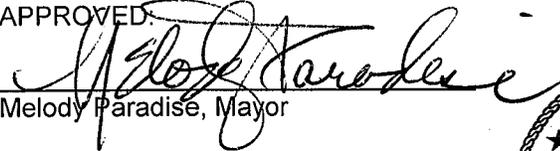
COUNCIL INQUIRY

Mayor Paradise stated that immediately following adjournment, a Town celebration will be held honoring the newly sworn-in Council Members as well as longtime Council Member Duane Smith, Patrolman Joseph Scottino, the retirement of Police Chief Joel McKinney, and the promotion of Sergeant Barry Reeves to Lieutenant. The celebration will be held at the Police Department at 2600 Miller Lane and Mayor Paradise encouraged all those in attendance to come to the celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Paradise adjourned the regular session at 6:25 p.m.

APPROVED:



Melody Paradise, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lindsay Wells, City Secretary

