

The City of Balcones Heights
Regular City Council Meeting
3300 Hillcrest Drive
Balcones Heights, Texas 78201

MINUTES

DATE: January 12, 2009

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Suzanne de Leon Miguel Valverde Linda Pohl
Charles Matthies Lamar Gillian Bill Johnson

Members Absent: None

SIGN IN SHEET: Bennie Cass Otto Moellering Roger Saucedo
L. David Givler, P.E. Ambrose J. Vince Patrick Mayo

CALL TO ORDER AND RECORDING OF QUORUM

Quorum present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U. S. A. AND TEXAS
FLAGS**

Councilman Gillian gave the invocation and led pledges.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Otto Moellering – resident of Balcones Heights stated his concerns with increasing graffiti in neighborhood.

1. PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:

Convention & Visitors Bureau Report, including Norris Conference Center updates.
(Nastasi)

Mr. Nastasi gave the highlights of the report and handed out a calender of future Convention and Visitors Bureau meetings.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of December 8, 2008.
- b. Approval of the December 2008 Check Register.
- c. Approval of Financial Report for month of December 2008.
- d. Investment Inventory Report, 4th Qtr. 2008.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve all.

Motion by: Councilman Gillian Second Councilwoman Pohl 5/0/0 PASSED

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

3. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding Council Member, Place 2 appointment to Convention Visitors Bureau Board. (Pohl)

MOTION: I would like to make the recommendation that we appoint Denise Bush on the CVB Board.

Motion by: Councilwoman Pohl Second: Councilman Gillian 5/0/0 PASSED

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ACTION ITEMS:

4. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding approval of preliminary design for Bobbies Lane Street Project. (David Givler)

David Givler came up to speak on the preliminary design for the Bobbies Lane project and asked for confirmation from council. He noted it may be 10 to 12 months before the project begins.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve preliminary design.

Motion by: Councilman Gillian Second: Councilman Valverde 5/0/0 PASSED

5. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 130: Offenses Against City Regulations of Code Book of Ordinances by adding Sections 130.20 to 130.25 by prohibiting consumption of alcoholic beverages on public streets and on public property. (Stannard)

Police Chief came to inform council this ordinance was needed to prohibit citizens to walk down the street consuming alcohol on public streets.

MOTION: I make a motion to adopt this ordinance.

Motion by: Councilman Valverde Second: Councilman Gillian 5/0/0 PASSED

6. Consideration and **ACTION** to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 130: Offenses Against City Regulations of Code Book of Ordinances by adding Sections 130.10-130.13 regarding the carrying of loaded guns and knives. (Stannard)

Police Chief informed council this ordinance is needed to address problems police officers have reported.

MOTION: I make a motion we approve.

Motion by: Councilman Matthies Second: Councilman Valverde 5/0/0 PASSED

7. Consideration/Action regarding the creation and location of a city impound facility. (Stannard)

Police Chief informed council that presently wrecker companies are making money city could make by having a city impound facility.

MOTION: Bring back revenue, expense, and start up cost. (city impound facility)

Motion by: Councilman Gillian Second: Councilman Johnson 5/0/0 PASSED

8. Consideration and **ACTION** to approve First Amendment to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for participation in 2008 year program. (Pate)

Staff recommendation was to approve amended contract.

MOTION: So move.

Motion by: Councilman Gillian Second: Councilman Matthies 5/0/0 PASSED

9. Consideration and **ACTION** regarding future Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects. (Pate)

City Administrator just wanted to update council on future street projects for Concord and Crestview and ask if there are any other projects they are interested in applying for.

Street Projects: Crestview and Concord
Park Project
Resurface play areas with soft surface
Resurface basketball court

MOTION: I will make the motion on these projects.

Motion by: Councilman Matthies Second: Councilwoman Pohl 5/0/0 PASSED

10. Consideration and **ACTION** amending City Code of Ordinances by adding Chapter 130: Offenses against City Regulations of Code Book of Ordinances by adding Hotel/Motel Regulations, Sections 130.06 to 130.09. (Stannard)

Police Chief came up to speak on this item.

MOTION: So moved.

Motion by: Councilman Gillian Second: Councilman Valverde 5/0/0 PASSED

11. Consideration and **ACTION** in regards to resolution of list of projects for federal economic stimulus package. (Pate)

City Administrator informed council of the priority list for the stimulus package and stated that he was still working on cost estimates for each item.

MOTION: I make a motion for a resolution.

Motion by: Councilman Matthies Second: Councilman Johnson 5/0/0 PASSED

12. Consideration and **ACTION** to amend City of Balcones Heights personnel policy regarding accrued vacation hours. (Pate)

Recommendation was made to increase all full-time employees accrued annual leave carry over amount to 160 hours.

MOTION: I would like to make a motion for that. (Amend personnel policy for all full-time employees to be able to carry over 160 accumulated annual leave hours.)

Motion by: Councilman Gillian Second: Councilman Valverde 5/0/0 PASSED

13. Discussion and **POSSIBLE ACTION** regarding a column in Newsletter about our citizens that are serving in the military. (Johnson)

No Action.

DISCUSSION:

14. Discussion and update regarding review of subscriptions we have in the city. (Gillian)

Councilman Gillian requested a list of all subscriptions city currently had. A list was handed out and the subscriptions are used by Convention Visitors Bureau.

Recommendation was made to subscribe to Express News and Business Journal only.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

15. Tex. Government Code Ann. Sec. 551.071(1), (2), Consultation with Attorney regarding litigation Arthur A. Lefton and David Lefton v. The City of Balcones Heights, Texas, No. 2008-CI-10075.

Council went into closed door executive session at 7:26 p.m.

RE-CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

Re-convened in open session at 7:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

City of Balcones Heights, Texas

By: _____
Delia Flores
City Secretary, TRMC

Minutes approved by City Council on February 9, 2009.