City of Archer City
Minutes of the Open Regular Meeting & Budget Workshop
Thursday, August 21, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Archer City, met for an Open Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 116 S. Sycamore, Archer City, Texas.

Call to Order
Mayor Kelvin Green called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Green led the Pledge of Allegiance for the United States and Texas flags and gave the invocation.

The following Council members were present for roll call:
Mayor Kelvin Green
Council Members Amos Deerinwater
Debra Haehn
Ron Jeffries
Paula Bradley
Jerry Phillips

Staff present: City Manager - George Huffman, City Secretary - Kim Whitsitt, Ambulance Director – Pat Bryan

Guests Present - David Farabee, Gordon Drake, Carlton Deen

Public Comments
Carlton Deen addressed Council concerning future water rates and stated he was in support of raising water rates to ensure the public water supply. Carlton also stated he was in favor of allowing citizens to purchase raw water from the City lake to be used for irrigation.

Consent Agenda
The City Council read the minutes of the July 17, 2014 Open Regular Meeting, August 15, 2014 Bid Opening and the August 16, 2014 Special Called Meeting and Budget Workshop. Debra Hahen made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Paula Bradley seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

Monthly Reports
City Manager report: Public Works, Code Enforcement – George Huffman
City Secretary report: July Financial Report – Kim Whitsitt

Bank Depository Contract
Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning authorizing a bank depository contract from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2019. Kim stated she had advertised for requests for proposals and had received one proposal from American National Bank. Paula Bradley made the motion to authorize a bank depository contract with American National Bank from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2019. Debra Hahen seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye” except for Amos Deerinwater who abstained.

Employee Group Health Insurance
Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning proposals for employee group health insurance from Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS), including Unum basic life and Humana vision and dental, and Texas Municipal League (TML). Kim presented rate comparisons and stated that contracting with BCBS with a $6,000 annual deductible and purchasing a GAP plan to lower the deductible to $1,000 would save the City approximately $6,800 annually. David Farabee representing BCBS also addressed Council on various concerns. Debra Hahen made the motion to authorize entering into a contract for employee group health insurance with BCBS, Humana vision and dental and Unum basic life effective October 1, 2014. Jerry Phillips seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

Water and Sewer Tap Rates
George Huffman addressed Council concerning current rates set for water and sewer taps. George stated there had been some concern that our tap fees were too high and presented Council with the costs associated with the installation of taps including parts. The consensus of Council was to leave the tap fees as established on October 1, 2013.

City Lake Water
George Huffman addressed Council concerning selling water from the City Lake. George stated the main problem is we do not have the manpower to monitor that activity. Jerry Phillips made the motion to table the item due to consideration of costs associated with manpower. Paula Bradley seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

Tax Rate
Kim Whitsitt addressed Council concerning the 2014 tax rate and stated that Council had reached a consensus during the budget workshop to adopt the effective tax rate of .75453. Paula Bradley made the motion to adopt the 2014 effective tax rate of .75453, at a future meeting, tentatively scheduled to be held on September 18, 2014. Amos Deerinwater seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

ACPD Interlocal Agreement with Moore County
George Huffman addressed Council concerning an Interlocal agreement between the ACPD and Moore County for the purpose of accessing TLETS for criminal justice purposes. George stated this was part of COPsync, which had been purchased with a grant from the Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation, Bingo Kinder Fund. Debra Haehn made the motion to approve the Interlocal agreement. Jerry Phillips seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

The Mayor called a recess at 9:00 p.m.
The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Budget Workshop
Kim Whitsitt led the Council in a workshop concerning the proposed 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget. No action taken.

Adjournment
There being no further business to come before the City Council, Ron Jeffries moved to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Paula Bradley seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

Kim Whitsitt, City Secretary
Kelvin Green, Mayor