

**Minutes of the
Open Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 18, 2010
7:00 PM**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Archer City, met in an open regular meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall, 118 S. Sycamore, Archer City, Texas.

Call to Order

Mayor David Levy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Levy 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	David Levy
Council Members	Paula Bradley
	Debra Haehn
	Jerry Phillips
	Bill Miller
	Steven Schroeder - absent

Staff Present: City Administrator - Kim Whitsitt, Code Compliance - Curtis Nelson, Ambulance Director - Daniel MacDonald, Ambulance EMT - Pat Bryan and Bill Sokora, Jr.

Guests Present

Joe & Corene Crouse; Steve Sosinski, Mayor – Newcastle, TX; Wichita Valley Water Supply Corporation - Steve Stone, Ken Thornton, Gary Jones, Cy Russum, Richard Boyd; Tyson Traw – Biggs and Mathews, Inc.; Bill Sokora Sr.; Raymond Harrelson; Scott Burkett; Shane Wright; Carol Crowley

Public Comments

None

Consent Agenda

The City Council read the minutes of the February 18, 2010 open regular meeting and the March 15, 2010 bid opening. The City Council reviewed the monthly departmental reports for the Ambulance Department, Police Department with racial profiling report, Code Compliance, Water Plant Superintendent, and City Administrator. Bill Miller made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Paula Bradley seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

Old Business

Water Feasibility Study

Mayor Levy addressed the Council on the water feasibility study and stated Wichita Valley Water Supply Water Corp. (WVWSC) had been invited to discuss the possibility of a joint venture. Mayor Levy stated Archer City is considering three options for potable water: 1) Build a new water treatment plant at the Archer Lake 2) Purchase treated water from Wichita Falls via a new transmission line 3) Enter into a joint venture with WVWSC. Steve Stone, Superintendent of WVWSC, stated they had discussed building a new water treatment plant and selling treated water to Archer City. Steve Stone recommended the respective engineers for WVWSC and Archer City consult on the project and that WVWSC would address the project at their next board meeting. No action taken.

Ambulance Department

Daniel MacDonald addressed the Council concerning the budget revenue deficit. He presented cases and stated the importance of the Ambulance service. Guests spoke in support of the Ambulance Service and expressed concerns over the closure of the service or contracting with another service. The Council stated they were not considering closing the department or contracting with another service; however, they were seeking funding solutions. Daniel discussed options to reduce expenses such as cutting positions and switching to in house billing. He also discussed increasing revenue by starting a subscription service, implementing a drug testing service and considering an Emergency Services District tax. Mayor Levy recommended that he review the subscription service contract, Daniel prepare a presentation on the Emergency Services District tax, and consider these items at the next meeting. No action taken.

Rural Healthcare Clinic

Mayor Levy presented the Council with a proposal from Mike Hare of Hamilton Hospital concerning a joint venture on an Archer City healthcare clinic. Jerry Phillips made the motion to authorize Mayor Levy to inform Mike Hare that based on budget considerations, the City would not be able to enter into a joint venture. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

New Business

SECO Energy Efficiency Grant

Representative was not present. No action taken.

Repair of Fire Truck

Representatives were not present. No action taken.

City Lake Ordinance

Mayor Levy addressed the Council on permitting swimming at the City Lake, which has been restricted in the past. Debra Haehn made the motion to take no action on the City Lake Ordinance. Paula Bradley seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

Surplus Equipment Bids

Mayor Levy addressed the Council on bids received for the sale of surplus equipment. Paula Bradley made the motion to accept the bids, for the sale of surplus equipment, as follows:

- 1) Bill Sokora Jr., in the amount of \$627, for the purchase of the 2002 Crown Victoria.
- 2) Charles McCurrin, in the amount of \$510, for the purchase of the 2003 Crown Victoria.
- 3) Carl Harrelson, in the amount of \$406, for the purchase of the 1996 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup.

Jerry Phillips seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

Ordinance 268 – Adopting a new Code of Ordinances

Kim Whitsitt addressed the Council on Ordinance 268, adopting a new Code of Ordinances. Bill Miller made the motion to adopt Ordinance 268. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

Resolution 313 – Joint Election Agreement

Kim Whitsitt addressed the Council on Resolution 313, establishing a joint election agreement with ACISD, authorizing polling places, early voting dates and times, election officials pay rates, and authorizing the City Administrator to act as the authorized representative for the ACISD election agreement and to appoint election workers. Bill Miller made the motion to approve Resolution 313. Jerry Phillips seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

4-B Funds for Sewer Line Extension

Bill Miller addressed the Council on the Widco project funded by the Archer Growth & Development Corp. and the extension of the City sewer line on South Beech Street. Jerry Phillips made the motion to approve the expenditure of 4-B funds of \$19,000 to extend the City sewer line on South Beech Street. Paula Bradley seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

Economic Development

Bill Miller gave a report on economic development and the 4-B Board concerning an application process, Main Street and a Parks Committee.

Dangerous Dog Policy

Kim Whitsitt addressed the Council on the City policy concerning dangerous dogs. The consensus of the Council was not to pursue the muzzling requirement of the Animal Control Ordinance 182-D, at this time.

Roundtable Discussion of Goals and Concerns

Park Committee, Archer Beautification Committee report, City street repairs

City Administrator Position

Executive Session

Mayor Levy requested the Council convene into executive session at 10:18 p.m. to discuss the City Administrator position.

Open Session

Following discussion held in executive session, Mayor Levy brought the Council back into open session at 11:07 p.m. Bill Miller made the motion to call a special meeting to resolve issues regarding the performance of the Wastewater Superintendent and the City Administrator. Jerry Phillips seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Jerry Phillips moved to adjourn at 11:15 p.m. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".