

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting
Thursday, December 2, 2010
7:00 PM

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Archer City, met for a special called meeting on Thursday, December 2, 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 7:05 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
	Richard Jones

Staff present: City Administrator - Kim Whitsitt, Police Chief – Joe Burton

Guests Present

None

Public Comments

None

Police Department Canine Operations

Police Chief Joe Burton addressed the Council on establishing a canine unit for the Archer City Police Department (ACPD). Chief Burton stated the canine will serve the community and area by assisting with drug investigations, patrol tactics, officer safety, search and rescue, and arrest, search and seizure. Council addressed concerns such as funding, community support, City liability, expense to the City, dog ownership and ongoing financial support of the dog and use of dog outside of Archer City. Council reserves the right to stop the use of the dog if the dog becomes a liability to the City and then dog would only be used personally by Chief Burton.

Jerry Phillips made a motion to establish a canine unit with the ACPD and approve the purchase of the dog. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

Jerry Phillips made a motion to enter into an agreement with Chief Burton that upon termination or resignation from the ACPD, the dog would be part of his severance package. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

Jerry Phillips made a motion to rescind and restate the prior motion, for further consideration, establishing the canine unit. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

Jerry Phillips made a motion to establish a canine unit with the ACPD and approve the purchase of the dog. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. Jerry Phillips, Paula Bradley, Debra Haehn and Bill Miller voted "Aye". Richard Jones voted "Nay".

Policies and Procedures

Mayor Levy addressed the Council and stated the importance of good communication within City departments and that Council should be aware of all aspects of all City departments. Mayor Levy stated the need of a fundraising policy for all City departments. Chief Burton was asked to furnish a copy of the ACPD General Orders to City Hall.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Debra Haehn moved to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. Jerry Phillips seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".