

**Minutes of the Open Regular Meeting and
Budget Workshop
Thursday, August 19, 2010
7:00 PM**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Archer City, met in a open regular meeting and budget workshop on Thursday, August 19, 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 7:04 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	Bill Miller
	Richard Jones
	Jerry Phillips
	Paula Bradley
	Debra Haehn – arrived at 7:19 p.m.

Staff present: City Administrator - Kim Whitsitt, Police Chief – Joe Burton, Code Compliance – Curtis Nelson, Wastewater Superintendent – Leslie Stubbs

Guests Present

Sue Crain, George Huffman, Jeff Watts, Justus Schmusser

Public Comments

Sue Crain addressed the Council concerning general budget concerns including the property tax rate.

Consent Agenda

The City Council read the minutes of the July 15, 2010 Public Hearing for the TXCDBG Planning Program and open regular meeting, the July 30, 2010 town hall meeting, the July 31, 2010 budget workshop, the August 7, 2010 special called meeting and budget workshop, the August 10, 2010 special called meeting and budget workshop and reviewed the departmental reports for the Ambulance department, Code Compliance/Fire Marshal, Water Plant Superintendent, and City Administrator.

Jerry Phillips made the motion to amend the minutes of the August 7, 2010 special called meeting and budget workshop to read “to adopt the effective tax rate” in lieu of “not increase property taxes”. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

Paula Bradley made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

IESI Commercial Dumpsters

Jeff Watts of IESI addressed the Council on converting commercial dumpsters to front load from side load and explained the cost difference. Rick Jones made the motion to approve changes to the commercial dumpster service proposed by IESI waiving an increase to residential customers. Debra Haehn seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”.

Recycling

Jeff Watts addressed the Council on the feasibility of a recycling program and explained options and costs. No action taken.

City Maintenance Employee

Leslie Stubbs addressed the Council concerning the elimination of a City maintenance employee. He suggested the Council reconsider laying off a City maintenance worker, due to a shortage of licensed employees, until another employee can obtain their license. No action taken.

Curfew Ordinance

Chief Burton addressed the Council on amending the curfew ordinance. Debra Haehn made the motion to approve Ordinance 142-C amending the nightly curfew to read 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. Bill Miller seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

City Drug Policy

Daniel MacDonald addressed the Council on a City drug policy. The consensus of the Council was to obtain approval from the City attorney and reconsider at the September 9, 2010 special called meeting.

American National Bank Signatures

Kim Whitsitt addressed the Council concerning the authorization of the signatures of David A. Levy, Paula Bradley, Kim Whitsitt and Carol Lewis on all bank accounts and investments and requiring a co-signature on all bank withdrawals. Debra Haehn made the motion to authorize the signatures. Bill Miller seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

Credit Card

Kim Whitsitt addressed the Council on obtaining an American National Bank credit card in the amount of \$5,000. Debra Haehn made the motion to approve the credit card. Bill Miller seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

Ambulance Service***Executive Session***

Mayor Levy requested the Council convene into executive session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss the duties of the full time ambulance service employees.

Open Session

Following discussion held in executive session, Mayor Levy brought the Council back into open session at 10:45p.m. No action taken.

Assessment of Ambulance Service

Rick Jones addressed the Council concerning the authorization of an assessment of the ambulance service. Rick Jones made the motion to authorize the assessment of the ambulance service. Jerry Phillips seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

Roundtable Discussion of Goals and Concerns

ACISD replacement of backdrops on softball and baseball fields

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Jerry Phillips moved to adjourn at 11:59 p.m. Bill Miller seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

Kim Whitsitt, City Administrator

David A. Levy, Mayor