

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
GEORGE FINA MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 314 EDMOND ROAD NORTHWEST
Monday, January 28, 2013 6:30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Valerie Thomerson, Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Jim Crosby, City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Smith, Attorney Mike Segler, Community Development Director Wade Harden, City Engineer Joe Davis, Secretary Mary Ramsey

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Valerie Thomerson called City Council meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL** - City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Smith called rolled. There was a quorum present. There were approximately 100 citizens in the audience.
3. **FLAG SALUTE** – Flag Salute was led by Councilman Albert Gleichmann.
4. **INVOCATION** – Invocation was led by Councilman Charles Coffman.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA** - All items on the consent agenda are non-controversial and may be approved by one motion for items.
 - a. Approval of Minutes for the City Council Meeting on December 17, 2012.
 - b. Approval of Minutes for the City Council Meeting on January 14, 2013.
 - c. Recognition/Approval of Purchase Order/Disbursements for the City (Claims List).
 - d. Recognition/Approval of December Financial Statements.
 - e. Recognition of action regarding the interviewing of consultants for the 2013 to 2016 Bridge Inspections Cycle.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked for items c&d to be pulled. Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked for item e to be pulled.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to approve items a&b. It was **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles

Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Item C – Councilman Vernon Woods asked about checks written for clothing, boots and winter wear. Asked what the City policy is on clothing purchased for non Fire Department.

Bud Stuber explained that the clothing allowance is budgeted and has appeared in the check registers every year.

Page 6, check written to Salazar for a roof. This item was approved back in June why is the check just now being written.

City Clerk Jennifer Smith explained that the work was done recently and an invoice sent in for payment.

Check for \$44,000 to H2O – will we be reimbursed from FEMA?

City Manager Jim Crosby explained yes a reimbursement at 80%.

Check written to Tyler Technologies for computer equipment, why is it taken out of Capital Improvement account? Would like to see it come out of General Fund.

City Treasurer Jennifer Smith explained that Tyler Technologies is budgeted out of the Capital Improvement account and that is why the invoice was paid out of the account.

Checks written to Harris Corporation what are they for? There are two separate checks written.

Police Chief Oblen explained that the checks were written for radios for the Fire Department and Police Department.

Councilman Albert Gleichman asked about brakes repair on police car.

Police Chief Oblen explained that the charge is for much more than just brakes, there was additional work on the vehicle.

Councilman Vernon Woods made a motion to approve item 5c. It was **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

Item 5d-

Councilman Vernon Woods asked why we are in the hole in the Capital Improvement Account.

City Treasurer Jennifer Smith explained that a large loan payment was made on the sewer line. Also a payment was made for the School sewer line. Payments will be made back into the account as reimbursements.

Councilman Vernon Woods is concerned about some of the numbers, if we are talking about spending money on the roads then we need to understand how much money we have.

Councilman Vernon Woods made a motion to approve item 5d. It was **seconded** by Councilman Charles Coffman.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

Item 5e –

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked how much the item will cost.

City Engineer Joe Davis explained the item is on the agenda tonight for purely informational purpose. The item will be reimbursed at 100%, 80% by State and 20% by the local government. This is to allow for the interviewing process to begin. 12 bridges will be inspected.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann made a motion to approve item 5e. It was **seconded** by Councilman Charles Coffman.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

7. HEARING OF CITIZENS - Topics to include those items not listed in the agenda.

None

8. BUSINESS ITEMS –

a. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WAIVING BUILDING PERMIT AND APPLICABLE FEES FOR THE VETERAN'S BUILDING.**

Former Mayor John Bickerstaff spoke, explained that he was available for questions and had a few comments.

First comment is about the Historical Society. Has read in a newspaper that there has been a falling out with this group and that is why the Historical Society and the Veteran's building are not sharing space. This is not true there has not been a disagreement. The decision was made because the Historical Society folks where not sure about who would staff the building, hours of operation, liability issues, who would be responsible for the displays, etc.

Second comment is land owner Phil Boevers came to the 4 organizers and offered a piece of land to be donated for the Veteran's building. The organizers have no ties with Phil Boevers.

Third comment, as of 5:00 today no financial support has been pulled back. As written in the newspaper today that people are asking for their money back. Again, this is not true.

All we are asking for is a reduction in fees from the City and a meeting with the Board of Adjustments.

Councilman Charles Coffman made a motion to open item for discussion. Motion was **seconded** Councilman Albert Gleichmann.

Councilman Charles Coffman commented that museums, art galleries are things the citizens have been asking for and are an asset to the community. There are a few details that need to be worked through but he would like to see the Council approval items and move forward.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann commented that he asked last month about any problems that may came up and why did they need to go to the Board of Adjustments. The lot has problems when they received the land and they knew it.

John Brickerstaff explained that they are going to the Board of Adjustment due to the width of the land. Part of the process, nothing under the table about it. Willing to go through the process.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson explained that the conversation is off Agenda the item and asked that the conversation remain about the waiving of fees.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage asked for clarification of what items are asking to be waived.

Attorney Mike Segler explained the 6 items that are open for discussion.

- Lot Split fee
- Commercial Building Permit
- Site Plan
- Board of Adjustment
- 5/8 water meter
- Sewer

Discussion occurred among the Council asking questions such as does the Veteran groups have the deed to the land, a suggestion was made to table the item until the groups has gone before the Board of Adjustments. Council considered a motion in approving the item but placing a contingency on a decision from the Board of Adjustments.

Councilman Vernon Woods would like the group to go before the Board of Adjustment and get the land squared away and then bring the item before the Council for review of a reduction of fees.

Councilman Charles Coffman commented that he would like to see the Council make a decision tonight and let the project move forward.

Councilman Charles Coffman made a motion to approve item 8a. No **Second**.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Vernon Woods made a motion to postpone the item indefinitely until the Board of Adjustments approves the property, if and when they do approve then the item can come back to the Council. It was **seconded** by Councilman Albert Gleichmann.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that the group is asking for a total of 6 variances.

- 5 foot set up for the front
- Side set back
- Rear set back
- Square footage set back adjustment on building
- Adjustment to lot line waiver
- Lot split for owner of property

b. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PRESENTATION

AND REQUEST FROM THE PIEDMONT INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE FOR THE 2013 YEAR.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to open item for discussion. It was **seconded by** Councilman Charles Coffman.

Eric Anderson event coordinator was on hand to answer any questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage asked Eric Anderson what the improvement will be for this year's event. Eric Anderson explained double the expense on the fireworks, rent 4 bleachers from Oklahoma City, rent professional sound system for firework presentation, local entertainment, and professional announcement.

Eric Anderson explained they are asking for an additional \$6,500. The City has donated \$3,500 in the past.

Councilman Vernon Woods explained that a 4 month ago the Council agreed to donate \$3,500. There would be one account set up and it would be the responsibility of the 4th of July coordinators to up keep the account and oversee the event. The City would only have one job of writing one check at that the end of the event. The City would have no other responsibilities to the event. Now, they are asking for more money and city staff support. Over the past 3 years the public support has gone down for this event. 2010 public donations were \$11,000, 2011 the public donated \$5,900, 2012 the public donation \$5,650.

Councilman Charles Coffman made a motion to approve item 8b with the caveat that staff resources are not used and total dollar amount is \$6,500. It was **seconded by** Councilman Donnie Robinson.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

c. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON UNLIMITED USE NWS AUTOMATED WEATHER ALERTS SERVICE PROPOSAL AND PRESENTATION FROM BLACKBOARD CONNECT.**

Sales Executive Lee Kicker with Blackboard Connect made a presentation about weather warning information.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson asked how secure the citizen's information is within the system?

Lee Kicker explained that they do not sell information. It is in the contracts.

Mayor Pro Tem asked about the difference in cost.

Lee Kicker explained the increase in cost is \$2,500 to the current contract.

Discussion occurred among the Council and Mr. Kicker.

Councilman Vernon Woods made a motion to approve item 8c. It was **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: Councilman Albert Gleichmann and Councilman Charles Coffman

d. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON UNLIMITED USE SERVICE PROPOSAL FOR CONNECTXT ADDED ON TO EXISTING CONNECT FOR GOVERNMENT AND PRESENTATION FROM BLACKBOARD CONNECT.**

Councilman Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage made a motion for discussion of item. It was **seconded** by Councilman Albert Gleichmann.

Item died with no motion.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson called for a break at 7:45 pm.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson reconvened meeting at 7:58 pm.

e. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PETITION FOR DEANNEXATION.**

Councilman Charles Coffman made a motion to discuss item 8e. It was **seconded** by Councilman Albert Gliedmann.

Attorney Mike Henricksen addressed the Council on behalf of his clients who want to deannex from the City of Piedmont. Asking the Council to allow his Clients to deannex so they can use their land for wind energy conversion systems.

Councilman Charles Coffman explained that a city is only as good as its borders and it is the Councils job to watch and observe the borders. Borders of a city are very important.

Councilman Vernon Woods commented that the portion of the City that is asking to deannex are currently receiving the benefits of the cities fire, police, water and trash.

Citizen Pam Suttles addressed the Council representing citizens who are opposed to allowing for deannexation. She explained the impact the wind energy conversion systems will have on property value and the quality of life for Piedmont.

Citizens Milton Bird, Glenn Hyde and Darren Sparks also spoke opposing allowing these citizens to deannex from the City of Piedmont.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage and Councilman Albert Gleichmann spoke hoping that some type of compromise could be found between the two groups.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage made a motion to defer this item. It was **seconded** by Councilman Vernon Woods.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

Mayor Valerie Thomerson called for a break at 9:01 pm.

Mayor Valerie Thomerson reconvened meeting from break at 9:12 pm.

- f. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 582 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUE AND AUTHORIZATION AND DETERMINING AND SETTING FORTH THE BOND ISSUE PROPOSITIONS AND PROJECTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT SAID ELECTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Councilman Vernon Woods made a motion to approve 8f. It was **seconded** by Councilman Donnie Robinson.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann questioned the language in the ordinance. Would like to see the language to be clearly on how the roads will be repaired. Also, noted that the cost continue to increase.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: Councilman Albert Gleichmann

Councilman Vernon Woods made a motion to declare an emergency for item 8f. It was **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: Councilman Albert Gleichmann

- g. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE A SPECIAL ELECTION PROCLAMATION AND NOTICE TO BE EXECUTED BY THE MAYOR TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR APPROVAL BY THE VOTERS OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUE AND AUTHORIZATION.**

Councilman Charles Coffman made a motion to approve item 8g. It was **seconded** by Councilman Vernon Woods.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

- h. **CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 01-28-2013a NOTIFYING THE CANADIAN COUNTY ELECTION BOARD OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR APPROVAL BY THE VOTERS OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUE AND AUTHORIZATION AND SETTING FORTH THE FACTS AS REQUIRED BY OKLAHOMA STATUTES.**

Councilman Charles Coffman made a motion to approve item 8h. It was **seconded** by Councilman Vernon Woods.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

9. NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Unplanned Items – Requires 4/5ths Majority to Declare “New Business.”**

None

MOTION TO RECESS TO PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage made a motion to recess City Council meeting for Piedmont Municipal Authority. It was **seconded** by Councilman Charles Coffman.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

10. PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO RECONVENE TO REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage made a motion to reconvene regular City Council meeting. It was **seconded** by Councilman Charles Coffman.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None

11. ADMINISTRATION REPORT – (Oral) City Manager and Staff

City Engineer Joe Davis explained that they have been working on the water wells. Well #2 is up and operating. Well #3, video the bottom of the well and learned that the bottom screen is plugged, estimates to do repairs are around \$16,000. Recommendation are being made and will present information to City Manager. Well #1 will not be operational for the summer.

Have been looking at the Lagoon, only 2 feet of water available due to drought. Looking at options and working with DEQ.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that he has met with Oklahoma City about the water situation. Oklahoma City is looking at getting water from Canton Lake. They are looking at a different type of rationing. Looking at cutting back to allowing usage once or twice a week, Friday and Saturday. If we do not get rain soon we will be greatly affected by the rationing. It is important to get our wells up and functioning.

12. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS-

Councilman Vernon Woods would like to get the tank for the Dura patch and whatever it takes to operate the machine. Look at digging wells out along County Line. Would like to see us be more self sufficient and less dependent on Oklahoma City for water.

Councilman Donnie Robinson asked Bud Stuber how he is with staff. Bud explained that he is well staffed at the moment but in the spring he will need 2 more staff added. Councilman Donnie Robinson asked that the budget is looked at.

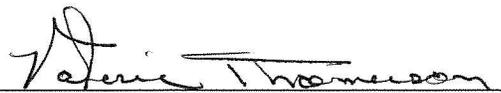
13. ADJOURN – 9:36 pm.

Councilman Charles Coffman made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:36 pm. It was **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

The Vote was:

AYE: Councilman Donnie Robinson, Councilman Albert Gleichmann, Councilman Charles Coffman, Councilman Vernon Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage.

NAYE: None



Mayor, Valerie Thomerson



Secretary, Mary Ramsey