

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
GEORGE FINA MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 314 EDMOND ROAD NORTHWEST
Thursday, February 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 6:32 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL** – City Clerk/ Treasurer Jennifer Smith called rolled. There approximately 15 people in the audience.
3. **FLAG SALUTE** – Flag Salute was led by Councilman Charles Coffman.
4. **INVOCATION** – Invocation was led by Mr. Metcalf.
5. **APPOINTMENTS** –
 - a. **ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF TAMRA STATES FROM THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF A REPLACEMENT.**

Councilman Vernon Woods made a motion to nominate Don Woodard to the Board of Adjustment. 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. **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 January 28, 2013.
- b. Recognition/Approval of Purchase Order/Disbursements for the City (Claims List).
- c. Recognition/Approval of January 2013 Financial Statements.
- d. Approval of offer from the Piedmont Public Schools to pay \$6,744.11 for the drainage improvement on Edmond Road and to be issued a permanent Occupancy Permit.
- e. Approval of repairs for City of Piedmont Water Well #3.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to approve Consent Agenda with a correction made to item d, correct road is 164th or Washington Street not Edmond Rd. 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. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

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

Citizen Nancy West addressed the Council asked for confirmation of how the Bond money will be spent. She asked will all of the \$6 million be spent on the roads.

City Manger Jim Crosby explained that all of the Bond money is required to be spent on the roads listed in the bond by law.

9. BUSINESS ITEMS –

a. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TORNADO DEBRIS REMOVAL.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage made a motion to discuss item a. It was **seconded** by Councilman Donnie Robinson.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked for the addresses of each location. Director of Community Development Wade Harden provided a break down of each residence and its location.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked if FEMA was going to pay for the cost of the debris removal.

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that FEMA will not be paying for the cost of removal.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked if liens will be put on the homes where the debris has to be removed.

Councilman Donnie Robinson asked if any of the homeowners received funds from their insurance companies for debris removal. If the homeowner received funds and they did not remove the debris then it should not be at the cost of the city.

City Attorney Mike Segler explained if the Council votes in favor of the item tonight then they will fore go their rights to put a lean on the property. Advised Council to reject item and advise staff to get more information on the properties.

Councilman Charles Coffman made a motion to reject item. 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

b. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL RULES.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked if any of the other Councilmen have any questions on the purposed changes.

Councilman Donnie Robinson commented that he would prefer that once the gavel is struck the meeting has started and no other entries for hearing of citizens and public comments should be received.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage commented that he would like to see a set of rules to follow, there are times that some meetings need firm rules. However, would like to the meetings remain flexible when possible.

Councilman Charles Coffman commented that he would like to see once the gavel has been struck the meeting has started and no other comments should be received.

Discussion continued among the Council that it is important to remain flexible however rules are important to keep order. Citizens are given plenty of time to sign in to speak at a meeting. Citizens have more then 30 minutes before the meeting to sign in and are welcome to come up to City office and sign in anytime the day of the meeting.

Councilman Vernon Woods would like to receive the Council packet earlier then Friday;

he would like to receive information by Thursday. Also, allow Citizens to speak 5 minutes from 3 minutes, Hearing from Citizen maximum of 30 minutes and a Public Hearing a maximum of an hour,

Councilman Vernon Woods made a motion to table item and bring it back to Council next month. 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

c. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION NO 02-25-2013A CONCERNING BRIDGE INSPECTION RESPONSIBILITY BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH NATION BRIDGE INSPECTION STANDARDS.**

City Engineer Joe Davis explained that Department of Transportation requires that all bridges be inspected. The inspection is paid for 100% by the State. Staff has narrowed down to 3 vendors.

Councilman Charles Coffman made a motion to discuss item c. It was **seconded** by Councilman Donnie Robinson.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann asked about the 20% that is paid for by local government.

City Engineer Joe Davis explained that the State Department has a Department of Local Government and the funds will come from that department.

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to approve Staff recommendation for item c. 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

ABSTAIN: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage

10. NEW BUSINESS –

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

None

MOTION TO RECESS TO PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY –

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to recess to Piedmont Municipal Authority meeting. 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

11. PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO RECONVENE TO REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman Charles Coffman made a motion to Adjourn Piedmont Municipal Authority. 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

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

City Manager Jim Crosby explained that there has been an increase in complains on roads in need of gravel. The gravel cost is \$7000 per mile. We have around \$50,000 in the gravel account; however the roads that are in need of repair will deplete the account. City Manager is looking for feedback and input from Council on how to impact the roads.

We have been monitoring the water wells and the amount of water we are purchasing from Oklahoma City. In the month of January we purchased less water from Oklahoma City and where able to use our wells for water.

City Engineer Joe Davis gave an update that lagoons are looking better with recent rain and will continue to monitoring.

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS-

Councilman Charles Coffman commented that when the roads are grated the gravel is going into the bar ditches. Is there anyway to get gravel back up on the roads or add more

gravel.

Bud explained that the roads are in need of a great deal of gravel.

Councilman Charles Coffman is confident that public works team is doing all they can to work on the roads and work with what they have.

Councilman Albert Gleichmann is thankful for the grating work that has been done on the roads.

Councilman Donnie Robinson would like focus on drainage. Make sure the ditches are clean. He understands that Public works is short handed and that they are doing all they can. But would like to see the ditches cleaned out.

Councilman Vernon Woods asked the Council how we are going to educate the public on the upcoming Bond vote. Spoke with Mike Fina he suggested using the CTY system for polling so we will know where we need to educate people. Feels the polls will help us understand how to manage the process.

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Gage asked about the recent fire in Piedmont. Fire Chief Andy Logan explained that there was a house fire. Residence where home they were able to get out, pets where rescued, cause is undetermined, \$100,000 damages.

14. ADJOURN – 7:33

Councilman Donnie Robinson made a motion to adjourn 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



Mayor, Valerie Thomerson



Secretary, Mary Ramsey