

Minutes of Budget Workshop & Special Meeting
City of Weston Lakes, City Council Meeting
Simonton City Hall, 35011 FM 1093, Simonton Texas 77476
Thursday, September 16, 2010
6:00 pm

1. Call to Order. The Budget Workshop & Special Meeting of the Weston Lakes City Council was called to order at 6:00 PM on the 16th Day of September 2010 by Mayor Mary Rose Zdunkewicz. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Mayor Mary Rose Zdunkewicz
Alderman Clifton Aldrich
Alderman Denis DeLuca

Alderman Trent Thomas
Alderman Gary Owens
Alderman Ted Case

Marshal Ronald Horowitz
Kathy Nida

Public Present:

Fran Aldrich
Robert Bernard

Rhea Ragle
Jane Poe

Linda Harnest

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Trent Thomas led the Council in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments.

➤ NONE

4. Mayors Comments.

- a. The Flu Shot clinic will be OCT 2nd from 10-3.
- b. The Women's Club Walk-A-Thon will begin at 8:30 a.m. this Saturday.

5. Budget Workshop: Conduct a City Council workshop to review, adjust, and prepare the city budget for presentation and adoption of Ordinance 02-10 for FY 2011 Budget.

- The Mayor announced she had a few changes she would like to make:
- AUDIT FEES: The Mayor is still checking with CPA firms for quotes, but she would like to raise the amount in the budget to \$5,000 for a City Audit.
- ELECTION COSTS: Because all candidates are running unopposed and Cancellation of the Election is on the agenda for tonight's meeting, she would like to remove the \$6,500 under the Election Line Item.
- MARSHAL'S OFFICE: Alderman Gary Owens said he would prefer to leave the budget the same as last year at \$1,000. He noted actual expenses for that line item this year was only \$446.35. Alderman Denis DeLuca agrees. The Council has asked the Marshal for information detailing job descriptions and necessary funds. Funding items not yet approved is like putting the cart before the horse. Alderman Aldrich agrees with Alderman Owens. If the Council moves forward with expansion of the Marshal's Office, then there could be a special meeting to allocate the necessary funds. The Council agreed to leave the Marshal's budget the same as last year - \$1,000.
- OFFICE EQUIPMENT: The Mayor found a printer that would work for the office. She asked to lower that line item from \$3,500 to \$1,000.

A motion was made by Alderman Denis DeLuca to approve the FY 2011 Budget with the corrections made today and was seconded by Alderman Gary Owens. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Trent Thomas to adopt Ordinance 02-10 adopting the FY 2011 Budget and was seconded by Alderman Cliff Aldrich. The motion passed.

6. Cancel the November 2, 2010 Municipal Election

A motion was made by Alderman Cliff Aldrich to cancel the 2010 Election and was seconded by Alderman Denis DeLuca. The motion passed.

7. Consider and Take Action on the 100 Club Grant for the Marshal's Office for Hand Held Radios

- The Marshal explained how the grant would work: Motorola would invoice 100 Club directly and the Marshal would pick them up.

A motion was made by Alderman Trent Thomas to approve and accept the grant money for the emergency radio and was seconded by Alderman Cliff Aldrich. The motion passed.

- Alderman DeLuca asked if the radios would belong to the City and asked if there was a small monthly fee. (It is a \$9.50 monthly fee for use of air time.)
- Alderman Owens asked where the radios would be stored and who would use them. The Marshal would keep them at his house. The base unit would be in the EOC and the hand held radios would be with the deputy marshals in the field.

8. Consider and Take Action on the InterLocal Agreement with Fort Bend County; Marshal's Office Hand Held Radios

- Alderman Gary Owens pointed out that there are three attachments noted in the agreement, but are not present. He would like someone to read them before the Council approves the agreement.

A motion was made by Alderman Cliff Aldrich to defer action on this item until the regular city council meeting on September 28, 2010 when the attachments are available and was seconded by Alderman Denis DeLuca. The motion passed.

9. Consider and Take Action on the Candidate and Alternate to H-GAC

- Alderman Denis DeLuca volunteered to be the candidate to H-GAC

A motion was made by Alderman Gary Owens to approve Mr. Denis DeLuca as the candidate to represent the city at H-GAC and Mr. Aldrich as the alternative and was seconded by Alderman Ted Case. The motion passed.

10. Aqua Texas Rate Increase

- The Mayor mentioned that the city has been receiving protests against the rate increase.

11. Vote on TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees

- The Mayor recommended voting for the incumbents.

A motion was made by Alderman Trent Thomas to approve vote for the incumbents and was seconded by Alderman Denis DeLuca. The motion passed.

12. Emergency Management Update

- PIER Update: Alderman Aldrich briefed Weston Lakes and said there was no cost, but at a meeting with the county found out the first year was free, but a \$2,400 per year cost after that. Weston Lakes denied to carry that cost; however, there is a possibility of the three cities (Weston Lakes, Simonton & Fulshear) going in together to have a regional PIER Center.
- Flood Plain Maps Update: The city Engineer is writing a protest letter for a portion of Riverwood. They cannot justify a protest for Pecan Lake. The deadline to protest is OCT 19, 2010.

13. Adjournment

A motion was made by Alderman Denis DeLuca to adjourn and was seconded by Alderman Ted Case. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Attest:

Mary Rose Zdunkewicz
Mayor, City of Weston Lakes

Kathy Nida
City Secretary