

Minutes of Regular Meeting
City of Weston Lakes, City Council Meeting
Simonton City Hall, 35011 FM 1093, Simonton Texas 77476
Tuesday, May 25, 2010
6:00 pm

1. Call to Order. The meeting of the Weston Lakes City Council was called to order at 6 PM on the 25th Day of May 2010 by Mayor Mary Rose Zdunkewicz. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Mayor Mary Rose Zdunkewicz	Alderman Ted Case	Alderman Gary Owens
Alderman Clifton Aldrich	Marshal Ronald Horowitz	Kathy Nida
Alderman Denis DeLuca	Alderman Trent Thomas	

Public Present:

Fran Aldrich	Jean Stewart	Pat Harris
Shannon Purcell	Jack Stewart	

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. Mayor's Comments.

- The city was represented at the FBC Mayor and Council dinner in Thompson and heard a speaker from TML.
- A check for \$25,443.38 was deposited last week from CenterPoint Gas for the first quarter.

5. Approval of Minutes. *A motion was made by Alderman Trent Thomas to accept the minutes from the April 27, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting as written; seconded by Alderman Ted Case. The motion was passed.*

6. Finance

a) APRIL Treasurer's Report.

A motion was made by Alderman Gary Owens to approve the Financial Report for April; seconded by Alderman Denis DeLuca. The motion passed.

7. Approve the Fulshear-Simonton-Weston Lakes Resource Guide. Alderman Cliff Aldrich recommended the City participate in the Resource Guide as a way to promote the city. The Country Club will co-op half of the cost of \$500. The City will have 10 pages of information in the Guide. Alderman Thomas pointed out it is a good place to highlight some of the progress made in the EOC

A motion was made by Alderman Trent Thomas to designate participate in the Resource Guide; seconded by Alderman Ted Case. The motion passed.

8. Approve the Drainage District Interlocal Agreement. Alderman Denis DeLuca asked if the City would need additional staff to manage any additional workload. Like other Interlocal Agreements, any projects would have to be pre-approved by the City Council. Alderman Gary Owens asked if this was the initial agreement – and it is. Alderman Trent Thomas pointed out this agreement provides a link to the county should a need arise.
A motion was made by Alderman Denis DeLuca to approve the Drainage District Interlocal Agreement; seconded by Alderman Ted Case. The motion passed.

9. Emergency Preparedness Update reported by Alderman Cliff Aldrich

- a) On May 5th, the city participated in a very successful state-wide exercise. The EOC was activated for four hours and ran through drills of a mock hurricane event. The EOC performed very well.
- b) On May 8th, the County, the City of Weston Lakes and several other cities participated in a Emergency Operations Workshop at the Stafford Center. It had a disappointing turnout of only 30 citizens from the entire county.
- c) The vests for the EOC personnel are here.

10. Marshal's Report by Marshal Ron Horowicz

- a) 170 calls for service went into the Sheriff's office. That does not represent a serious crime problem for the city.
- b) PowerPoint presentation on the duties of the Marshal's office:
 - The Marshal's office is certified by the State, elected by the people, and approved by the city council.
 - Will hire four (4) non-paid deputy marshals – which are retired law enforcement officers.
 - Though grant money, will purchase a 2010 Ford Explorer Special Service vehicle. It will be fully equipped and linked with the Sheriff's office.
- c) QUESTIONS:
 - What is the motivation for non-paid deputies? Most are retired officers that want to continue some public service work – similar to volunteer firemen.
 - Has anyone expressed an interested in that position? Two people so far.
 - Who will own the vehicle? The City
 - How much wear and tear will be on the vehicle? How much use? It will be parked at the country club; used for occasional patrols during random hours.
 - Looks like most of the activities will be activated during an emergency under Emergency Management; does this conflict with the POA? The POA has no legal authority. The current security patrol's responsibility is to OBSERVE and REPORT.
 - Has the marshal spoken to the POA? Yes; by using deputy marshals the POA would not have to pay for extra security.
 - Alderman DeLuca said the City appreciates the efforts of the marshal and maybe he could present a breakdown of expected annual operating expenses for the vehicle for budget planning purpose.
 - Alderman Owens asked Pat Harris of the POA if the city can expect mutual cooperation with the POA. Mr. Harris said he agreed with the Marshal on all points and yes, the POA would work with the City.

11. Approval of Funds (\$10,783.99) for Emergency Police Radios

The Mayor pointed out the money is not in the budget for Police Radios.

A motion was made by Alderman Gary Owens deny the request for funds for Emergency Police radios and was seconded by Alderman Cliff Aldrich. The motion passed.

10. Adjournment. *A motion was made by Alderman Trent Thomas to adjourn and was seconded by Alderman Denis DeLuca. The motion passed.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Attest:

Mary Rose Zdunkewicz
Mayor, City of Weston Lakes

Kathy Nida
City Secretary