

Minutes
Special Called City Council Meeting
August 9, 2016, 6:30pm at City Hall

Officials and Guests: Mayor Horton, Aldermen Eaton, Steuber, Westcott, R. Harris, Wiley, Brown and Alderwoman Freddie Harris. Also in attendance were City Attorney Trey Smith, City Clerk-Treasurer Collins, Johnny Story, Rita Richardson, Sierra Murphy with the Courier, Jerry McKaughan, Mack Hollis, Mike Vernon, Mark Tripp, Mike Thedford, and Van Horn Construction.

Call to Order: Mayor Randy Horton

Special Speaker: Mike Thedford gave an update on 70 acres of property located on Weir Road. The property owners has a desire to develop that property. They now have an anchor tenant that is likely to commit to the being a part of the development. They are in discussions of planning and designing of the project. He also state they have applied for permits with the Corp of Engineers and would like the city to complete the infrastructure for development. The city has begun the initial phase of those improvements. Mr. Thedford hoped to have plans to present to the council in the fall.

Special Business:

1. Consideration Ordinance # **2253** waiving competitive bidding; Entering into an Agreement with Retail Strategies, LLC, for Commercial and Retail Business Consulting Services; Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to sign all necessary documents to employ Retail Strategies, LLC.
Alderman Eaton made the motion to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance one time by title only with a short explanation. Alderman Westcott seconded the motion. Motion carries on a 7-0 roll call vote. City Attorney Trey Smith read the Ordinance as requested. Alderman Wiley made the motion to adopt with a second by Alderman Westcott. Motion carries on a 7-0 roll call vote.
2. Consideration of Resolution # **1575** Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement with Retail Strategies, LLC, for Commercial and Retail Business Consulting Services.
Alderman Wiley made the motion to adopt with a second by Alderman Westcott. Motion carries on a 7-0 voice vote
3. Appropriation:
Department: Economic Development
Line Item #: 23-301-5218 Other Professional Services \$ 45,000.00
(Retail development. Retail Strategies).
Alderman Wiley made the motion to adopt with a second from Alderman Westcott. Motion carries on a 7-0 voice vote.

4. Appropriation:

Department: Building Fund

Expenditure: 04-101-5510 Building \$ 13,900.00

(Repair the yard waste pad).

Alderman Wiley made the motion to adopt with a second by Alderman Steuber. Motion carries on a 7-0 voice vote.

5. Consideration of a motion to approve an additional \$ 117,000.00 for payment on the El Paso annual payment.

Mr. McKaughan told the Council that the Auditors strongly suggested that he present this type of transaction to the council for their approval. Alderman Richard Harris made the motion to approve the request with a second by Alderman Wiley. Motion carries on a 7-0 voice vote.

6. Appropriation:

Department: Administration

Expenditure: 01-101-5437 Notes Principal \$ 617,000.00

(Annual El Paso Payment plus the extra received from the state sales tax).

Alderman Wiley made the motion to approve with a second by Alderman Westcott. Motion carries on a 7-0 voice vote.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Alderman Wiley. Second by Alderman Steuber. Motion carries on a 7-0 voice vote.

Mayor Randy Horton: 

Attest: Kathy Collins City Clerk-Treasurer: 

Date Minutes approved by Council: 8/18/16

