

MINUTES
CITY OF AZLE CITY - COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 4, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Azle City Council was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 613 S.E. Parkway, Azle, Texas, with the following members present, to wit:

RUSS BRAUDIS

Mayor

ALAN BRUNDRETT Place 1

ROUEL ROTHENBERGER Place 5

TONY HAAS

Mayor Pro-Tem

PAUL CRABTREE Place 4

Councilmember Eddy Wood, Jr., and Councilmember June Earp were absent.

Staff Present: Craig Lemin, City Manager; Arthur Camacho Jr., City Secretary; Susie Hiles, Assistant to the City Manager; Lawrence Bryant, Director of Administration and Finance; Thomas "Will" Scott, Fire Chief; Rick White, Utility Manager; James Duvall, Code Enforcement Officer; and Greg Mitchell, Planning Consultant.

BOARD/COMMISION INTERVIEW:

The Council held an interview at 6:15 p.m. with James B. Painter for the Audit Committee, and concluded at 6:25 p.m.

PRE-COUNCIL SESSION

Mayor Russ Braudis called the Pre-Council Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Russ Braudis commented on the Tarrant County Mayor-Council Banquet held Monday night at the Birdville Independent School Athletic Complex. Councilmember Rouel Rothenberger also mentioned the Azle Christmas Parade held Saturday.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda items reviewed by Council for approval included the following:

Item # 3 – Minutes of the November 20, 2007 Meeting. No changes were made.

Item# 4 – Reappointment to Board and Commissions – Zoning Board of Adjustment. No objection was held regarding the reappointment of Don Huffman to the Zoning Board of Adjustment – Place 1.

Item # 5 – Audit Committee Appointment – No objection was held regarding the appointment of James B. Painter to the Audit Committee.

Item # 6 – Tarrant County Emergency Services Contract – Fire and EMS. Fire Chief Thomas "Will" Scott presented the 2008 Tarrant County Emergency Services Contract for the City of Azle Fire and EMS Departments. A discussion was held regarding service areas, rate increases, and the points system. No objection was held regarding this agenda item.

The Council reviewed the following Action Items:

Item # 7 – EMS Billing Procedures and Rates – Fire Chief Thomas "Will" Scott submitted the proposed EMS billing procedures and rates. No objection was held regarding this item and it was moved to the Consent Agenda.

Item # 9 – Berkley Avenue Water Project – Utility Manager Rick White presented the project regarding the relocation of 340 linear feet of 6" water line and lowering a sewer manhole on Berkley Avenue by Texas Sterling Construction, L. P., at a total cost of \$45,160.00, funded by the 2004 Utility Relocation Bonds. A discussion was held regarding construction specifics and this item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

The Pre-Council Session ended at 6:54 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT:

Mayor Russ Braudis called the Regular Meeting of the Azle City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on December 4, 2007, and announced a quorum was present with Councilmembers Eddy Wood, Jr., and June Earp absent.

Mayor Braudis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mayor and Council – No reports were given.
2. Staff – No reports were given.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Citizen Merle Shafer, 925 Park Street, addressed his displeasure concerning driveway and code enforcement issues, sound barriers on gas well drilling equipment, traffic infrastructure, and road maintenance. Mayor Braudis commented on the Council's effort to determine the best method of reducing the sound output at gas well drilling sites. City Manager Craig Lemin stated the gas well sound decibel outputs are being monitored for possible violations.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. **Minutes**
Consider the approval of the Minutes: November 20, 2007.
4. **Reappointment to Board and Commissions – Zoning Board of Adjustment.**
Consideration and/or action to approve the following reappointments:
 1. Don R. Huffman – Zoning Board of Adjustment, Place 1.
5. **Audit Committee Appointment**
Consideration and/or action to appoint James B. Painter to Audit Committee.
6. **Tarrant County Emergency Services Contract – Fire and EMS**
Consideration and/or action to approve Tarrant County Emergency Services Contract.
7. **EMS Billing Procedures and Rates**
Consideration and/or action to approve staff to accept EMS Billing rates with any adjustments set by the City of Azle Council and publish such rates in local newspaper.
9. **Berkley Avenue Water Project**
Consideration and/or action to approve the relocation of 340 linear feet of the 6" water line and lowering a sewer manhole on Berkley Avenue by Texas Sterling Construction, L. P., at a total cost of \$45,160.00 to be funded with 2004 Utility Relocation Bonds.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tony Haas moved, seconded by Councilmember Rouel Rothenberger, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved unanimously with Councilmembers Eddy Wood, Jr., and June Earp absent.

ACTION ITEMS:

8. **Ordinance #O-2007-019 - Municipal Settings Designation Ordinance**
Consideration and/or action to approve Ordinance #O-2007-019 for Municipal Setting Designation. City Manager Craig Lemin stated this ordinance would be used to establish the procedures for a Municipal Setting Designation (MSD), but does not establish a MSD in the city. Code Enforcement Officer Jimmy Duvall and Planning Consultant Greg Mitchell addressed the Council regarding the restricted use of non-potable groundwater underneath properties and responded to Council inquiries. A discussion was held regarding a third-party review consultant, retention fee payments, and notification to water well owners. Mayor Pro-Tem Tony Haas moved, seconded by Councilmember Rouel Rothenberger, to approve Ordinance #O-2007-19, setting forth the Municipal Setting Designation. The motion was unanimously approved, with Councilmembers Eddy Wood, Jr. and June Earp absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

10. **Semi-Tractor Truck Parking in Residential Areas – Kristoffer Rasmussen**
Discussion regarding semi-tractor truck rig parking and moving forward for ordinance regarding restriction of semi-tractor parking in residential areas – by Azle citizen Kristoffer Rasmussen. Citizen Kristoffer Rasmussen, 130 Brookshire Avenue, addressed the Council regarding the consideration of an ordinance to prohibit semi-tractor parking in residential areas. A discussion was held regarding oversized commercial vehicle parking, approved parking surfaces, enforcement of the ordinance, and residential petitioning. A public hearing regarding commercial vehicle parking is scheduled to be held on the January 15, 2008 City Council meeting.


ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:



Arthur Camacho Jr., City Secretary



Russ Braudis, Mayor