

OFFICIAL MINUTES
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TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 14, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Tonka Bay City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor De La Vega, Councilmembers Anderson, Ansari, Clapp and Grothe. Also present were City Administrator Kohlmann and City Attorney Penberthy.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Anderson moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented approving the regular meeting minutes of December 10, 2013; Resolution 14-01, Official City Appointments; and Resolution 14-02, Water and Sewer Connection Charges. Clapp seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried unanimously.

5. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS

None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 5531 Manitou Road – Continue Public Hearing to January 28, 2014

Anderson moved to continue the public hearing for 5531 Manitou Road to the January 28, 2014 meeting. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried unanimously

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Establish Local Board of Appeal Meeting Date**

Kohlmann stated we have to set a date for the annual Board of Appeal and Adjustments meeting.

De La Vega moved to set the Board of Appeals meeting for April 9 at 7 p.m. Anderson seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried unanimously

B. **EFD Pension Discussion**

Kohlmann stated whenever the pension fund has reached 110%; fire fighters have historically come forward to ask for an increase. He reviewed a chart showing where all the cities stand on the pension fund formula.

De La Vega discussed the recommendation to hire a professional management company for the funds. He stated the chart needs to be revised to clear up the confusion of percentages being the same in more than one box. He stated the chart is merely a guideline; there will still need to be Board review. He noted the letter with recommendations made at the last meeting have been forwarded to the EFD. He stated he has been advised the recommendations will be incorporated into a document. He stated the five cities will need to come together and make the same recommendation. He recommended moving toward the Greenwood recommendation. Councilmembers discussed the recommendation.

De La Vega moved to submit a proposal to use the percentage increases proposed by Greenwood. Clapp seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried unanimously

D. **Video Taping Council Meetings**

Kohlmann stated staff has worked with the City of Victoria and have come to the determination that contracting with the videographer who has been taping our meetings is probably the best idea. He asked for direction to draft an agreement and enter into it at \$150 per meeting and additional costs of \$50 for uploading. He stated there are some details to iron out such as uploading and burning the DVDs. Kohlmann noted Victoria will be paying him \$250.

De La Vega discussed his concern about providing access to the meetings for all residents. He discussed the need for new technology in the Council Chambers.

Ansari moved to authorize staff to draft and enter into a contract for videotaping and to come back with information on the needed equipment. Motion failed for lack of a second. This item will come back to a future meeting.

C. Jan Callison – Hennepin County Commissioner

Jan Callison was present to discuss Hennepin County news. She stated the County budget has been approved. She also discussed pay increases, change in library hours, library will open in fall of 2014, and need for a special election to replace a Commissioner.

De La Vega asked if there are plans for upgrades on County Road 19. Callison stated there have been upgrades in Navarre. She indicated she would find out and let the Council know.

Councilmembers discussed the status of a trail along County Road 19.

De La Vega noted the Narrows Bridge has big chunks out of it and cracks underneath. Callison stated she would check out the status.

10. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

11. REPORTS

- A. Administrator** – Kohlmann stated a letter has been received from Sprint notifying us of their intent to withdraw from the antenna agreement. He noted per the lease agreement, they are required to tear down the tower and build a new one. He stated he and the City Attorney agree we should respond to their letter in order to meet the 30-day deadline.

De La Vega suggested the existing tower remain at an amount to be determined. Penberthy stated there are a lot of details to discuss down the road. He is looking for Council approval to respond to the termination letter.

Council concurred.

- B. **Anderson - Finance, Fire Lanes and Public Access, Technology** – no report
- C. **Ansari – EFD, Sanitation and Recycling, Southshore Community Center** – Ansari stated she would be attending a meeting for the Southshore Community Center to review survey results.
- D. **Grothe – Building Inspection, Municipal Buildings and Grounds** – no report
- E. **Clapp - Parks and Playgrounds, LMCD, Commercial Marinas, Municipal Docks** – Clapp stated Arctic Fever is this Saturday
- F. **Attorney's Report** – Penberthy thanked the Council for appointing him as the City Attorney.
- G. **De La Vega - Public Works, SLMPD, and Administration** – De La Vega stated he would attend a Mayors' Forum on January 15, 7 p.m. at the Southshore Center.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, it was moved by Clapp to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Anderson seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried unanimously

Attest:

Clerk