



CITY COUNCIL
City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas
April 25, 2017
Minutes

City Council Present:	Robert Steinhagen	Mayor
	Gary Lovell	Mayor Pro Tem
	James Herren	Council Member
	Wayne Orchard	Council Member
	Patrick Short	Council Member
Staff Present:	David Butler	City Administrator
	Stephanie Galanides	City Secretary
	David Paschall	City Attorney

Mayor Pro Tem Lovell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council Member Short delivered the invocation. Attendees recited the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Adrienne Balkum, 1518 Firenza Court and unopposed candidate for Place 1 on the City Council, expressed appreciation to Mayor Pro Tem Gary Lovell and Council Member Patrick Short for their faithful service to the City. Balkum voiced opposition to calling a Special Election to fill the vacancy in the Mayor's place and to leaving the seat vacant until May 2018. Balkum reiterated her statements of April 11 that included background regarding Council Member Steinhagen's involvement, accomplishments and dedication and encouraged the Council to appoint him to the position of Mayor. Further, Balkum urged Council Members to contact Kelly Stockburger who currently serves as Designated Representative and as Registered Sanitarian and who also provides swimming pool inspection services to let her know that her work is valued and to ask her to reconsider her resignation.

Scott Turnbull, 1117 Newkirk Court, stated that even though his preference, as expressed on April 11, was that the position of Mayor remain vacant, he would, if elected, vote in support of Council Member Steinhagen being appointed as Mayor should he be nominated. Turnbull echoed Balkum's suggestion that Council Members ask Kelly Kirkpatrick to reconsider her resignation.

MOTION: RECESS THE MEETING TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: STEINHAGEN
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor Pro Tem recessed the meeting to go into Executive Session (Closed Meeting) in accordance with Government Code §551.071: Consultation with Attorney to conduct a private consultation with the City Attorney to seek advice on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act at 6:48 p.m. Lovell reconvened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. and stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Presentation, discussion and action regarding the Rockwall County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Melanie Jensen, Rockwall County Emergency Management Specialist presented and answered questions regarding the Rockwall County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan). Jensen stated that "hazard mitigation planning is important because it increases education and awareness around threats, hazards and vulnerabilities, builds partnerships for risk reduction involving government, organizations, businesses and the public, identifying long-term broadly supported strategies for risk reduction, aligning that risk reduction with other state, tribal or community objectives, identifying implementation approaches that focus resources on the greatest risks and vulnerabilities, communicating priorities to potential sources of funding, and most importantly, a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Administration) approved hazard mitigation plan is a condition for receiving certain types on non-emergency disaster assistance."

MOTION: APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-08R APPROVING THE ROCKWALL COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: ORCHARD

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Steinhagen, Jensen stated that the City could apply for assistance for purchase of tornado sirens if funding were available.

APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

Discussion and potential action regarding vacancy in Mayor's position.

MOTION: APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-09R APPOINTING ROBERT STEINHAGEN TO FILL THE VACANCY OF MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCLENDON-CHISHOLM, TEXAS TO SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: ORCHARD
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS (Abstaining: Steinhagen)

Issuance of Oath of Office to newly appointed Mayor, if an appointment is made.

Galanides issued the Oath of Office to newly appointed Mayor Robert Steinhagen.

Mayor Steinhagen began presiding over the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Steinhagen expressed appreciation and stated that he would work hard to earn the trust of the citizens and the Council. In response to a question from Short, city attorney David Paschall explained that there now existed a vacancy in Place 4 on the City Council and that it could be filled by either by appointment or by special election.

Discussion and action regarding the Minutes of April 11, 2017.

MOTION: APPROVE THE MINUTES.

MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: LOVELL
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS (Vacant: Place 4)

Reports and Announcements:

- a) Financial Reports for March 2017.
- b) Building Official Report for March 2017.
- c) Rockwall County Sheriff Activity for March 2017.
- d) McLendon-Chisholm Volunteer Fire Department and EMS Activity for March 2017.
- e) Other reports or announcements.

Steinhagen noted that the reports were public record available to the public. City Administrator Dave Butler provided information regarding the annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast to be held on May 4 at 8:00 AM at The Center at Rockwall on Washington Street.

Discussion and consideration of Sonoma Public Improvement District and related development issues.

Russell Phillips of Sterling One, developer of the Sonoma Verde planned development, provided information and answered questions regarding:

- Traffic impact analysis;
- Rockwall County Planning Consortium reports including Texas Department of Transportation plans for State Highway 205 and Farm-to-Market 549;
- Comparison of the Sonoma Public Improvement District (PID) assessments to assessments for other PID' s and Municipal Improvement Districts (MUD 's); and
- Current and future amenities including amenity center, parks, pools and trails.

Steinhagen spoke to apparent misunderstandings regarding the Sonoma PID, explaining that the Sonoma PID was a financing tool for funding the construction of the subdivision's infrastructure, that it is not taxpayer funded, and that there is no risk to the City. It was clarified that PID assessments are not taxes and that they can be paid off early or financed over time. Orchard noted that the assessments directly benefit the residents of Sonoma Verde and are not used for any other municipal purposes.

Mayor Steinhagen explained that the City has no jurisdiction or authority regarding homeowner association matters and posed questions to Phillips to address additional misunderstandings among the residents of Sonoma Verde. Phillips confirmed that amenities required per the developer's agreement had been constructed. Phillips confirmed that Adrienne Balkum serves as liaison between HOA committees and his company and that she receives no compensation for her valuable service. Steinhagen stated that baseless accusation made against Balkum regarding ethics violations needed to be dispelled. Mayor Steinhagen stated unequivocally that Balkum' s volunteer service with the Sonoma Verde HOA and her future service as a City Council Member would in no way constitute an ethics violation.

Phillips answered questions and concerns regarding water supply, the impact of future phases of Sonoma Verde on roads and delivery of emergency services and whether there are plans for portion of the property zoned for general business use. Short expressed appreciation for the responsiveness of Sterling One. Short encouraged the Mayor and future City Council to continue communications with the developer. Steinhagen echoed Short's sentiments and expressed appreciation to Phillips.

Discussion and action regarding Resolution Appointing a Representative to the County of Rockwall Emergency Services Corporation Board.

There was discussion regarding the role of the County of Rockwall Emergency Services Corporation Board of Directors (Board) and regarding the programs it administers including the gun range, emergency management services and ambulance services. It was noted that an important meeting of the Board during which they are scheduled to vote on ambulance services provider was scheduled for April 26. Rockwall County Judge David Sweet participated in the discussion.

MOTION: APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-10R APPOINTING ROBERT STEINHAGEN AS THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION.

MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: LOVELL
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS (Vacant: Place 4)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor recessed the meeting to go into Executive Session (Closed Meeting) in accordance with Government Code §551.074: Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties of public officer or employee at 8:30 p.m. Steinhagen reconvened the meeting at 8:41 p.m. and stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Discussion and action regarding City Secretary-Treasurer Position.

Mayor Steinhagen recommended that the City hire Lisa Palomba as City Secretary.

MOTION: EXTEND OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO LISA PALOMBA TO SERVE AS CITY SECRETARY-TREASURER AND DIRECT THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE PALOMBA' S START DATE AND OTHER DETAILS.

MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: ORCHARD

It was suggested that the offered salary in the motion be included in the motion.

AMENDED MOTION: EXTEND OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO LISA PALOMBA TO SERVE AS CITY SECRETARY-TREASURER WITH AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$65,000 AND DIRECT THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE PALOMBA' S START DATE AND OTHER DETAILS.

MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: ORCHARD
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Herren inquired regarding the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality basic maintenance provider course for residents that want to maintain their own On-Site Sewage Facility system. Steinhagen said that he would be publishing information regarding an upcoming class in Greenville.

MOTION: ADJOURN THE MEETING (9:20 P.M.).

MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: ORCHARD
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS (Vacant: Place 4)

APPROVED:


Robert Steinhagen, Mayor

ATTEST:




Stephanie Galanides, City Secretary