

**MINUTES: CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 1, 2009**

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Higgs, Councilman Andy Garza, Councilman Robert Patton, Councilman Thomas Muir, Councilman Russell Martin, Councilman Glenn Ervin

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mike Brice City Manager, Rose Chavez City Secretary/Asst. City Manager

1. Call Meeting to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Higgs called meeting to order, led the invocation, followed by Councilman Patton leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Citizens Input:

Citizens are allowed 3 minutes to speak. The City Council is unable to respond or to discuss any issues brought up during this section.

None

CONSENT AGENDA

**3. a) Approve Minutes: May 18, 2009 -- Work Session
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b) Disbursements

c) Appoint Mike Walker to Fill the Unexpired Term on the Planning and Zoning Commission Vacated by Russell Martin

There was brief discussion concerning the disbursements.

Motion was made by Councilman Martin to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilman Muir. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider any Items Removed from Consent Agenda.

5. Consider and Possible Action on Award to KSA Engineers, Inc. for the Evaluation of Existing Water Wells.

The City Manager advised this was discussed at a previous work session. KSA Engineering is the firm that is conducting the comprehensive water and wastewater study for the City. As the City has gone through this process, and has looked at where and how they will get their water in the future, there may be some things that can be done economically to the existing water wells. He

discussed the possibility of drilling more water wells. The water that is pumped from the ground is a lot cheaper than what we buy from Upper Trinity. Most of the water wells in the City have been around for a long time. The newest well at Wal-Mart produces three times more water than all the wells that are in the City. The other wells were drilled smaller and shallower. At that time, we did not need the volume. There may be some things that can be done by reworking those wells to increase the production. They need a hydrologist to look at the wells and see if there is any feasibility to the City by reworking the wells.

City Manager indicated they would like the contract for KSA to be amended and allow them to look at the water wells and determine if there is any feasibility by reworking the wells. City Manager also advised that TCEQ has mandated that regions set up ground water conservation districts. These will have to be set up next year. As these districts set up and rules get put in place, it will get harder to drill wells. This may be the time to proceed with drilling a new well if it is feasible.

Councilman Garza asked if this would affect anything with Upper Trinity.

The City Manager indicated that it would not. The City is a member of Upper Trinity, and long term it will be our water supply source.

There was discussion concerning who will set the boundaries concerning the ground water conservation district. City Manager advised TCEQ will set the boundaries for the districts. Sanger will be in Denton County. Discussion continued.

Motion was made by Councilman Patton to award KSA Engineers, Inc. the contract for the evaluation of existing water wells. Seconded by Councilman Garza.

6. Information Items:
 - a) Letter from Citizen Regarding Recycling

Council discussed options for recycling.

City Manager advised our contract with IESI does not cover recycling. About 1 ½ years ago there was good money in recycling, but it has become costly to recycle. He discussed this may not be the appropriate time to recycle.

Councilman Martin asked if there was a way we could provide a collection center for plastic, glass and stuff. This could possibly be a middle ground for the people, and the City could find a place to take it.

The City Manager indicated he could talk to IESI and get a cost for this.

Councilman Ervin indicated this was done about eight years ago and it became a huge problem. People were using it for regular trash and it was a mess.

The City Manager indicated the only way to avoid the area from becoming a dump is to fence the area and have it staffed.

Councilman Martin indicated that when they lived in the City of Coppell they pick up twice a week and when they went to recycling they went to once a week pickup. The second-trip savings offset the cost of the recycling. It also cut the truck traffic on the roads in half.

- 7. Executive Session: Pursuant to Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, 551.072, Deliberations Regarding Real Property.
 - a) Discussion on Renewing Lease with Denton County Builders Located at 125 Bolivar Street, Sanger, Texas.****

Mayor convened Council into executive session at 7:17 p.m.

- 8. Reconvene: Into Regular Session and Consider Action, if any, on Items Discussed in Executive Session.**

Mayor reconvened City Council from executive session at 7:45 p.m. There was not any action taken.

- 9. Adjournment.**

Mayor adjourned the meeting.