

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JUNE 26, 2012**

Mayor Jeff Bearden called the Regular Meeting of the City Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, and a quorum was declared present.

**Present: Mayor Jeff Bearden**

**Commissioners: Jimmy Dennis, Russell Brownlow, Travis Taylor and Phil McCuiston**

**Staff Present: City Manager Mitch Grant, City Attorney Trish Byars, Police Chief Tom Wilson, Fire Chief Kent Smead, Public Works Director Bob Cochran, Finance Director Anne Garmon, Community Development Director Monica Wilkinson, Main Street Director Dan Kelleher, and City Secretary Linda Byers.**

Commissioner Dennis led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags, followed by the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Bearden opened the meeting to Public Comment from those who had submitted Requests to Speak during Public Comment Forms.

There were no public comments,

Mayor Bearden closed public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Brownlow moved the following items under the Consent Agenda are approved.

- A. Minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, and minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday, May 21, 2012.
- B. Engagement letter with Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming, PC for auditing the Fiscal Year ending September 20, 2012.
- C. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1592 – approving zoning change from Residential to Light Industrial for Jones Machine Shop at 401 and 403 Wichita Street.
- D. Application to Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program for replacement of 18 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).
- E. Financial Investment Report for the month of May, 2012 with interest earned totaling \$5,712.33 and vouchers from May 1, 2012 – May 31, 2012 in the amount of \$1,071,751.98.

Commissioner McCuiston seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

**REPORT – BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Sean Stockard, President/CEO of the Business Development Corporation reported that the BDC is working through the foreclosure situation with Tangerie. There is a 60 day cure period which expired May 28, at which time the foreclosure process began. The assets are locked down, and the attorney is working through the steps, and on the auction list and terms of auction, which will be an internet based auction with a 13% buyers premium.

Mr. Stockard also reported that they are partnering with the City of Vernon and Vernon College for Excel Training and that Abundant Energy has four full time employees.

**VISION & MISSION STATEMENT – MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD**

Main Street Director Dan Kelleher requested that the city Commission adopt a Vision Statement and Mission Statement for the Vernon Main Street Program, and that they incorporate these two statements into the Main Street Program Operating Procedures and Rules which are on file in the City Secretary's office.

Commissioner Dennis made the motion to adopt a vision and mission statement of the Operating Procedures and Rules of the Vernon Main Street Advisory Board.

Commissioner Brownlow seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

**PROGRAM RULE CHANGE – PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENT DEFERRED MATCHING  
LOAN PROGRAM**

Main Street Director Dan Kelleher requested a change in the Vernon Main Street Program Physical Improvement Deferred Matching Loan Program to add personal property, and change the process by which a loan can be converted to a grant.

Commissioner McCuiston made the motion to approve the rule change.

Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

**FINAL ADJUSTMENTS – AQUATIC CENTER PROJECT  
MINOR ADMISSION POLICY CHANGE**

City Manager Grant reported that Atlantis Aquatic Group offered some credits and added some additional expenses that resulted in \$.0 change in cost of the project, but still get us what we needed to complete construction.

Mr. Grant also requested minor changes to the admission policy to allow the Boys & Girls Club to bring supervisors at no cost to swim with the children.

Digital Recording on file

Commissioner Brownlow made the motion to approve final adjustments to the Aquatic Center Project and approve minor changes to the admission policy as long as the changes do not compromise the intent of the rules.

Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 1594**

**AN ORDINANCE AMMENDING: CHAPTER 10, BUILDINGS, ARTICLE L IN GENERAL, SECTION 10-2 BUILDING CODE ADOPTED, AND PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, VALIDATION, RECORDING AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Community Development Director Wilkinson explained that this ordinance will change the way we adopt our building codes. Formerly the most current published edition was adopted. This ordinance will make the change to adopt the most current published edition two (2) years after its release. This will allow the state and applicable Council of Governments to review the code and make recommendations particular to the region before adoption by the municipality.

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 1594.

Commissioner Brownlow seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

#### **BUDGET WORK SCHEDULE AND GOALS**

Mayor Bearden stated that the City should stay the course that we are on and to consider the following objectives when making a budget plan:

- See the nitrate issues through to resolution;
- Continue to monitor our water resources and develop additional resources when feasible;
- Continue removal of unsafe and dilapidated structures to the maximum extent possible;
- Continue our support of revitalization efforts through our Main Street Program and collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, BDC, and Wilbarger County on joint community development initiatives;
- Continue our paving program to reduce the number of unpaved streets;
- Turn attention to other aspects of our Parks Plan to upgrade and refurbish our parks;
- Identify resources to complete the plans for the aquatic center including paving and parking, the second slide, and shade structures;
- Continue to improve our internet and social media presence
- Ask department heads to continue to take a long term view on maintaining equipment and infrastructure.

Commissioner Dennis agreed with this. Commissioner Taylor takes pride in no new taxes and a balanced budget.

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City Manager Grant gave an overview of the proposed schedule for budget and tax hearings, and listed an overview of some of the City's recent budgetary accomplishments.

Commissioner McCuistion made the motion to approve the Budget Work Schedule.

Commissioner Brownlow seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner McCuistion made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

  
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Jeff Bearden  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Linda Byers  
City Secretary