

Eric Hunter Mayor
City Council:
John Basham Mayor Pro Tem
Ken Parnell Pl# 1
Kerry Jenkins Pl# 3
Larry Trammell Pl# 4
Billie Steele Pl# 5



195 W. Reno Rd.
Azle, Texas 76020
Phone (817) 221-2500
Fax (817) 221-3650

MINUTES

Regular City Council Meeting

December 11, 2017 - 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order and Announced a Quorum was Present

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Eric Hunter;; Council Members: Billie Steele, Ken Parnell, Larry Trammell and Kerry Jenkins.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem John Basham

2. Invocation was given by Mayor Hunter

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

*"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas,
One state under God, One and Indivisible"*

4. Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Hunter said if anyone has property in Tarrant County, there is a small portion of the city that does. He said he received a letter from Jeff Law the Executive Director of the Appraisal District. There was an article reported by the Star Telegram on November 23, 2017 where they had written several tax statements were put on hold while workers searched for errors. After he investigated it he asked the reporter to hold off while he figured out what was going on. He said the taxing entities determined the ceiling they go off of and they were waiting on all of the taxing entities in Tarrant County to get them the information they needed before they could send those statements out. He said he has a copy of the letter if anyone would like to read it.

Mayor Hunter said Chief Smithers and he have talked about this is the time of the year where there are people without families, people that don't have what we have, people that are less fortunate than us and we think we have it bad sometimes but all you have to do is look around and you'll find somebody that is worse off than you are. He said Chief Smithers said this is the time of year when there is a spike in suicides. He said keep this in mind and keep those situations in your prayers.

December 11, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting

Mayor Hunter said "Cookies with Santa" on Saturday, December 16th from 5 to 7. He said there will be a silent auction and the proceeds will go to "Events" which goes for Christmas, Easter, Fall Festival and National Night Out. He said the Toy distribution will be on December 22nd from 4 pm to 7 pm. He said we have made some big strides on the toy donations.

Councilman Trammell said Scott Passmore gave him a card from "Our House" that had \$800 on it. He said he and his wife went over to Mattel and he gave one of the manager's one of his business cards and they have a copy of the 501 C3. He said some of the toys they have we can get 70% off. He said he and Chief Smithers are going to go through the toys we have a get an inventory.

Mayor Hunter said there is a Resolution we needed to pass before December 15th. He said hopefully this will be the last council meeting this year unless something comes up and he wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year and to reach out if they see someone that needs help.

5. Citizen Presentation and Public Input for Future Agenda Item

Shelli Swift said they have the little boy train table and the little girl princess house that they are raffling off on December 22nd. She said tickets are \$5.00 each or six (6) for \$25.00. She said she has tickets, Billie Steele, and Valerie Daugherty. She said the money is going to go into the Food Pantry and it will distributed where it is needed.

Zachery Stokes said his has to do with the July 10th meeting. He said they had a deal put on the agenda by Larry Trammell and John Basham about hotel tax. He said for whatever reason those two (2) decided they weren't going to be here for that meeting. He said that was on the agenda 153 days ago which is five (5) months and nine (9) meetings ago, He said they have since heard anything about that. He said they both claimed it was so very important but like he said they decided they didn't want to be here, they didn't show up and they have been waiting to find out about this hotel tax that was so important for five (5) months – nine (9) meetings – there is no excuse for it. He said the second thing is about our streets. He said he has been driving our streets a lot lately and the streets are breaking down and getting in bad shape. He said Ms. Jenkins said that her main deal was getting the streets fixed. He said he hasn't seen anything yet on the agenda. He said okay let's face it, Ms. Jenkins told them she made a lot of promises when she got elected. He said she has been in office for five (5) months and so far in five (5) months all they have managed to get accomplished is she has managed to help John Basham carry out his personal vendetta against a couple of people. He said Ms. Jenkins was put in office to run the city and take care of the people and the problems that they have. He said like he said if you have two (2) council members that called something then that's the last you hear of it for five (5) months and you have somebody that tells them their interested in streets then you don't hear anything about the streets. He said it sounds to him like that they've got just another lap-dog for John Basham and so far ma'am you've got a long ways to go to prove that you're not.

Council Women Jenkins asked if she could respond to that Mayor Hunter.

Mayor Hunter said not at this time. He said Ramah you brought the paper work to him on the two (2) grants one (1) for drainage one (1) on streets.

Council Women Jenkins said that was three (3) meetings ago the gentleman was here to present for the two (2) grants.

Mayor Hunter said the grants have been applied for and the Federal Government doesn't work fast.

Shelli Swift said if the streets are that bad then why are there so many speeders.

Mayor Hunter said for those that says he made a lot of promises he said it wouldn't happen overnight.

6. Consent Agenda - Department Reports

- A. Minutes for November 20, 2017 and November 27, 2017 were not ready.
- B. City Administrator's Report (Municipal Court/Code Compliance reports)
- C. Police Department Report
- D. Street and Roads/Water System Reports
- E. Volunteer Fire Department Report

Motion was made by Council Women made a motion that they pass everything except the Fire Department. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parnell, motion carried 4-0.

- E. Fire Department – Chief Smithers said he would be real quick – he just wanted to radiate that the City of Reno is under a burn band. He said a lot of the other counties are following suit. He said Tarrant County may be placed on a 90 day burn ban. He said the humidity level has been running very low – today it was 14%. He said the reason they are pushing the events is because this year the suicide rate goes up. He said to reach out and touch some of those people. He said just talking to someone helps them. He is you know someone that needs help there are a lot of resources please get in touch with them. He said the “Toys for the Kids” “Servolution” has stepped in and given them 200 toys. He said the toy drive is going very well and they are raising toys for the City of Pelican Bay. They have been taking some of the food boxes here down to some of the homeless under the bridges and they have been going in like minutes. He said one (1) thing they could use is blankets and jackets. He said they will take them and distribute them to people under bridges. He said they have a new tanker coming the first of the years.

Council Women Steele said they are still doing the winter drive. She said people still have time to bring items – coats and blankets.

Councilman Trammell said he met with Chief Smithers and something everyone needs to reach out to the elderly. He said they ran across a family that didn't have any gas for heat. He said Chief Smithers was able to get some gas inside their home.

Chief Smithers said they have partnered with the Red Cross so if they need smoke detectors get with him.

Motion was made by Council Women Steele to approve the Fire Department report. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parnell, motion carried 4-0.

7. Action Items

- A. Discussion and/or action on proposed Resolution 2017-12-11-08R nominating candidates for Parker County Appraisal District of Directors.

Motion was made by Council Member Steele to nominate and cast Reno's 10 votes to Steve Harris for Parker Council Appraisal District of Directors. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trammell, motion carried 4-0.

- B. Discussion and/or action to authorize Mayor to enter into agreement to retain the services of the Law Firm of Alan Bojorquez or TOASE as city attorney.

Motion was made by Council Member Steele to hire Bojorquez Law Firm on a trial basis with no contract and to sign the letter of engagement. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins, motion carried 4-0.

- C. Discussion and/or action on behalf of the City of Reno to request any former Elected Official(s) to turn over to the City all emails on their personal email account that are city business to comply with Texas Open Records Act.

Motion was made by Council Member Steele to take No Action. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trammell, motion carried 4-0.

8. **Executive Session** In accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551, the Reno City Council will meet in a closed or executive session for various personnel matters pursuant to Government Code Section 551.074 which authorizes a closed session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officers or employees, and during the executive session the Council may also receive advice from outside legal counsel as authorized by Government Code Section 551.071, on the following items:

- A. Personnel – City Administrator

Following the executive session, the Reno City Council will reconvene in public session and may take action on one or more of the executive session items.

9. **Action regarding items discussed in Executive Session items.**

Motion was made by Council Member Steele to Table the Executive Session since Attorney Jim Jeffrey was not able to attend the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trammell, motion carried 4-0.

10. **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Councilman Trammell to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parnell, motion carried 5-0.

**APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF RENO, PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS THIS
15th Day of January, 2018.**



**Eric Hunter
Mayor**

CITY SEAL:



ATTEST:



**Ramah Burns
City Secretary**