

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



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

MINUTES

Regular City Council Meeting

November 20, 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; Mayor Pro Tem John Basham; Council Members: Billie Steele, Ken Parnell, Larry Trammell and Kerry Jenkins.

2. Invocation was given by Harry Harris

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 Paws for a Cause had their animal clinic. He said there were 68 animals – 14 cats and 54 dogs and none of the animals had heart worms. He said the next animal clinic will be February 17, 2018.

Council Member Steele said she was glad everyone turned out. She said the more they get the better off they will be.

Mayor Hunter said this past weekend the Fire Department hosted our Friendsgiving and provided a free meal. He said some of the left over's back on the table. They had pizza's ad turkey and dressing. Some of the pizza was taken to Fort Worth and given to the homeless. He said one of the fireman gave his own personal jacket to a kid that didn't have one. He said he wanted to thank the Briar- Reno Fire Department for that. He said the Solid Rock Bible Church youth came and served everybody. He said they had games and movies afterwards. He said in the Food Pantry Scott Passmore had 19 pellets of boxed meals. He said now we have 5 pallets – meals were given to Reno Elementary School, all of the churches, surrounding cities, and day cares.

November 20, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting

Mayor Hunter said up front there are a couple of Christmas items donated by Shelli Swift Barbie dream house and Race Car set. They are going to raffle these items for \$5 each or (6) six for \$25.00 proceeds will go to the Food Pantry. The drawing will be held Friday, December 22nd at 3:00 pm at Reno City Hall. He said on the Events Committee he would like to anytime we have an event coming up anyone that would like to participate in planning that event. They will announce it. He doesn't want to say this person is a member and this person is not. He wants to leave it open for all. He said he will advertise the next date planned. He said they are having a toy drive — see Scott for donating toys.

Scott Passmore said they are going to collect toys until December 22nd and pass the toys out on December 23rd.

Larry Trammell said he donated a print and he has one other one he is going to bring up and donate for the auction.

Mayor Hunter said during the Fall Festival and National Night Out, Paws for a Cause had a huge silent auction that raised over \$1 ,000. They are still collecting coats, gloves, blankets are still being collected for Share the Warmth.

5. Citizen Presentation and Public Input for Future Agenda Item

Ken Parnell said he wasn't going to give the first speech because it was too inflammatory. He was going to simply say he was appalled at the action of the majority against the minority at the last meeting. He said it shows a lack of understanding of Roberts Rules of Order and a lack of regard to democracy. He said he has to condemn that as lovingly as he possible can at the same time he doesn't think they can let that pass without someone saying something about the severity of it. He said the thing he wanted to talk about was our staff and since our staff is our soldiers. He said that is our little army that takes care of us and takes care of the city and serves. He said they get in the trenches and the water department literally and they are our generals, colonel, captains, lieutenants, enlisted men and privates. He said we need to treat our soldiers with respect and dignity and take care of their needs as much as possible. He said tonight they are going to deliberate some of those things and he thinks what we need to keep in mind is that we need to do a better job of taking care of our employees. Thank you all.

Lynda Stokes said she was a little shocked when she got the agenda. She said she was reminded that she put out something that was vague because of the depth what they were going to be discussing had a quite large range and she thinks she got chewed out by one (1) councilman for being vague and getting an Attorney General's opinion on it. She said if a councilman can't understand what is on it how do you expect the everyday citizen can. She said three (3) years ago they had a gentlemen elected that came on and had a personal vendetta against two (2) of the employee's and it continues. She said the one he had the problem with was Joe Polino; the second one was the City Attorney because the City Attorney would not represent him against the city even when the City Attorney told him he could do that couldn't do that he would have to get his own attorney because he is the City Attorney. She said she has in her possession here a email that was sent on July 13th from Mr. Basham to Alan Bojorquez, who is an attorney who he as been talking with. She said back in July he was talking about getting rid of Mr. Polino and getting rid of Mr. Leonard.

Lynda Stokes said she has a problem with the witch hunts that are going on and have been going on. She said she also has a lot of problems with the fact that we have gone back about eight (8) years now to where if you're talking to a particular council member and the Mayor better watching yourself because you're being recorded as long as you're put on notice. She said that's good enough for right now — we'll see how this goes. She said they have good employees — this isn't the way to treat them.

Joe Polino said originally he was going to speak but he is withdrawing that.

Zachery Stokes said he wanted to talk about our military and veterans. He said he was very pleased the City turned out like it did. He said the citizens deserve it however one thing that he did notice that everybody seemed to over look and he has had several people talk to him about the fact that Veterans Day in our City was completely unnoticed. He said notice was said about it and nothing was posted. He said we forgot the Veterans. He said there were Veterans that the fact that nothing was said and nothing was posted upset and he doesn't blame them. He said in the future that each and every person that sits on that Council needs to remember what's important and our Veterans the ones that fought in Korea, Viet Nam, Middle East and the ones that are over there fighting right now they need to be remembered on their day. The City needs to recognize the Veterans. Thank you.

Mayor Hunter said he dropped the ball on that. He said he is a Veteran himself. He apologized to all of the Veterans. He said that was his fault he over looked that he does apologize.

6. Consent Agenda - Department Reports

- A. Minutes for October 16, 2017 and October 23, 2017
- B. City Administrator's Report (Municipal CoudCode Compliance reports)
- C. Police Department Report
- D. Street and Roads/Water System Reports
- E. Volunteer Fire Department Report

Council Woman Steele pulled the Police Department report. She said the reason she as pulling it out. She said the reason she is pulling that out is because she is getting a lot of complaints about speeding all over the city and a lot of complaints about dogs. She said people are not getting fined they are getting warnings and if they aren't getting tickets they are going to continue to do it. She said we have a major problem with dogs and always have. She said until they get two (2) or three (three) good fines they aren't going to do anything. She said she has noticed and it seems to her that we are not fining them we are giving them a warning. She said it is a major problem — major. She said for the speeding we have going on in the City of Reno there isn't much being done about it. She said that's the best she knows how to put it.

Chief Holzschuh said yes, ma'am.

Council Woman Steele said she would like to see something done. She said she isn't the only one — you can sit on my street and you can give them all day long. She said they are flying — somebody is going to get hurt really bad if we don't start doing something about it. She said she knows they can't be everywhere she understands that. She said the reports reflect what she is saying. She said that was her reason for pulling the report.