

Eric Hunter Mayor
City Council:
John Basham Pro-Tem
Harry Harris Pl #1
Kerry Jenkins Pl #3
Larry Trammell Pl# 4
Joe R. Patterson Pl #5



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MINUTES
Regular City Council Meeting
195 W. Reno Road
Monday, May 14, 2018 — 7:20 pm

1. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present.
2. Invocation – Councilman 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 the Low-Cost Vaccination is May 26th from 10:00 am to Noon.
Billie Steele said Azle will have one on May 22nd from 10:00 am to Noon.
Mayor Hunter said Game Night is on May 19th at 6:00 pm. Clean up is May 19 from 7 am to 3 pm. Mayor Hunter said he and Chief Smithers are working towards the burn permits to nr on line.

5. Action Items

Councilman Trammell made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session before they start any action items. He said he moved to go into Executive Session at 7:35 pm and to move Item #6 up and adjourn into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Basham, motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Hunter said there was a motion by Councilman Trammell seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Basham to move Item 6 up above Item A. He said they were going to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:35 pm. on Personnel Section 551.074.

6. Executive Session - The City Council for the City of Reno has the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters). The City Council for the City of Reno may act on any item listed in Executive Session in Open Session or move any item from Executive Session to Open Session for action.

A. Personnel – (551.074) To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public employee – Joseph Polino.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Basham to reconvene in Open Session at 8:16 pm. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trammell, motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Councilman Trammell to move Item #7 under #6 on the agenda. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Basham, motion carried 5-0.

6. Action as a result of Executive Session.

A. Action on personnel matters regarding Joe Polino

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Basham for a for of Vote of No Confidence: I move for a vote of No Confidence against City Administrator Joseph Polino, and his immediate removal as a Municipal Officer.

- I further move we ratify the dismissal of Director of Public Safety Joseph Polino and accept the Chief of Police's "Dishonorable Discharge" of Mr. Polino.
 - I also move no further payments or benefits of any kind, whether real property or monies, be made to Mr. Polino as any such remuneration would be in violation of the Texas Constitution Article III, Sections 52 and 53. I make this motion for the following reasons and other reasons outside the scope of this motion.
1. Mr. Polino knowingly, willingly, and with malice toward the City of Reno, City Officers, and elected officials; Violated the State Constitution (Article III, Secs. 52 and 53), Texas Statutes (Including but not limited to Penal Code Sec. 39.02. ABUSE OF OFFICIAL CAPACITY), Municipal Ordinance (1201-03 / revised 118-03-04) and Mr. Polino's Employment contract (On File with City Secretary) by illegally utilizing government-owned equipment, computers, and personnel for personal use and pecuniary interest for himself or his agents. This illegal use of Government-owned property resulted in additional unnecessary measures and costs for the city to take possession of the Government data on computers in Mr. Polino's possession. This purposeful and admitted misuse of Government Property in Violation the Texas Constitution (Article III, Secs. 52 and 53), Texas Statutes (Including but not limited to Penal Code Sec. 39.02. ABUSE OF OFFICIAL CAPACITY), Municipal Ordinance (1201-03 / revised 118-03-04) and Mr. Polino's Employment contract (On File with City Secretary) caused significant additional financial cost. These actions have also put the city of Reno at legal risk for violating the Texas Public Information Act.
 2. Mr. Polino has on multiple occasions and in a continuing pattern been insubordinate and threatening toward City Elected Officials and the City as a whole. Mr. Polino publicly stated to municipal employees and officers his intent to cost the city of Reno as much money as possible after the May 2017 municipal election did not go as he expected.
 3. Mr. Polino on multiple occasions and in a continuing pattern violated his contract and city ordinance by openly refusing to follow lawful directives from Mayor Eric Hunter. Mr.

Hunter has a well-documented record of these directives and Mr. Polino's subsequent refusals or insubordination. These directives were given in compliance with Mr. Polino's contract, City Ordinance, and State Law. This blatant violation of Mr. Polino's contract with the City and refusal to cooperate with Mayor Hunter to resolve these issues; made his employment contract moot starting with Mr. Polino's insubordinate actions in May of 2017.

4. Mr. Polino on multiple occasions and in a continuing pattern violated his contract and state law by openly refusing to follow lawful police department related orders made by Chief Timothy Holzshuh. These orders were given in compliance with his Mr. Polino's employment contract and State Law. Mr. Polino's blatant refusal to follow law enforcement orders from the Chief of the department resulted in a "Dishonorable Discharge" of Mr. Polino from the City of Reno Police Department and was subsequently recorded with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.
5. On Multiple occasions over the past 3 years, Mr. Polino has been tasked with investigating activities by officers and elected officials of the City of Reno. City records and review of "investigative information" indicate that during these investigations, one of which included the misuse of funds by former Mayor Lynda Stokes. Mr. Polino Knowingly and Purposefully suppressed relevant documented evidence, employee interviews, and Government logs of: oil changes, tire changes, trailer hookups, shuttle to hair salons and back by members of the Department of Public Works and use of Government Employees and property for personal gain by officers and elected officials of the City of Reno. It appears clear that Mr. Polino's unethical obstruction of justice for the benefit of his political allies and friends cost the City of Reno thousands of dollars and allowed City officials to abuse their office and not face justice.
6. Mr. Polino on at least one occasion abused his office and committed official oppression by wearing his City of Reno Police Department badge and gun and shoving his hip, the gun side, into the face of an elected official in an attempt to intimidate through threat. This action was witnessed by the City Secretary and Myself. Mr. Polino also relayed to the Councilman Hunter that he was going to take this action to "Show Basham whose boss around here!". Mr. Mayor that is his motion for a vote of No-Confidence.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Trammell, motion carried 5-0.

I certify that only the topic by law were discussed during this session.

Mayor Eric Hunter _____

- A. Discussion and/or action to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion was made by Councilman Trammell to appoint John Basham as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion was seconded by Councilman Harris, motion carried 4-1, Mayor Pro Tem Basham abstained.

- B. Discussion and/or action to update signatures on all bank accounts.

No Action.

- C. Discussion and/or action on a Final Plat for Jackie Mauldin on Lots 1 thru 4, Johnson Estates, being 6.82 acres of land.

Motion was made by Councilman Trammell to Table the Final Plat until the 5/21/2018 meeting. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Basham, motion carried 5-0.

- D. Discussion and/or action on authorizing the hiring of an additional police officer upon the recommendation of the Police Chief.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Jenkins to authorize the hiring of an additional police officer. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trammell, motion carried 4-1. Joe Patterson voted no.

8. Adjourn


Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Basham to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trammell, motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF RENO, PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS THIS
18TH Day of June 2018.



Eric Hunter
Mayor

ATTEST:



Ramah Burns
City Secretary

