

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

July 16, 2018 - 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: Larry Trammell, Kerry Jenkins and Harry Harris.

Absent: Councilman Joe R. Patterson

2. Invocation was given by 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 next animal clinic will be August 18th. There has been one (1) Fall Festival meeting and the next meeting will be August 6th at 3:45pm. The burn ban is still on.

5. Citizen Presentation and Public Input for Future Agenda Items

The "citizen participation" period is a time slot set aside on the agenda for citizens to address the council on any subject for up to three (3) minutes. The Council is not permitted to take action unless it has been posted on the agenda.

Zachrey Stokes said they haven't received information on the cost of the new trash company.

6. Consent Agenda –

Mayor Pro Tem Basham asked to remove number B and C.

- A. Minutes for June 18, 2018
- 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
- F. City Secretary/Financial Report

Motion was made by Councilwoman Jenkins to approve A, D, E & F. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Basham. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Basham asked Scott Passmore, City Administrator is there was an ordinance on overweight vehicles driving on city streets.

Scott Passmore said no there isn't an ordinance on overweight vehicles driving on city streets.

Chief Holzschuh said Officer Stephanie Warren 30 has 30 years in law enforcement and she has taught thousands of Police Officers and she has a power point presentation on the Evidence Room before she started working on it and now. He said she has been the person working in the Property Room and she is the one that has fixed it.

Officer Stephanie Warren gave a detailed power point presentation showing pictures of what the Evidence Room looked like when she began working on it. She said with the bends and the great shelves that made a big difference. Officer Warren thanked personnel in the Water Department for building very sturdy shelves. She has gone through and organized all of the evidence collected during 2018 in containers and everything is marked. Everything for 2018 is current and there is a good tracking system. She said this required a lot of research and she has been doing a lot of reading and she is doing this on her own. She said there is a book on International Standards she is reading. Officer Warren is going to begin organizing the evidence collected in 2017. She said they added a refrigerator for evidence that needs to be kept cold and a safe to lock up certain evidence. She said they don't have room for large property room items. She said now she can go into the Property Room now and put her hands-on items requested.

Chief Holzschuh said the refrigerator and safe were already there and they repurposed both of them. He said the crew from the Water Department built the shelves. He said they were excellent. He said he was very pleased how fast they were to finish them.

Councilwoman Jenkins said she would like to commend the Chief as well. She said she spent three (3) to five (5) hours in the Police Department with the Chief and his Officers' and she was thoroughly impressed. She said the level of work and the quality of work going on. She said especially Officer Warren – if she had walk in that room – she said Officer Warren deserves great recognition in the incredible job she did has done and the city should recognize the job the whole Police Department has done the last year with Chief's leadership. She said she was proud of this Police Department.

Chief Holzschuh said they had discussed a Detective position some time ago. Officer Compton was off on Monday due to a death in the family, he had a 12-hour patrol shift, he had a Grand Jury for four (4) hours on Thursday, he attended the Parker County Crimes meeting, then he began an investigation on tree cutting at Newsom and Nelson

Motion was made Councilman Harris to accept B and C reports. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Basham, motion carried 4-0.

7. Action Items

- A. Discussion and/or action on an Interlocal Assistance Agreement for Fire and Explosion Investigations with Fort Worth Division of the Northern District of Texas.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Basham to accept the Interlocal Assistance Agreement for Fire and Explosion Investigations with Fort Worth Division of the Northern District of Texas. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trammell, motion carried 4-0.

- B. Discussion and/or action on a Final Plat of Lot 1 – Bell Estate, Abstract No. 1222.

Motion was made by Councilman Trammell to approve the Final Plat of Lot 1 – Bell Estate, Abstract No. 1222. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Basham, motion carried 4-0.

- C. Hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-16 establishing the speed limits for C-S 2737– 1 and C-S 2737 – 2 on Highway 2257 in the maximum amount of 55 miles per hour.

Public Hearing opened at 7:35 pm on Ordinance No. 2018-16, establishing the speed limits for C-S 2737 – 1 and C-S 2737 – 2 on Highway 2257 in the maximum amount of 55 miles.

Chief Holzschuh said the change is to decrease the speed limit on Knob Hill. He said there have been three (3) fatalities.

Lisa Elkins asked if the speed limit could be lower than 55?

Chief Holzschuh said no they had to meet certain limitations.

Mayor Pro Tem Basham said there is a blind spot where the curve is at Ladybird. He asked if there was any way to appeal this because of this dangerous intersection or dangerous stretch of highway.

Chief Holzschuh said this started in January they came out here. He said they made a full survey of the road. He said he would look forward to some traffic control device like flashing lights or a shoulder.

Councilman Trammell asked if they would put up a flashing warning light or sign. He said Ladybird would have a flashing red light and Knob Hill would have a yellow flashing light.

Chief Holzschuh said he would talk with them.

Public Hearing closed at 7:40 pm.

- D. Consider Ordinance No. 2018-16 establishing the speed limits for C-S 2737 – 1 and C-S 2737 – 2 on Highway 2257 in the maximum amount of 55 miles per hour

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Basham to approve Ordinance 2018-16 establishing the speed limits for C-S 2737 -1 and C-S 2737 – on Highway 2257 in the maximum amount of 55 miles per hour. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trammell, motion carried 4-0.

- E. Discussion and/or action on the continued confusion of important Municipal, State, Federal, and Business information due to shared incorporated name or “Reno, Texas”, and needed resolution.

Mayor Hunter said Mayor Pro Tem Basham and he have talked about this. He said the former Mayor talked about this. He said there are definitely arguments for and against. He said TCEQ has Scott Passmore water number set up in Lamar County. He said legal documents have been sent to the wrong Reno’s. He said FEMA had a meeting with Scott and they were about an hour late because they showed up in Reno on Blackburn Dr. in Lamar County. He said they aren’t looking to change a lot of stuff. But would everyone consider going back to the old historical name of Reno Springs.

Mayor Pro Tem Basham said he spoke with the former Mayor, Council members and residents. He said it’s not changing the name to change the name. He said the Supreme Court of the United States ruled on a case and the Texas Attorney General has sent out guidance on – on line sales tax. He said the sales tax will go to the local community. He said this will be in the near future. He said the problem were having with legal documents and sensitive data. He said he heard something today.

Chief Holzschuh said as far as 911 calls. He said one of the first things he did when he got here was get the phone number to the Chief of Police in the other Reno Texas. He said over the year he has received numerous telephone calls that don’t know they are calling the wrong Reno. The 911 caller didn’t know the zip code or where they needed to be all they knew is that their relative lives on this street at this address – this was on a drug overdose. He said our officer gave great customer service until they could be transferred to the correct Reno in Lamar County. He said that is just one antidotal statement they have to deal with all of the time. The person that called 911 ended up in Blue Mound. He said Blue Mound tried to dispatch our officer to that address. He called the person and asked them where they needed an ambulance. He said our officer performed 911 duties on behalf of Blue Mound and found where they actually needed to go. He said Blue Mound doesn’t have a cad system in their dispatch center. They don’t have a computer data base to check an address. He said changing the name might make it better for them.

Mayor Pro Tem Basham said we are the only cities in the State of Texas that share the same name. He said he has done research over the year and he said Reno actually became a city and was named after a spring. He said if you go to the historic church across the street Walnut Creek Baptist Church and go about 75 years in creek – in 1976 there was a spring there until the water level dropped. He said that spring was called Reno Springs. He said as far as he knew it had been called Reno Springs since the 1800's. The post office was called the "Reno Springs Post on Walnut Creek". He said that was well before we were incorporated. He said if we add Springs to Reno you don't lose the heritage and history. He said this would give us two (2) upsides – one (1) we can fix the confusion between ourselves and the other Reno which will help in tax issues and drawing in businesses on 199. He said they can petition the Post Office for our own zip-code. He said we can ask the city attorney what's involved in changing the name. He said it would affect where the mail was going, and businesses wouldn't have to reprint anything. He said we would have to change our logo, but it gives us the opportunity to stand apart and stand on our own feet and grow. He said over the next 18 to 24 months we will triple our single-family homes. He commissioned some graphic artist if we changed our name to Reno Springs. He said when you think of Fort Worth they have an image whether it be the panther for police or longhorn. He said one thing he always thought was he always see's the road runner out here. He said he wouldn't ask the council to take any action on this tonight.

Mayor Hunter said he would like to hold a Town Hall meeting.

Alan Wayland, City Attorney said this is interesting. He said this isn't unheard of – the Town of Clark changed its name to the Town of Dish. He said there is a process and it looks like it needs to go through a petition process and 51% of eligible votes. This is his preliminary research on changing a name.

Mayor Hunter said he would asked for him to check into this. He said he wants to make sure, we stick with the traditions and the history of Reno. He said he would like as many of the votes to weigh in on this issue.

Councilman Trammell said there was a Post Office here a long time ago.

Mayor Pro Tem Basham said that wasn't an official Post Office.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Basham to Table this until we get more input from the citizens. Motion was seconded by Councilman Harris, motion carried 4-0.

8. 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 Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development). 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.

Motion was made by Councilman Harris to go into Executive Session at 8:03 pm. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins, motion carried 4-0.

- A. Consultation with city attorney about contemplated litigation [Texas Local Gov't Code section 551.071(1)(A)] regarding over-billing and malpractice to City by a contractor to the Municipality.
 - B. Consultation with city attorney about litigation RE:(Polino V City of Reno) [Texas Local Gov't Code section 551.071(1)(A)].
 - C. Consultation with city attorney about potential litigation RE:(Texas Attorney General Open Records Division vs City of Reno) [Texas Local Gov't Code section 551.071(1)(A)].
9. Action as a result of Executive Session.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Basham to reconvene in Open Session at 8:52 pm. Motion was seconded by Councilman Harris, motion carried 4-0.

- A. Consultation with city attorney about contemplated litigation [Texas Local Gov't Code section 551.071(1)(A)] regarding over-billing and malpractice to City by a contractor to the Municipality.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Basham due to the judiciary responsibility of the Council ask that they authorize the City Attorney to investigate any claims that the city may have with prior city contractors and make recommendations back to the Mayor and Council on any action items they may need to take. Motion was seconded by Councilman Trammell, motion carried 4-0.

- B. Consultation with city attorney about litigation RE:(Polino V City of Reno) [Texas Local Gov't Code section 551.071(1)(A)].

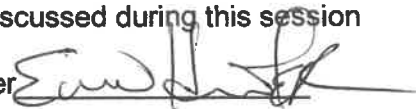
No Action

- C. Consultation with city attorney about potential litigation RE:(Texas Attorney General Open Records Division vs City of Reno) [Texas Local Gov't Code section 551.071(1)(A)].

No Action

I certify that only topics allowed by law were discussed during this session

Mayor Eric Hunter



7. Adjourn

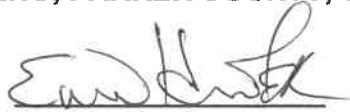
Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Basham to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Harris, motion carried 4-0.

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF RENO, PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS THIS
13th Day of August 2018.

ATTEST:



Ramah Burns
City Secretary



Eric Hunter
Mayor

CITY SEAL:

