

Lynda Stokes Mayor  
 City Council:  
 David Andrews Mayor Pro Tem  
 Ken Parnell Pl# 1  
 Bonnie Black Pl# 3  
 Eric Hunter Pl# 4  
 Billie Steele Pl #5



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**MINUTES**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, May 18, 2015 - 7:00 pm**

**Canvass Votes**

1. **Motion was made by Council Member Black to approve Resolution 2015-05-18-06R, canvassing the results for the May 9, 2015 General Election to elect a Mayor and Council Member for Place 2 and Place 4. A Special Election – Proposition 1 – “The adoption of an additional sales and use tax within the city at the rate of one-half of one percent to be used to reduce the property tax rate. Motion was seconded by Council Member Steele, motion passed 4-0.**

**Candidates                      Votes                      Percentage**

**Mayor**

<b>Gilbert Morrow</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7.03%</b>
<b>Lynda Stokes</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>61.33%</b>
<b>David Andrews</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>31.64%</b>

**Council Member, Place 2**

<b>Jody W. Works</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>18.33%</b>
<b>Darrel Allen</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>27.89%</b>
<b>John “JB” Basham</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>45.42%</b>
<b>Carol Houlihan</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8.37%</b>

**Council Member, Place 4**

<b>Eric Hunter</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>100%</b>
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**Proposition 1**

**“The adoption of an additional sales and use tax within the city at the rate of one-half of one percent to be used to reduce the property tax rate”.**

**For (X) 191 – votes – 74.90% - Against ( ) 64 votes – 25.10%**

## OATH OF OFFICE

**Ramah Burns, City Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Elect Lynda Stokes, and Council Members Elect John Basham and Council Member Elect Eric Hunter.**

### 1. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum was Present.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

### 2. Invocation.

**Council Member Black led the invocation.**

### 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 Stokes said she had a request that Chief Smithers wanted to speak. Battalion Chief Patterson said he would be there in about 10 minutes. She said he can sign in when he gets here.

### 5. Department Reports - Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes – April 13, 2015
- 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 made by Council Member Hunter to approve all the Department Reports in the consent agenda A - F. Motion seconded by Council Member Steele, motion passed 5-0.

### 6. Action Items

- A. Lori Orta, CPA – 2012 audit and update on 2013. She said the city is aware the city is in a lawsuit. She said as far as difficulties the city has had four (4) different city secretaries in a very short period of time. She said she sees the last one and hope she will be here for a while. Mayor Stokes said she has already told Ramah that she can't leave. Because of that they were a lot of delay in the audits. She said Eddie Peacock is closing the books on 2013 and she ought to be able to get the figures by early next week. She said Ramah and her have already done a lot of work towards that. She said her goal is to try and get 2013 and 2014 caught up and then have 2015 audit ready to start in October or November at the latest. She said that ought to be a goal that the council not only aware of but the council can monitor that goal and make sure it's happening. As far as adjustments those are detailed out in the report. The second letter is a letter of internal controls. There were deficiencies and weaknesses. They made recommendations but since we are so far behind this won't happen in the 2013 or possibly 2014 audits.

In the 2015 audit they should all be implemented and making sure the council understands the important of them. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> report is the auditor's opinion which is an unmodified opinion. They were able to gather sufficient information and she wanted to thank the staff for the additional work they had to go through. She said for them to make sure they review the financial statements.

Council Member Basham asked if the 2013 and 2014 will be completed by October.

Lori Orta said no what they promised Ramah that once they get the financials were where they can be audited, they would look at a 60 day turn around. She said they are going to work diligently once they get the information.

- B. Approve Audit for fiscal year October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

Motion was made by Council Member Steele to approve the 2012 audit. Council Member Parnell seconded, motion passed 5-0.

- C. Pastor Joyce Simpson, House of Prayer Church, regarding permits and fees

Pastor Simpson said she feeds about 30 families a month. She said she would like to put up a 40 x 60 building and church. She said she has furniture and clothes for the needy that is stacked in her house. She said she didn't want go into the history on why it went to court.

Mayor Stokes asked what court it went to.

Pastor Simpson said Westbrook in Parker County. She said she tried to start a church in 1994. Some of her neighbors said she was crazy. That she didn't pay her taxes. She said she went into shock because she had never been to a council meeting. She said they broke her spirit and she gave up until 2000. She said in 2000 she had all her permits. The inspector quit and they hired another one. She said they were closed down for years. It finally ended up in court and the Judge said they had three (3) years to build. There are several people in the area that won't come to church because they say she's crazy. But they come for the food. She said she has been through so much she is real nervous. She said she wants them to decide what they want her to do.

Mayor Stokes said she was okay and they want to get through this with her.

Pastor Simpson said she will have a reputable contractor and they will get permits.

Walt Leonard said some of this is brand new. He said they haven't heard anything about a legal settlement. He said it was his understanding that former Mayor Lloyd Bailey had authorized this to be done without fees. He said they need to make sure for public safety that everything is done according to the standard building requirements.

Mayor Stokes said she would like to get the records from Parker County on the court case so they know what the actual ruling was. She said they aren't always sitting here. Then she won't have to go through that again. She said that is the first time they heard it went to court.

Walt Leonard said it's an old policy made by Mayor Bailey about four (4) Mayor's ago and at this point it would be improper to change a policy. Although from now on let's be very clear that this is not a proper policy. However all the rules of the building standards need to be enforced.

Council Member Basham thanked Pastor Simpson for helping the families. He said he appreciates that.

Motion was made by Council Member Black to allow the building to go forward, to follow permit standards the settlement of the Parker County court and to wave the fees. Motion was seconded by Council Member Basham, motion passed 5-0.

- D. Elect the Mayor Pro Tem for one year term.

Council Member Basham nominated Council Member Black to fill the Mayor Pro Tem position. Council Member Parnell said he motion for nominations to cease and nomination her by acclamation. Council Member Hunter seconded the nomination, nomination passed 5-0.

- E. Update signatures on bank accounts.

Motion was made by Council Member Hunter to remove David Andrews from the bank accounts. Motion was seconded by Council Member Basham, motion passed 5-0.

- F. Proposed Resolution 2015-05-18-07R, authorizing continued participation with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Black to approve Resolution 2015-05-18-07R, authorizing continued participation with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee. Motion was seconded by Council Member Steele, motion passed 5-0.

- G. Proposed Resolution 2015-05-18-08R, Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC), approving a settlement agreement.

Motion was made by Council Member Steele to approve Resolution 2015-05-18-08R, Atmos Cities Steering Committee approving a settlement agreement. Motion was seconded by Council Member Parnell, motion passed 5-0.

- H. Proposed Resolution 2015-05-18-09R, financing agreement for the purpose of procuring a new "Police Department Vehicle and Related Equipment.

Mayor Stokes said the Tahoe's were new in 2010. She said they had one (1) totaled. They did get it replaced. She said the warranty is out on all the Tahoe's. She said they had the option to pick up another one which will be under warrant. That cut's the cost on a lot of maintenance. She said the Tahoe is ready.

Ramah Burns said she spoke with Stephanie Cates, Government Capital. She said she spoke with Mike with Defenders Supply. She told him we were going to finance the car. They told Stephanie they would wait 2 or 3 weeks. She said we need the audits then we can move forward. She said they need to go ahead and approve the Resolution. She said we can pay for the car then finance it when we get the audits, we will get our money back and we can set up annual payments.

Mayor Pro Tem Black made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-05-18-09R, financing agreement for the purpose of procuring a new "Police Department Vehicle and Related Equipment. Motion was seconded by Council Member Parnell, motion passed 5-0.

Joe Polino said he would like to clarify something. The Tahoe that was totaled was replaced with a 2014. So they do have warranty on that car.

- I. Contract between the City of Reno and Tarrant County Tax Office for collection of property tax for the year 2015.

Motion was made by Council Member Steele, to approve the contract between the City of Reno and Tarrant County Tax Office for collection of property tax for the year 2015. Council Member Basham seconded the motion, passed 5-0.

- J. Proposed Resolution 2015-05-18-10R, Tax Resale Deed on 1.50 acres in the T & RR Co. Survey No. 13, Abstract on a bid submitted in the amount of \$1,000 by Clayton Maxwell.

Mayor Stokes said these properties were auctioned off on the court house steps. The good thing is it puts the properties back on the tax roll.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Black to approve Resolution 2015-05-18-10R, Tax Resale Deed on 1.50 acres in the T & P RR Co. Survey No. 13, Abstract on a bid submitted in the amount of \$1,000 by Clayton Maxwell. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hunter, motion passed 5-0.

- K. Proposed Resolution 2015-05-18-11R, Tax Resale Deed on 4.180 acres in Abstract 523, Volume 1363, Page 745 on a bid submitted in the amount of \$6,800 by Dennis Wicks.

Motion was made by Council Member Hunter to approve Resolution 2015-05-18-11R, Tax Resale Deed on 4.180 acres in Abstract 523, Volume 1363, Page 745 on a bid submitted in the amount of \$6,800 by Dennis Wicks. Motion was seconded by Council Member Parnell, motion passed 4-0. Council Member Basham opposed.

- L. El Cerrito/Rio Bravo

Tyler Hardin, Attorney for the Munoz Family for El Cerrito/Rio Bravo. He said he has asked this to be postponed for a period of time. He said the main issue on the building permit for a building that was built just behind El Cerrito's. There is a building called Rio Bravo. Several permits have been purchased. The building permit is still outstanding. He said they have gone through a long way to get to this spot and there is some work that needs to be done. They have a pending contract for the purchase of the southern piece of property. It's a two (2) acre tract just South of El Cerrito property and building. The reason for that is the Rio Bravo building was built into the set back line and the utility easement. A replat is being worked on right now by Tri County Surveying. They are going to be able to move that easement and set back line to a different location. Once that property purchase is complete – they have architect and they speak with Darren Williams the building official about the building/fire codes. He asked if they could get the preliminary approval of the building permits.

Then pending the changes that needs to be made to bring the building up to code, fire, electrical, structural engineering and all those kind of things. Once they have those in place and approved by the appropriate inspectors and you can release this.

Joe Polino asked at this point can he say that Rio Bravo has not been used anytime for commercial purpose. Has it been used for an overflow by the restaurant.

Tyler Hardin said no it hasn't been used at any time. He said not to his knowledge but he could ask Mr. Munoz that question. He said they have had people in there, like the architects. As far as any kind of commercial events there has been none. He said the building is not connected with an access door to El Cerrito's. They are separate buildings. They need to put in a fire wall between the two (2) buildings. They need to get in compliance with the building codes.

Mr. Warnock, Architect passed out a floor plan of the building. He said he has had a chance to go out and look at the building. He said he thinks the building can be brought in compliance. He said before they spend a lot of money he want to speak with the council.

Mayor Stokes said so you're asking us to approve a permit. She said if they do what they want them to do they will not have a problem with that.

Walt Leonard said this has come up before we have granted time to bring things together. Since Mr. Hardin has made it clear what is being done and what they need to do to fix the various problems encountered. He said they cannot approve a permit. The council doesn't have a problem going ahead to get the things done as long as everything is done by the book. They are a good customer and good citizen and we are ready to proceed. It just has to be done correctly before it gets a Certificate of Occupancy.

Tyler Hardin said since they have the land under contract we didn't know if we could have preliminary approval which would be held pending all these changes. The Architect alone is going to cost a large amount and dealing with the firewall. His client was hoping there would be something that could be done where they wouldn't have to come back up here.

Mayor Stokes said they can't issue a permit in advance. They aren't going to sit on or deny it.

Tyler Hardin said and just knowing they're going to get approval after they spend on an amount of say \$50,000.

Council Member Steele said it wasn't their fault. They didn't do it correctly to start with.

Tyler Hardin said he understood that.

Mayor Stokes said this is not a vindictive council. They are all very pro business. They are not here to cause anybody any grief. They just have rules they have to follow.

#### M. Budget Workshop

Mayor Stokes said they all need to think about a workshop and get with Ramah.

#### N. City Website

Ramah Burns said they contacted Josh with Iwerk. They recommended Ryan Kovach because his website will work with our server and it can't be hacked into. They also built the site for the City of Sansom Park. She said we will be able to sell advertising.

Mayor Stokes said we will be able to update and take care the website in-house. It will be a secure website. It's a one-time charge of \$999 and no monthly charge.

Council Member Basham asked if it would be on the city server. His concern if it's on the server and our internet goes down then it would affect it. He would suggest an outside server.

Motion was made by Council Member Basham to approve the website from Ryan Kovach at a cost of \$999. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Black, motion passed 5-0.

#### O. Action to call a "Liquor Election", November 2015.

Mayor Stokes said they have had three (3) people approach the city to open a liquor store on Hwy 199 and we have had to turn them away. She said that is a lot of sales tax. She wanted to give the citizens a chance to vote on it. She said she is working on a Planning & Zoning Commission for next month. She said she has a lot of citizens interested.

Mary Jackson said she is concerned a bar will open next to her home.

Walt Leonard said that can be taken care of with a Planning & Zoning Commission, a Special Use Permit or Special Exception which would cause it to go in front of the Council.

Ramah Burns said right now the city is wet with off premise beer and wine because Prescient 1 is wet. The city gets about \$2,600 a quarter from the Comptroller. You could allow liquor store, wine tasting, wholesale, a restaurant with mixed drinks. You can require a restaurant to have 60% of food sales. That would keep a bar out.

Mayor Stokes said she would like the council to begin looking into concerns like what Mary is concerned about. She said this is something they need to work on. It's something we need to start on right away.

Walt Leonard said Ramah needs to get on this fairly quickly. She could get this started. We also need to start working on the zoning. You can establish what you want in specialized zones with what's compatible with the neighborhood.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Black to authorize staff to begin the process of allowing a "Liquor Election" in November 2015 and prepare the options for the council. Motion was seconded by Council Member Basham, motion passed 5-0.

7. Citizen Presentation and Public Input for Future Agenda Items.

This is an opportunity for citizens to address the Council on any matter that is not posted on this agenda. The Council is not permitted to take action on, or discuss any presentations made to the Council at this time concerning any item not listed on this agenda.

Meredith Hall said she wanted to propose to the City of Reno that they have a city yard sale in September 2015. If this is approved she will check with Springtown ISD to use their parking lot at Reno Elementary. She proposed that this will be a tax deductible donation to the city. The city will get the full income and/or if the residents want to sell their own merchandise that they will be responsible for tagging, pricing and selling their property with a percentage of their sold property be given to the City of Reno to help offset the cost of any city wide functions. She asked if they would need to get garage sale permits.

Walt Leonard said it would be outside the city perimeter.

Joe Polino said Shannon Smithers, Fire Chief's comments will be considered under Item 5 so there is no time limit and the Mayor and Council may ask questions.

Shannon Smithers thanked the council for allowing him to speak. He said congratulation to the ones that were elected. He said the Fire Department has had a lot of things happen the last 30 days. He passed out a paper with the latest event. The Subject of the paper is: Post Incident Review of NERO Callout on May 9, 2015. The NERO Taskforce and Tarrant County Task Force were on the scene. They had 61 people helping. There were six (6) tubers that were put into Walnut Creek at FM 2257 or Knob Hill Rd in Parker County. They were to be picked up at the church here – they never made it to the church. They were notified – they had a task force from several areas – Tarrant County Task Force, Special Operations Team, Azle, Pelican Bay sent an officer, Life care Medic 221. They didn't finish the rescue operation until about 2:00 am. It happened that evening before 7 pm. They needed a police officer for crowd control and they didn't have one. All of the boys were rescued and none were injured.

He said one of the reasons he brings this to their attention is there was not a police officer from Reno. He said he sees Budget Workshops coming up. He said he hopes we budget for more officers. He said we have great officers and a great City Administrator. He said he hasn't had issues with any of them. He said one of the things that are important is police coverage. He said he is the Fire Chief and his job is to protect his guys. He said they had an altercation on a fire call and there were no police at all. They had 61 helping and 30 – 40 people showed up and they got aggressive. He said just about every call he gets he needs police. He said if he has to send 4 or 5 guys to direct traffic – that's going to pull away from the resources if he has to cut someone out of a car. He said they have had two (2) accidents and he is thankful that the Mayor came out. He said they can't call for wreckers. He said there are things that the police have to do. He said if you pick up the phone and dial 911 and you can't tell the dispatcher what's going on – nobody is coming. If you can't answer them nobody is coming. If you're having a heart attack and can't answer them – nobody is coming. He said if the police can't claim the place is secured he said he is not coming. His guys aren't coming. Parker County will not dispatch anyone. He said if you're having an allergic reaction – and it takes an officer that is on call to get there in 30 to 45 minutes – you're not going to make it.




In the last three (3) months he had to two (2) rollover accidents, the Mayor has come out. He had one accident. He said there was an illegal burn.

8. Adjourn

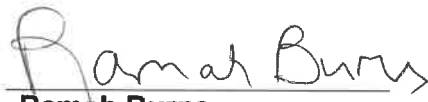
Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Black to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Council Member Hunter, motion passed 5-0.

**APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF RENO, PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2015.**

  
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**Lynda Stokes**  
**Mayor**



**ATTEST:**

  
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**Ramah Burns**  
**City Secretary**