

Minutes
Regular Meeting of Pittsburg City Council
5:30 P.M., September 8, 2014
City Hall, 200 Rusk Street

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor	Shawn Kennington
Mayor ProTem	Kendal Burns
	Sue Sharp
	Fred Cook
	Rico Willis
	David Abernathy

Councilmember(s) Absent:

City Staff Present:

City Manager	Clint Hardeman
City Secretary	Margaret Jackson
City Attorney	Mike Setty
Chief of Police	Richard Penn
Economic Development Coordinator	Jenny Rowan
Public Works Superintendent	J.D. McElhaney
Water/Wastewater Superintendent	Tim Reynolds
Pittsburg Gazette	Cory Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Kennington called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and welcomed all present.
2. INVOCATION
Mayor Kennington gave the invocation.
3. PUBLIC HEARING
 - 3.1 Public Hearing on the City of Pittsburg 2014/2015 budget.
 - 3.2 Public Hearing and considered for approval a Resolution Declaring a Violation of City Code of Ordinance Chapter 3 Article 3.1100 exists on the following:
 1. George Johnson
440 Mt. Pleasant Street
Lt 5, 06 & 9 PT of Blk 23

Councilmember Sharp made a motion for demolition to begin immediately. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Willis and carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS COMMENTS

4.1 Dr. John McCullough discussed two propositions that will be on the November 4, 2014 Bond Election.

4.2 Presentation from Lori Arteaga and Michelle Boyd about services from the East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind.

Lori Arteaga could not make the meeting, she will do presentation at another time.

5. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

5.1 Considered for approval for the Texas Community Development Program for Citizen Complaint Procedures.

Councilmember Abernathy made a motion to approve with corrections. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cook and carried unanimously.

5.2 Considered for approval a service agreement with Southwest Securities for the issuance of a Tax Note.

Councilmember Burns made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Willis and carried unanimously.

6. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

6.1 Considered for approval an ordinance adopting a budget for fiscal year 2014/2015.

Councilmember Willis made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Abernathy and carried unanimously.

6.2 Considered for approval an ordinance setting the tax rate for 2014.

Councilmember Willis made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cook and carried unanimously.

6.3 Considered for approval a Resolution of the City of Pittsburg establishing the downtown Halloween Trick-or-Treating on October 31, 2014 and authorizing the City for temporary closure of State Right-of-Way.

Councilmember Burns made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cook and carried unanimously.

6.4 Considered for approval a Resolution of the City of Pittsburg, Texas finding and determining a certain area of the City contains conditions which are detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and constitutes a blighted area.

Councilmember Abernathy made a motion to table. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cook and carried unanimously.

6.5 Considered for approval a Resolution approving an application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture Main Street Program.

Removed from Agenda.

6.6 Considered for approval a Resolution authorizing a filing of a grant application with the East Texas Council of Governments for a Regional Solid Waste Grant; authorizing Richard Penn to act on behalf of the City of Pittsburg in all matters related to the application.

Councilmember Burns made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Abernathy and carried unanimously.

- 6.7 Considered for approval with Southwest Securities an Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of a tax note.

Councilmember Burns made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Willis and carried unanimously.

7. CITY IN GENERAL

- 7.1 Considered for approval amending 2013/2014 budget.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Willis and carried unanimously.

- 7.2 Considered for approval authorizing the auditor to reduce inter-fund receivable and payable balances between the General and Utility Fund to zero as of September 30, 2014.

Councilmember Willis made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cook and carried unanimously.

- 7.3 Considered for approval awarding H2O Steel Contractors bid of \$145,000 for the ground level storage tank on Cypress Street.

Councilmember Burns made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Abernathy and carried unanimously.

- 7.4 Discussed and considered for approval a request from the children of Willard Burnham requesting a waiver of penalty and interest for taxes paid.

Councilmember Sharp made a motion to deny request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Abernathy and carried unanimously.

- 7.5 Recognized officers for their bicycle registration project.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 8.1 Regular meeting of August 11, 2014.

- 8.2 Called Meeting of August 28, 2014.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Willis and carried unanimously.

9. ADJOURN
Mayor Kennington adjourned the meeting at 6:28 P.M.

Shawn Kennington, Mayor

Margaret Jackson, City Secretary