

Minutes  
Regular Meeting of Pittsburg City Council  
7:00 P. M., July 14, 2008  
City Hall, 200 Rusk Street

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor	Shawn Kennington
Mayor Pro-Tem	D.C. Moore
	Sue Sharp
	Fred Cook
	Barbara Ford
	Kendal Burns

City Staff Present:

City Manager	Jim Blanchard
City Secretary	Margaret Jackson
City Attorney	Mike Setty
Police Chief	Dwayne McClung
Water Superintendant	Tim Reynolds
Chief Building Official	Wayne Hadderton
City Judge	Steven Simmons
Investigator	Richard Penn

Pittsburg Gazette	Susan Taft
Longview News Journal	Maggie Souza

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and welcomed all present.

2. INVOCATION

The Mayor gave the invocation.

3. CITY IN GENERAL

- 3.1 Discussed and considered for approval the Camp Central Appraisal District Budget for F/Y 2008/2009.

Councilmember Burns made a motion not to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ford and carried unanimously.

- 3.2 Report from Lanny Buck on all city projects, bid opening results and possible recommendation for the ETMC project, and to answer any questions.

One easement has been secured and the other two easements have not been secured on the ETMC project. KSA took bids and had the bid opening but cannot approve bids until easements are secured.

- 3.3 Mickey Langford to discuss making the City of Pittsburg Smoke-Free.

The City Attorney stated the City of Pittsburg is a General Law City and cannot make the city smoke free.

- 3.4 Considered for approval an agreement between the City of Pittsburg and the Camp County Chamber of Commerce for the lease of city streets for the ChickFest Festival.

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

- 3.5 Judge Simmons discussed increasing court fines.

Judge Simmons raised court fines by 20%.

- 3.6 Discussed and considered for approval to sell properties that City has liens against for maintenance charges.

Councilmember Burns made a motion for the City Attorney, City Manager and the Mayor to meet with the Appraisal District. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cook and carried unanimously.

- 3.7 Discussed and considered for approval proposed changes in the City of Pittsburg's Signs and Regulations section of City's Zoning Ordinance.

Councilmember Sharp made a motion to table and stated these changes would have to be approved by the Planning and Zoning Board before the Council could approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns and carried unanimously.

- 3.8 Discussed and considered for approval waiving the building permit fees for the month of August.

Councilmember Moore made a motion to table. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns and carried unanimously.

- 3.9 Discussed and considered for approval two (2) City Pride signs approved by the Pittsburg Economic Development Corporation at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilmember Moore made a motion to approve the cost of \$8,530 for the signs and that EDC would be paying for them. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cook and carried unanimously.

- 3.10 Discussed and considered for approval changes in the Fire Department's personnel policy.

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

- 3.11 Discussed update on request for quotes on the City's water and sewer system Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) boundaries.

City Manager Blanchard stated the city is not required to do this and that the city had not received any quotes.

- 3.12 Discussed and considered for approval Waste Management's rate increase.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the 4.5% increase. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns and carried unanimously.

- 3.13 Discussed and considered for approval awarding a bid for a sludge press.

Councilmember Sharp made a motion to accept Aeromode's bid. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cook and carried unanimously.

#### 4. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 4.1 Considered for approval an Ordinance setting the election date for the consideration of the Home Rule Charter prepared by the Charter Commission of the City of Pittsburg and authorizing the entry of an Order of Election.

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

- 4.2 Considered for approval on second reading an ordinance amending prior ordinances concerning the City of Pittsburg providing water service to multiple water meters.

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

- 4.3 Considered for approval on first reading an ordinance amending prior ordinances concerning water and garbage rates for the City of Pittsburg.

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

- 4.4 Considered for approval a Resolution of the City of Pittsburg establishing the Chickfest Festival and authorizing the City for temporary closure of State Right-of-Way.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Regular Meeting of June 9, 2008.

5.2 Called Meeting of June 13, 2008.

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

6. REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER

6.1 Update on Certified Retirement Community Marketing Plan. Todd Staples will visit the Hanson Sewell Center July 16, 2008 at 11:00 A. M.

7. ADJOURN

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

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Shawn Kennington, Mayor

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Margaret Jackson, City Secretary