

**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 17, 2007**

1:30 P.M.

PRESENT:	Jeff Brain Garrett Spradling Charles Gillingham Charles Loftis Leon DeWeese	Mayor Mayor Pro-tem Council Member Council Member Council Member
STAFF:	Wanda Klause Eddie Edwards Jimmy Adams Glynn Carlock Gayland Darnell Larry Mullenix Bruce Lemery	City Manager Assistant City Manager Police Chief Director of Finance Fire Chief Director, Planning & Zoning Police Lieutenant
VISITORS:	Amanda & Mark May Beverly Benton Bobbie Adams Judy Mihm	Chamber of Commerce
NEWS MEDIA:	Michelle Berry	Borger News Herald

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS APPROVED: Monthly departmental reports for the month of March were submitted for the review of the Council. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Loftis, seconded by Council Member Gillingham, to approve the reports. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.
Nays: None.

MINUTES APPROVED: Following review of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 3, 2007, motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Spradling, seconded by Council Member Gillingham, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.
Nays: None.

EXPENDITURES APPROVED FOR PAYMENT: The expenditures for the first half of April were submitted for the consideration of the Council. Following review of the expenditures, motion was made by Council Member Loftis, seconded by Council Member DeWeese, to approve payment of the expenditures for the first half of April as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

TOURISM SERVICES REPORT AND PROPOSED BUDGET OF CHAMBER

APPROVED: Beverly Benton, CEO, Chamber of Commerce, submitted a tourism services report for 2006-2007 and a proposed budget for April 2007 – March 31, 2008. Ms. Benton gave a detailed report of Chamber tourism activities and events, and reviewed their proposed budget for 2007-2008. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Gillingham, seconded by Council Member DeWeese, to receive the tourism services report and proposed budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

TOURISM SERVICES CONTRACT APPROVED : A Tourism Services Contract between the City of Borger and the Borger Chamber of Commerce was submitted for the consideration of the Council. The City agrees to pay to Chamber 48.6% of its revenue from the hotel/motel occupancy tax for the Chamber agreeing to provide materials and services designed to attract tourists to the City. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Gillingham, seconded by Council Member DeWeese, to approve the Tourism Services Contract. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION APPROVED:

After proper notice and hearings, the Building Standards Commission of the City of Borger has determined and declared the building(s) located on the property described herein as substandard and cannot reasonably be repaired and has ordered the demolition thereof as provided in the Substandard Building Ordinance.

The properties in question are located at the following sites:

1. 1104 N. Hedgecoke, Lot 3, Block 5, Phillips Addition
2. 400 Butadieno, Lot 10, Block 18, Bunavista Addition

Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Loftis, seconded by Council Member DeWeese, to approve the recommendation submitted by the Building Standards Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

CITY PURCHASED LAND FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT: Larry Mullenix, Director of Planning & Zoning, submitted a general warranty deed for the purchase of a 0.180

acre tract of land in Bunavista Addition, Unit One, Lot 11, Block 19, to be utilized as a rights-of-way easement. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Gillingham, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Spradling, to purchase the rights-of-way easement in the amount of \$1,162.00 as recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.
Nays: None.

INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHT APPROVED: Ms. Amanda May, 701 Bartush, submitted a petition signed by residents in the Rock Creek area requesting the installation of a street light. The residents cited their reasons for requesting the light to be excessive darkness which they claim encourages speeding, drug deals and other unwanted traffic. They believe that additional lighting will discourage this type of activity. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Loftis, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Spradling, to approve installation of the street light as requested. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.
Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. R-005-07 APPROVED: Resolution No. R-005-07 was submitted for the consideration of the Council. Staff requested authority to submit a grant application for FY 2008 School Resource Officer. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Gillingham, seconded by Council Member DeWeese, to approve the resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.
Nays: None.

The resolution read as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. R-005-07

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BORGER, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FY 2008 GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) AND DESIGNATING THE BORGER POLICE CHIEF TO ACT AS THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CJD GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of Borger has participated in the development of a FY2008 Community Plan which identified the priority needs, available resources and related gaps in service within the criminal justice infrastructure of the area served by the City of Borger; and

WHEREAS, the need to address juvenile crime was identified as a priority need within that Community Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Borger desires to address this need(s) by continuing to support a program known as the Borger High School Resource Officer program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Borger agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the CJD grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BORGER, TEXAS:

1. That an FY 2008 CJD grant application is hereby authorized to be filed on behalf of the City of Borger with the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.
2. That the application be for funds to provide continued support for the Borger High School Resource Officer program being operated within the Borger Independent School District.
3. That the Borger City Council directs and designates the Borger Police Chief as the City of Borger's authorized official and that he be given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the City of Borger.
4. That in the event of loss or misuse of CJD funds, the governing body assures that funds will be returned to CJD in full.

RESOLUTION NO. R-006-07 APPROVED: Resolution No. R-006-07 was submitted for the consideration of the Council. Staff requested authority to submit a grant application for FY 2007 Traffic Control Grant otherwise known as Click-it-or-Ticket. Following discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Spradling, seconded by Council Member Loftis, to approve the resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

The resolution read as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. R-006-07

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BORGER,
TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FY 2007 GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND**

**DESIGNATING THE BORGER POLICE CHIEF TO ACT AS THE CITY'S
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE
CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TXDOT GRANT PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the Texas Transportation Code, the Traffic Safety Act of 1967, and the Highway Safety Plan for 2007 authorize grant funds for the traffic safety program “Click-it-or-Ticket”; and

WHEREAS, the need to increase occupant restraint in all passenger vehicles is paramount to the safety of lives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Borger desires to address this need by conducting an intense and highly visible enforcement effort, coupled with public information and education during the Memorial Day Holiday period; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BORGER, TEXAS:**

1. That an FY 2007 TxDot grant application is hereby authorized to be filed on behalf of the City of Borger with the Texas Department of Transportation.
2. That the application be for the maximum amount of funds available.
3. That the Borger City Council directs and designates the Borger Police Chief as the City of Borger’s authorized official and that he be given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the City of Borger.
4. That in the event of loss or misuse of TxDot funds, the governing body assures that funds will be returned to TxDot in full.

BORGER FIRE DEPARTMENT HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN APPROVED: Gayland Darnell, Fire Chief, presented a Hazard Mitigation Plan regarding reduction of vegetative fire hazards through prescribed burning and requested the Council’s consideration. Following discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Spradling, seconded by Council Member Loftis, to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.
Nays: None.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Bobbie Adams questioned signalization around school zones, deer crossing signs on Wilson Street, and lights on Wilson Street. The Council advised Ms. Adams that each of her concerns would be addressed.

Amanda May, 701 Bartush, was concerned about speeders in Rock Creek Addition and the general appearance of Rock Creek. She asked that the City consider assisting residents clean this area by removing the brush, bulk and trash.

Mark May, 701 Bartush, was concerned about young drivers speeding around school zones.

MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further business, Mayor Pro-tem Spradling moved that the meeting be adjourned. Council Member Gillingham seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

WORK SESSION: Mayor Jeff Brain opened a work session and stated that no action could be taken as a result of any discussion. The Council and Staff discussed ongoing and proposed projects.

MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary