

**SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 7, 2008**

1:30 P.M.

PRESENT:	Jeff Brain Garrett Spradling Charles Gillingham Leon DeWeese Marvin Dickson	Mayor Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member
STAFF:	Wanda Klause Eddie Edwards Larry Mullenix Bob Watson Danny Richards Glynn Carlock Henry Veach	City Manager Assistant City Manager Director of Planning & Zoning Fire Chief EOC Coordinator Director of Finance Director of Public Works
VISITORS:	Judy Flanders Raymond Loftis Beverly Coffey Judy Mihm Robert Vinyard Ted B. Dodd	
NEWS MEDIA:	Michelle Berry	Borger News Herald

RESOLUTION NO. R-007-08 APPROVED: Assistant City Manager Eddie Edwards submitted a Resolution from State Representative David Swinford pertaining to expedited development of competitive renewable energy zones in West Texas. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Spradling, seconded by Council Member Gillingham, to approve Resolution R-007-08 as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. R-007-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BORGER, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE
EXPEDITED DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETITIVE
RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES IN WEST TEXAS
INCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE TO EXPORT WIND
POWER FROM WEST TEXAS**

WHEREAS, the need for the United States to decrease its reliance on foreign sources of energy is widely recognized, and President Bush and Congressional leaders from both parties have called for increased development of renewable energy and other domestic sources of energy; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of energy resources upon which Texas and the United States most heavily depend have increased dramatically during the past 12 months, including a 75% increase in the cost of crude oil and a 35% increase in the cost of natural gas; and,

WHEREAS, the United States benefits from adding renewable resources such as wind energy to its portfolio of electric generation sources, as wind energy consumes no water, produces no emissions and can provide low-cost electricity at stable pricing, providing a hedge against volatile pricing of fossil fuel-fired generation; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature also recognizes the need for development of new sources of energy to meet Texas' growing electricity demands, and the desirability of having some portion of such new energy come from renewable resources, which are abundant in Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature adopted SB 20 in 2005 directing the Public Utility Commission to designate Competitive Renewable Energy Zones in areas throughout the State with strong potential for production of cost-effective renewable energy, and further directing the PUC to ensure the transmission infrastructure gets built as needed to transmit electricity to market from such zones; and,

WHEREAS, West Texas is blessed with a wind resource ideally suited for wind energy production that ranks West Texas among the best regions in the nation for cost-effective production of electricity from wind; and,

WHEREAS, citizens of West Texas generally welcome large energy and infrastructure projects and the increased property tax base and economic development benefits such projects produce, and have limited alternative opportunities for economic development; and,

WHEREAS, the current lack of transmission infrastructure to export wind energy from West Texas is preventing Texas from taking advantage of this abundant and inexhaustible natural resource, and depriving electricity consumers in Texas and elsewhere in the United States from the savings which can be achieved by tapping into this cost-effective resource; and,

WHEREAS, delays in proceeding with the development of needed transmission infrastructure are beginning to undermine efforts to recruit the wind energy industry to West Texas;

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

- a) that the City of Borger, Texas supports designation of Competitive Renewable Energy Zones in West Texas and requests that state officials act to develop these zones as expeditiously as possible; and,
- b) that the City of Borger, Texas supports development of wind energy and other renewable energy projects in the County and West Texas; and,
- c) that the City of Borger, Texas supports construction of new transmission lines to transmit wind power from West Texas to consumers of electricity throughout ERCOT; and,
- d) that the City of Borger, Texas supports construction of new transmission lines being contemplated by the Southwest Power Pool to export wind power from West Texas to consumers of electricity elsewhere in the United States; and,
- e) that the City of Borger, Texas stands ready to help facilitate siting, permitting, and development of such transmission lines and wind energy projects in West Texas.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, on this the 7th day of April, 2008, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Borger, Texas which meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Tex Gov't Code, §551.001, et.seq. at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BORGER AND JPMORGAN CHASE

BANK N.A.: Assistant City Manager Eddie Edwards submitted an Agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. to participate in the Texas Building and Procurement Commission's, State of Texas Procurement and Corporate Travel Card Program. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Gillingham, seconded by Council Member Dickson, to approve the Agreement as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. R-008-08 APPROVED: Assistant City Manager Eddie Edwards submitted Resolution R-008-08 authorizing Eddie Edwards to act as the City of Borger's representative and execute documentation in reference to the State of Texas Procurement and Corporate Travel Card Program. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member DeWeese, seconded by Council Member Gillingham, to approve Resolution R-008-08 as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. R-008-08

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN AGREEMENT
FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE OF
TEXAS PROCUREMENT AND CORPORATE
TRAVEL CARD PROGRAM, ASSOCIATED
SERVICES, AND DESIGNATING A
REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTE NECESSARY
DOCUMENTATION**

WHEREAS, the Texas Building and Procurement Commission (hereinafter "TBPC") has awarded JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. the State of Texas Procurement and Corporate Travel Card Program; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Borger is a Co-Op member in TBPC and has identified the need to participate in the State of Texas Procurement and Corporate Travel Card Program; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Borger (hereinafter "City") desires to enter into an Agreement by and between the City and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (hereinafter "the Bank") for the purpose of administering the program

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Borger:

Section 1. That the City enter into an Agreement with the Bank for the purpose of administering the City of Borger's participation in the TBPC's State of Texas Procurement and Corporate Travel Card Program.

Section 2. That the Borger City Council directs and designates Eddie E. Edwards, Assistant City Manager as the authorized signer of all necessary documentation on behalf of the City of Borger.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 7th day of April 2008.

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ORDINANCE O-006-08 APPROVED ON SECOND READING: Fire Chief Bob Watson briefly explained actions taken to date concerning Ordinance O-006-08 pertaining to the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Spradling, seconded by Council Member Dickson, to approve Ordinance O-006-08 on second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

The caption of the Ordinance reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. O-006-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BORGER TEXAS IN CHAPTER 5, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, AMENDING SECTION 5.04, FIRE CODE; ADDING ARTICLE 5.05 FIRE HAZARD MITIGATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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DEMOLISION OF THE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SCHOOL BUILDING APPROVED: Assistant City Manager Eddie Edwards discussed the need to demolish the old Booker T. Washington School Building to make way for a future parking lot for the Cofield Community Center. Several residents from the North Side Addition spoke on the matter and conveyed their approval for the demolition. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Spradling, seconded by Council Member Dickson, to authorize the Building Standards Department to demolish the Booker T. Washington School Building. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Brain stated that in compliance with Chapter 551, Govt. Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, the Council would retire into executive session relative to Section 551.074 Personnel Matters as follows.

- a. Discuss the confirmation of Director of Public Works.

COUNCIL RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION: Following the executive session, Mayor Brain reconvened the special meeting and stated that the Council discussed the confirmation of a Director of Public Works. No decisions were made and no action was taken.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS CONFIRMED: Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Spradling, seconded by Council Member Dickson, to confirm the appointment of Ted B. Dodd to the position of Director of Public Works. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: Robert Vinyard discussed several points about the proposed purchase of fire apparatus and submitted his comments in written form to the Council.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion was made by Council Member Gillingham, seconded by Council Member DeWeese, to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager