



**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:** Waldo Green and Curtis Clement brought a problem to the Council concerning two junked vehicles that were removed from entity owned property. They claimed that they were not notified and the vehicles were not individually stickered for removal. Mr. Green stated that an untitled vehicle, parked for four years on entity property, belongs to him. Mr. Clement stated that a vehicle on this same lot belongs to him. Neither vehicle was properly tagged, stickered, nor insured. City staff notified adjacent property owners and published notice in the Borger News Herald that these vehicles would be removed from entity owned property if the owners failed to remove them. The owners took no action; therefore, the City authorized the removal of the vehicles. Under the law, when a vehicle is abandoned on public property, the vehicle can be towed in 24 hours without notification.

The Council took no official action; however, they did refer the matter back to Code Enforcement.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Following review of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 5, 2008, motion was made by Council Member Dickson, seconded by Council Member Vinyard, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

**PAYMENT OF EXPENDITURES APPROVED:** The expenditures for the first half of August were submitted for the consideration of the Council. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Dickson, seconded by Council Member Vinyard, to approve payment of the expenditures for the first half of August as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED – PLAT APPROVED:** Council Member Gillingham opened a public hearing on the re-plat of the amended and preliminary and final plat from SERCO pertaining to Lots 6-9, Block 1, and Lots 3, 3-A, and 4, Block 3, SERCO Addition and asked if anyone wished to comment. There being no comments, Council Member Gillingham closed the public hearing. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Vinyard, seconded by Council Member Dickson, to approve the re-plat of the amended and preliminary and final plat from SERCO pertaining to Lots 6-9, Block 1, and Lots 3, 3-A, and 4, Block 3, SERCO Addition as requested.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

**STAFF AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH ESCROW ACCOUNT FOR ALLEY PAVING PROJECT:**

Director of Planning & Zoning Larry Mullenix submitted a letter from Carol Jones, 906 Lee, requesting the city establish an escrow account to receive funds in the amount of \$1,144 to be used for paving the alley along, Block 54, Isom Addition. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Dickson, seconded by Council Member Vinyard, to authorize the staff to establish an escrow account to be used for the paving of the alley along Block 54, Isom Addition as requested, and to schedule the project when all monies have been deposited into the escrow account. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**ONE (1) OPERATION FACELIFT CONTRACT APPROVED:** One operation facelift contract was submitted for consideration of demolition and cleanup of structure(s) located on the following properties:

1. 109-117 Bunton, Lots 13-16, Block 2, Johnson Heights

Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Dickson, seconded by Council Member Vinyard, to approve demolition of the structures as requested. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**ZBA APPOINTMENTS MADE:** Director of Planning and Zoning Larry Mullenix submitted a recommendation from the Zoning Board of Adjustment regarding the appointment of one alternate member to a regular member status, reappointing two regular members, and appointing one alternate member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and recommended the approval of same. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Vinyard, seconded by Council Member Dickson, to approve appointing Mike Blansett from an alternate member to regular member status, reappointing Jim Wolf and Belvin McCutchan to regular member status, and appointing Dean Cooke to an alternate member status on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion carried by the following votes:

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

**PROPOSED FY 2008-2009 BUDGET REVIEWED AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**SCHEDULED:** Assistant City Manager Eddie Edwards presented the City's proposed budget for 2008-2009. Due to the increased cost of fuel, utilities, and the Consumer Price Index, an increase in refuse collection fees, tipping fees, water and sewer fees, and ad valorem taxes will be necessary. Mr. Edwards discussed these increases, and asked the

Council to receive the budget and schedule a public hearing for 1:30 p.m., September 2, 2008 to allow for citizen comments. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Vinyard, seconded by Council Member Dickson, to receive the budget and schedule a public hearing for 1:30 p.m., September 2, 2008 as requested. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

**VOTE RECORDED ON CITY'S 2008-2009 PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED:** Assistant City Manager Eddie Edwards discussed the proposed ad valorem tax rate with the Council. Edwards said a combined tax rate of \$0.59206/\$100 valuation will generate \$2,439,921 in tax revenue, which is needed to fund the City's proposed budget for 2008-2009. Motion was made by Council Member Vinyard, seconded by Council Member Dickson, to approve the proposed tax rate of \$0.59206 per \$100.00 valuation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Members voting in favor of the tax increase:

Council Member Charles Gillingham

Council Member Robert Vinyard

Council Member Marvin Dickson

Members voting no: None

Members abstaining: None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED ON PROPOSED TAX RATE:** Assistant City Manager Eddie Edwards advised the Council that the tax law requires two public hearings in order to give citizens an opportunity to voice their opinions. The staff recommended the first public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, September 2, 2008, and the second public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2008. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Dickson, seconded by Council Member Vinyard, to approve the recommendation and schedule two public hearings on the new tax rate; one hearing to be conducted at 1:30 p.m., September 2, 2008, and the second hearing to be conducted at 1:30 p.m., September 9, 2008. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted aye.

Nays: None.

**CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF BORGER APPROVED:** City Manager Wanda Klause explained the scope of the contract between the Texas Historical Commission and the City pertaining to the

Regional Coordinator for the Texas Plains Trail. The contract is valid for a period of one year beginning September 1, 2008 and ending August 31, 2009. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Dickson, seconded by Council Member Vinyard, to approve the contract and authorize City Manager Wanda Klause to execute same. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**CONTRACT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS AND THE CITY OF BORGER APPROVED:**

City Manager Wanda Klause explained the scope of the contract between the State and the City concerning the issuance and certification of vital records to authorized individuals. The contract is valid for a period of two years beginning September 1, 2008 and ending August 31, 2010. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Vinyard, seconded by Council Member Dickson, to approve the contract and authorize City Manager Wanda Klause to execute same. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion was made by Council Member Dickson, seconded by Council Member Vinyard, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Manager