

**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 17, 2015 - 1:30 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Robert Vinyard	Mayor
	Marvin Dickson	Mayor Pro-Tem
	Brandy Callahan	Council Member
	Karen Felker	Council Member
	Charles Gillingham	Council Member

STAFF:	Eddie Edwards	City Manager
	Danny Richards	Emergency Management Coordinator
	Stella E. Sauls	City Secretary
	Scott Radach	Director, Finance Department
	Byron Swafford	Director, Human Resources
	Larry Byrd	Combination Inspector
	John Montoya	Code Enforcement Officer
	Bruce Roberts	Chief, Police Department
	Ted B. Dodd	Director, Public Works
	Jim Harder	Director, Utilities

VISITORS:	Charles Griffin	Pastor,
	Jean Griffin	Carie Richards
	Mike McDaniel	Skip Woessner
	Jason Wright	Brad Carpenter
	Jesse Shuffield	Odis McClellan
	Megan Jennings	Marshall Ford

NEWS MEDIA: Alex Mann

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Citizens who have indicated their desire to speak to the City Council will be heard at this time. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, unless the subject matter is on the agenda, City Council members are prevented from acting on the subject and may respond only with statements of factual information or existing city policy; however, City Council members may request city staff to place the subject matter on a future agenda. Citizens are limited to three (3) minutes for their presentation to the City Council.

No comments were heard.

MINUTES APPROVED: Following review of the minutes of the work session and regular

meeting of March 3, 2015, motion was made by Council Member Dickson, seconded by Council Member Gillingham, to approve the minutes for the work session and regular meeting of March 3, 2015 as submitted. 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 March 2015 were submitted for the consideration of the Council. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Gillingham, seconded by Council Members Callahan, to approve payment of the expenditures of the first half of March 2015 as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

SALE OF “STRUCK OFF” PROPERTY APPROVED: City Manager Eddie Edwards presented a recommendation from the Hutchinson County Tax Assessor Collector for “struck off” property to the Council. Following discussion motion was made by Council Member Felker, seconded by Council Member Gillingham on the following properties:

- a. To accept a bid of \$2,222.00 from Mr. Jorge Escamilla for the property located at 1310 Yows St. (Lot 6, Block 8, Coronado Terrace) conditioned upon the property being immediately secured and the rear structure demolished and debris removed within 120 days after the completed sale.
- b. To accept a bid of \$2,500.00 from Mr. Alam Estrada for the property located at 1027 Harrington St. (Lot 14, Block 36, Gateway Heights) conditioned upon the property being immediately secured and debris removed within 60 days after the completed sale.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

FIRE STATION ADDITION AND RENOVATION BID REJECTED: City Manager Eddie Edwards explained to the Council that there was only one bid submitted by Southwest General Contractors in the amount of \$3,111,492.00 and was considerably higher than the Opinion of Probable Cost. Following discussion, motion was made by Council Member Callahan, seconded by Council Member Dickson, to reject the bid from Southwest General Contractors in the amount of \$3,111,942.00 for the Fire Station Addition and Renovation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Vinyard stated that in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Govt. Code, (Open Meetings Law), the Council would retire into executive session relative the Texas Govt. Code, Section 551.072 Real Property and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters:

- a. Discuss acquisition of two (2) tracts of land and an overhead power line easement on the J.P. Price property.
- b. Discuss City Manager Annual Evaluation.

COUNCIL RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION: Following the executive session, Mayor Vinyard reconvened the regular meeting and announced that the Council discussed items relative the Texas Govt. Code, Section 551.072 Real Property and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

- a. Discussed acquisition of two (2) tracts of land and an overhead power line easement on the J.P. Price property.
- b. Discussed City Manager Annual Evaluation.

No action taken.

MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further business, motion was made by Council Member Callahan, seconded by Council Member Gillingham, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary