

Minutes of Special Meeting held September 27, 2010

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Ward Sanders, Kevin Keith, Sam Cortez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Police Chief Richard Priest; Director of Public Works James McGrath; Fire Marshal Matt Dear.

Visitor: Hector Barrera, Jr.

CONSIDER COUNCIL EVALUATING DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mayor Bowen announced that Council members had asked him to place this item on the agenda. Alderman Sanders told Council he feels Council needs to be responsible for evaluating the department heads. He told Council that department heads need to have long and short range plans so that they know what Council expects from them. Council discussed what should be included in these evaluations and how often they should be done. Alderman Sanders said he had found forms on internet. Alderman Keith agreed to work with Mr. Sanders on the evaluation forms. Alderman Sanders made the motion that Council perform evaluations of all department heads in the future and that all department heads will report to Council. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously. Alderman Sanders said he would have the evaluation forms for the next meeting.

CONSIDER BOND REFUNDING ON SERIES 2000 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION DUE TO LOW INTEREST RATES

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that with interest rates being so low right now, the city could refund the sewer bonds now and save nearly \$138,000.00 over the next ten (10) years. After discussion, Alderman Stone made the motion that Council approve the refunding of the sewer bonds to save the city nearly \$138,000.00 over the next ten (10) years. Seconded by Alderman Sam Cortez. Passed unanimously.

The special meeting was closed at 7:14 p.m.