

Minutes of Special Meeting held May 15, 2017

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Sam Cortez, Jerry Stone, Ruble Farmer; Aldermen-elect Jamie Dahler, and Ruben Gonzalez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Animal Control Director Betty Kroeger; Public Works' Director James McGrath; Library Director Cassandra Cortez; Police Chief Richard Priest, City Attorney Tom Cate.

Visitors: Ruben Gonzalez, Jr., Mrs. Ruben Gonzalez, Antonio Gonzalez, Wayne Beyer, Steven Santana, Jeanice Farmer, Jay Dahler, Erik Dahler.

Mayor Bowen opened the special meeting at 6:32 p.m. and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

CANVASS ELECTION RETURNS

City Secretary Josie Campa presented the election precinct report sent by Janice Ruple, the Atascosa County Elections Administrator. After review, Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council approve the District 3 election precinct report from the Atascosa County Election Administrator, showing Jamie Dahler was duly elected. Seconded by Alderman Farmer. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

City Attorney Tom Cate administered the Oath of Office to District 1 Alderman-elect Ruben Gonzalez. Mayor Bowen presented Mr. Gonzalez with a Certificate of Election.

The Oath of Office was administered to Alderman-elect for District 2 Sam Cortez by City Attorney Tom Cate. A Certificate of Election was presented to Alderman Cortez by Mayor Bowen.

Alderwoman-elect for District 3 Jamie Dahler took the Oath of Office administered by City Attorney Tom Cate. Mayor Bowen presented her with a Certificate of Election.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON AUDIT REPORT FOR 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR

Wayne Beyer of Beyer & Company presented the city's audit report for 2014-2015 Fiscal year. Mr. Beyer reviewed the opinion letter with Council and said that the city had received an "unmodified" opinion which used to be called "unqualified" opinion. Mr. Beyer told Council this means the city receives a clean opinion as followed by rules and regulations required by law. Mr. Beyer explained to Council about the new requirement for audits called GASB 68 that pertains to the city's pension plan and said this new requirement added about ten (10) more pages to the audit report.

Mr. Beyer then reviewed the audit report by funds and told Council that the city's current ratios are well over the required ratios, and that the city would get a good rating for bonds. Mr. Beyer reviewed the required debt schedule with Council, and said that the city's GASB 68 info shows the city is better than average.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON AUDIT REPORT FOR 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR(CONT.)

The auditor then reviewed the management letter with Council and said only one finding was made concerning the Municipal Court and gave the recommendation was for this finding. The City Secretary told Council that she had already addressed this matter with the Court Clerk that was ordered by the Judge to handle the matter that way and it will not happen again.

Mayor Bowen asked the auditor if the city is doing okay and Mr. Beyer told him the city is doing very well.

Alderman Farmer made the motion that Council approve the audit report presented for FY 2014-2015 and payment for this report. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON HIRING AUDITING FIRM FOR 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT

After discussion, Alderman Stone made the motion that Council hire Beyer & Company to perform the audit for FY 2015-2016. Seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Bowen welcomed the new members of the Council and thanked them for wanting to serve the city.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.