

Howe City Council
Regular Meeting
November 19, 2013

Mayor Jeff Stanley called a regular meeting of the Howe City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Debbie Lowery, Dennis Bozeman, Bill French, Georgia Richardson, and Sam Haigis.

Dennis Bozeman gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO FLAGS

Mayor Stanley led the pledge to the United States of America and Texas flags.

RECOGNIZATION AND PRESENTATION

Becky Hogenson of the Howe Community Library presented certificates to student volunteers and Terisa O'Dowd presented Technology certificates to student volunteers.

PUBLIC REQUEST

None

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance # 729

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM, REASONABLE AND PRUDENT RATES OF SPEED ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS AND HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF HOWE REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; FIXING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION HEREOF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Application by Raymond Langford for a zone change from SF-2 to M-1, Industrial/Manufacturing property, located at 405 S Hughes Street, Howe, TX, in the J. A. Hanning and W.A. Park Survey, containing approximately 2.5 acres.

END PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Georgia Richardson, to approve Ordinance #729. Motion carried: 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Bill French, second by Debbie Lowery to approve zone change application, Raymond Langford, from SF-2 to M-1. Motion carried: 5 Yes 0 No.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Bill French to approve consent agenda which included October 2013 financial reports, and minutes of the October 15, 2013 council meeting. The route and street closings for the Christmas Parade December 14, 2013 were approved. Motion carried: 5 Yes 0 No.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Motion by Dennis Bozeman, second by Sam Haigis, to approve the 2013 Tax Roll Value from Bruce Stidham, Tax Assessor-Collector. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Debbie Lowery to approve using Paypal, offered through USTI, as a third party provider to give utility and court customers the option to pay online through the City of Howe website. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Bill French, second by Dennis Bozeman, to approve the creation of a savings and an investment account for The City of Howe. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Dennis Bozeman, second by Bill French to adopting a policy regarding utility meter rereads and testing, adding the following to item number 6, "The fee will be waived if meter tests to be inaccurate". Yes: Councilmembers French, Richardson, Haigis, and Bozeman. No: Council Member Lowery. Motion carried: 4 Yes, 1 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Debbie Lowery, to nominate Jeannie Anderson to serve on the Greater Texoma Utility Authority Board of Directors as representative for General Law Cities for the term beginning January 2014 and ending December 2015. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Bill French, to nominate Al Zorrilla, Charlie Williams, Brett Graham, Greg Dick and Tom Akins, giving Zorrilla, Williams, Graham, and Dick 3 votes each, and Tom Akins 4, for the Grayson Central Appraisal District Board of Directors, Resolution No. 13-0007. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Debbie Lowery, second by Bill French, to authorize the expenditure of funds in the amount of four-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$4,500) to enter into a contract with Kolene Dean to conduct an audit of the Howe Police Department evidence room. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Georgia Richardson, to pay the police officers, Michael Hill, Jamie Morris, Cory George, Jordan Clark, and John Grant, a \$30.00 monthly stipend to cover use of their personal cell phones in lieu of City Verizon phones, which have been deactivated. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Michael Hill gave a report for the monthly activities of the Howe Police Department. David Wortham gave a report for Code Enforcement and the Utility Department. Joe Shephard gave a report for Municipal Court and Administration. Robert Maniet gave a report for the Howe Volunteer Fire Department.

PRESENTATION

Robert Maniet presented Jerry Park with a plaque and commendation for 40 years of service to the Howe Volunteer Fire Department. Refreshments were served after the meeting in his honor.

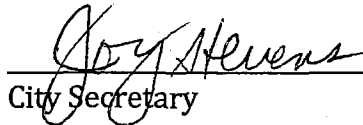
ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary