

Howe City Council
Regular Meeting
March 18, 2014

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

Sam Haigis gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO FLAGS

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

PUBLIC REQUEST

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dennis Bozeman to approve consent agenda which included the minutes of the February 18, 2014 council meeting. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

RECOGNIZATION AND PRESENTATION

Carl Hudman recognized Police Sergeant Michael Hill for his accomplishments and presented a plaque for his 2012 Officer of the Year Award. He presented the 2013 Officer of the Year plaque to Officer Jordan Clark.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Motion by Debbie Lowery, second by Georgia Richardson, to approve the Certification of Unopposed Candidates and the Order of Cancellation for the May 10, 2014 Election. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Bill French, second by Sam Haigis to approve the Keep Howe Beautiful Board's City of Howe Flag design. The council requested further information on costs and quality of production of the flag. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Debbie Lowery, second by Bill French, to allow the Keep Howe Beautiful Board's request to use the C.C. Jones Park for a circus in September 2014. Laura Duree of the KHB Board presented the proposal. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Bill French second by Dennis Bozeman to amend the budget, to wit: increase line item 01-003-70410 by \$16,640 (salaries), increase line item 01-003-70310 (FICA) by

\$1206, and increase line item 01-003-70400 (retirement) by \$1,006 and 01-003-70320 (insurance-Health) to authorize the hiring of full time police officer (total increase of \$21,247.00) Motion passed 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Debbie Lowery, second by Dennis Bozeman to approve the addition of a second bank account for the Police Forfeiture Fund, with Dennis Bozeman, Bill French, Debbie Lowery, Georgia Richardson, Sam Haigis, Mayor Jeff Stanley, and City Administrator Joe Shephard as signers on the account. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Bill French, second by Dennis Bozeman to approve additional construction costs at the Community Center in the amount of \$2,610.00 for a council bench, paint and minor repairs in the breeze way. Motion passed 4 Yes 1 No, Debbie Lowery

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Carl Hudman gave a report for the monthly activities of the Howe Police Department. David Wortham gave a report for the Utility Department Joe Shephard gave a report for Administration. Robert Maniet gave a report for the Howe Volunteer Fire Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council met in closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meeting law, Chapter 551, Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in 551.074 - Personnel:

Review contract for Police Chief

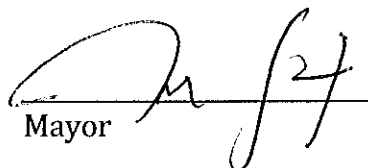
END EXECUTIVE SESSION

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

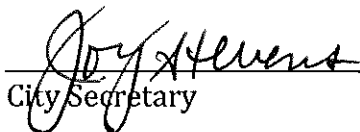
Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dennis Bozeman, to accept the contract for the Police Chief. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Secretary