

City of Howe
Regular Meeting
May 19, 2015

Mayor Jeff Stanley called a regular meeting of the Howe City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Bill French, Georgia Richardson, Debbie Lowery and Sam Haigis.

INVOCATION

Sam Haigis gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO FLAGS

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

Mayor Jeff Stanley was sworn in by City Secretary, Joy Stevens. Councilmembers Debbie Lowery and Bill French were sworn in by Mayor Jeff Stanley.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Bill French, to approve the consent agenda which included March and April 2015 financial statements and the minutes of March 17, 2015. The street closure for Davis Street for the May 23, 2015 car show was approved. Motion carried 4 Yes 0 No.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Debbie Lowery, to approve Ordinance No. 735, renewal of Curfew Ordinance. Motion carried 4 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Bill French, second by Sam Haigis, to approve \$1,000.00 contribution to the Howe Volunteer Fire Department for the annual Fireworks show in July. Motion carried 4 Yes 0 No.

Robert Maniet, Howe Volunteer Fire Department Chief, gave a presentation requesting funding to purchase extrication tools and a hydraulic pump at a cost of \$25,000.00. Motion by Debbie Lowery, second by Sam Haigis to fund the purchase in the amount of \$25,000.00, with the HVFD to repay one-half of that amount when they are able to do so. Joe Shephard advised the Council that the funds would come from Reserve Savings. Motion carried 3 Yes 1 No (Bill French).

Cody Hartleben gave a presentation on his Eagle Scout project to put a "Welcome to Howe" sign at the Quick Check. He made the request to have the permit fee waived. He has to do further inquiry with TxDot, as the location is on State right-of-way. No action.

The contracts for Municipal Judge and Prosecutor were discussed as they are up for renewal next month. No action.

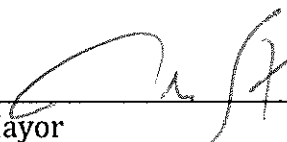
Motion by Bill French, second by Georgia Richardson to approve the lease agreement between the City of Howe and Howe ISD for the softball fields on East Davis. Howe ISD built a new High School Softball Field north of the Football field and no longer need these fields and are used by Howe Youth Girls Softball teams. Motion carried 3 Yes 1 No (Debbie Lowery).

Motion by Bill French, second by Debbie Lowery to accept the resignation of Councilmember Dennis Bozeman. Motion carried 4 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Debbie Lowery to approve the Declaration of Emergency, due to extensive rains and flooding. Motion carried 4 Yes 0 No.

Carl Hudman gave the Police Department report, David Wortham gave the Utility report, Robert Maniet gave the Fire Department report, Joe Shephard gave the Administrative report and Monte Walker gave the Economic Development report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary