

TOLAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – FEBRUARY 21, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING

The City of Tolar Council met on February 21, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Terry Johnson, Mayor
Matt Hutsell, Mayor Pro Tem
Sally Grimes
Chip Foster
Craig Davis
Kevin Fron

City Staff Present: Joyce Johnson, City Secretary
JR Higgins, Director Public Works
Zach Cox, Code Enforcement, P&Z

Citizens Present: Clint Head, Mildred Hickey Brookes Baker Surveyor's
Bill Parker, FWWR
Justin Silva, FWWR

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Matt Hutsell, Sally Grimes, Chip Foster, Craig Davis and Kevin Fron were present.

PUBLIC HEARING

To discuss and receive comments concerning the subdivision and rezoning request for property located at 9100 Asbury Rd. To be subdivided in 6 lots. Lots 1 zoning will not change from Rural Residential (RR), lots 2 through 6 will be rezoned to R6 (residential 6000).

Public hearing declared opened at 7:01 pm

Areas of concern from citizens were to make sure no mobile homes were allowed. Property is deed restricted to prevent this. Lots will be bigger than Parkview Estates lots with similar deed restrictions. Question asked was can we (the city) prevent them from using Asbury/Cedar as an exit and entrance point. Response was that we can't prevent a citizens from using any of the streets in Tolar. No further comments.

Public hearing closed at 7:10 pm

CITIZENS APPEARANCE

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING

December 19, 2016 regular meeting

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Chip Foster to approve minutes as presented
Motion carried 5/0

February 01, 2017 special meeting

Motion by Sally Grimes, second by Craig Davis to approve minutes as presented.

Motion carried 5/0

NEW BUSINESS

1.) Approval of final plat for Salas subdivision of property located at 300 N Oak, Block 28. Property to be subdivided into 3 lots, 4R, 5R and 6R. Property will remain zoned as R8 (residential 8000 sq. ft.).

Zach Cox presented to council, meets all city zoning codes, recommended council approve final plat as presented.

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Sally Grimes to approve final plat as presented.
Motion carried 5/0

2.) Approval of final plat for the Hutsell subdivision and rezoning request for property located at 9100 Asbury Rd. Lot 1 to remain RR (rural residential), lots 2-6 will be zoned R6 (residential 6000 sq. ft.).

Motion by Chip Foster, second by Sally Grimes to approve final plat as presented.
Motion carried 3/0. Matt Hutsell and Craig Davis abstained due to conflict of interest.

3.) Discuss and consider request by Fort Worth Western Railroad for the closure of S Elm St.

Bill Parker and Justin Siva of Fort Worth Western Railroad address Council concerning this issue. They would like for Council to consider closing S Elm St. at the railroad crossing and make an alternate route for the citizens to use. Texas Department of Transportation would reimburse the city up to \$150,000 if it is closed, this would be money that the city would have to expend to improve the street with proper turn arounds and signage to prevent individual from trying to cross the tracks and improvement of an alternate route. City would need to provide Texas Department of Transportation with improvement plans, detailed cost and ordinance if approved to seek reimbursement.

Information was provided to Council for further consideration. This item will be placed on the agenda at a later date for further discussion. Council would like to visit with the school and possibly have a town hall meeting to inform the citizens and receive input about the closure before making a decision. Mayor would like to do a traffic study also.

No action taken at this time.

4.) Discuss and consider request by Hood County to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Services for a fee of one thousand dollars a year.

Council discussed the proposed agreement and fees to be charged. Would like to visit with other cities and have a representative (James Deaver) be present at the meeting to explain the request being made by the county.

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Craig Davis to table this item until the March meeting.
Motion carried 5/0

5.) Approve financials, bank reconciliations and accounts payables

Motion by Matt Hutsell, second by Chip Foster approve accounts payable financials, bank reconciliations and accounts payable as presented.
Motion on carried 5/0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION ON ITEMS TAKEN UP IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken

STAFF REPORTS

1.) Public Works

Written report was provided to council. Mayor Johnson stated he has been receiving complaints concerning the strong chlorine smell in the water. JR Higgins to check on this.

2.) Code Enforcement & P&Z report

Verbal report provided to council. Marsh property has complied with clean up request. Mulch pile can't be enforced until complaints are received from citizens about rodent infestation. Perry's were a no show at court and we will have to restart the process over again with ordinance violation letters.

3.) Administrative

Mayor Johnson would like for some of the council members and himself to go to Austin next year to do some lobbying for county assistance.

3.) Council

No updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular meeting March 20, 2017

ADJOURN

Motion by Sally Grimes, second by Matt Hutsell to adjourn meeting at 8:03 pm.

Motion carried 5/0



APPROVED:


Terry R. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Joyce Johnson, City Secretary