TOLAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - OCTOBER 16, 2017 - REGULAR MEETING

The City of Tolar Council met on October 16, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Terry Johnson, Mayor

Matt Hutsell Sally Grimes Chip Foster Craig Davis Kevin Fron

City Staff Present:

Joyce Johnson, City Secretary

Zach Cox, Planning & Zoning, Code Enforcement

Absent:

Derek Malone, Director of Public Works

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

CITIZENS APPEARANCE (5 minute limit-Council may not respond)

Shannon Scott addressed the council concerning harassment by the city. This has been going on since November 2016. One year has passed and the aggressive behavior has gotten worse. She has received threats and intimidation, her well-being has been affected. She has started to seek legal counsel, with all the bullying and threats she doesn't feel safe. No one is being held accountable for their actions. She is broken by the city and submits, doesn't know what to do anymore, legal counsel will be speaking for her.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING

September 18, 2017 regular meeting

Motion by Sally Grimes, second by Kevin Fron to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried 5/0

NEW BUSINESS

1.) Request by Councilmember Craig Davis to discuss the zoning ordinance

Mr. Davis would like for the city to re-evaluate the zoning ordinance that was adopted, feels the ordinance is more for city's the size of Granbury or Stephenville. Having a hard time selling property that is zone commercial and it's really a house. Would like to people to be able to change the zoning back from commercial to residence. Comprehensive plan needs to be changed does not fit Tolar's needs.

Sally Grimes stated that the zoning was done for a small town. Chip Foster does not feel the comprehensive plan needs to be changed, that it meet the needs for future growth for the city.

Mayor Johnson would like to have a form signed by the owner stating that the property cannot be changed back once the zone change is requested, also that a business plan be submitted to the city before zone change is granted.

No action was taken on this item.

2.) Approve financials, bank reconciliations and accounts payable Motion by Kevin Fron, second by Craig Davis to approve financials, bank reconciliations and accounts payable as presented.

Motion carried 5/0

STAFF REPORTS

1.) Public Works

No report, Derek Malone was absent.

2.) Code Enforcement / Planning and Zoning

Verbal report was given by Zach Cox. Extending his hours has helped tremendously with being able to address more code violations as well as handling zoning issues.

3.) Administrative

Mayor Johnson reminded members of the upcoming FWRR train ride, encouraged all to attend.

4.) Council

Matt Hutsell stated that the EDC board will be meeting once a quarter before the regularly scheduled council meeting @ 5:00 P.M. starting in November.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION ON ITEMS TAKEN UP IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office closed November 10th, 23rd and 24th Regular meeting November 20, 2017 @ 6 P.M.

ADJOURN

Motion by Sally Grimes, second by Craig Davis to adjourn meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Motion carried 5/0

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APPROVED:

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ATTEST:

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R. Johnson, Mayor