REGULAR MEETING

OF THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF CHINA

MINUTES

October 16, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS REQUIRED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551.041, 551.043 and 551.50, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHINA WILL CONDUCT A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 2014 BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM, AT THE CITY HALL 717 N BROADWAY OF CHINA TEXAS.

Notice of Assistance: Persons with disabilities who plan to attend the meeting are requested to contact the City Secretary’s office 48 hours in advance of the meeting and reasonable accommodations will be made for assistance.

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:03 PM
2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ella Johnston-Leger Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Stanley Price Present

Councilwoman Shirley Hodges Present

Councilwoman Kewpie Comeaux Present

Councilwoman Sheila Scott Present

City Attorney Curtis Soileau Present

Water Operator Sandy Chandler Present

City Secretary Rana Smith Present

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS

*At this time comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter, whether or not that item is on the agenda. All comments are limited to a maximum of THREE minutes for each speaker. Your comments are appreciated. As the Texas Open Meetings Act does not allow the council to respond to items not listed on the agenda, your comments will be duly noted by the council and forwarded to the appropriate department for prompt consideration.Mr. Bubba Guillory speaks about his feelings on the current City Council and the coming Municipal Court and Code Enforcement Officer.*

*Mr. L.C. Stelly speaks about Municipal Court and Code Enforcement Officer.*

1. 5. CONSENT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Councilwoman Shirley Hodges makes a motion to accept the minutes as presented and is seconded by Councilman Stanley Price. Unanimous
2. REPORTS
3. Water/Sewer Report (Written – Water & Sewer Operator – Sandy Chandler) Sandy Chandler spoke to the fact of placing the City’s Water back on ammonia, the recent issue of too much chlorine in the water, the number of meter changes that have been completed and various other factors concerning the City’s Water and Wastewater.
4. Glo 2.2 Grant Status d.p. Engineering William Larrain Will Larrain gave updates on the final Ike 2.2 Recovery project, the lift stations, and suggested that with the possibility of monies being left, the Council and Staff should compose a “wish list” of projects to have Grant Administrator David Waxman look into.
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GENERAL CITY BUSINESS
6. Discussion and Possible Action to appoint District C Council representative. Ronald Kuebodeaux volunteered to fill the vacancy and with a motion by Stanley Price and a second by Kewpie Comeaux, and a unanimous vote, was appointed as the representative for District C.
7. Discussion and Possible action on amending Junk Ordinance No. 24-1102, Reference No. 1002 to add section 13 (a) screening requirements. Shirley Hodges made a motion to accept the proposed amendment and was seconded by Kewpie Comeaux. Unanimous
8. Discussion and Possible action on Mutual Aid Agreement from South East Texas Regional Planning Commission. Stanley Price made a motion to accept and was seconded by Shirley Hodges. Unanimous.
9. Discussion and possible action on City of China paying for City Official Training. Stanley Price made a motion to table to wait for an evaluation of cost and was seconded by Shirley Hodges. Unanimous
10. Discussion and Possible action on amending Water/Sewer Ordinance to include charge for tampering with Isolation Valves and Lock tampering. Stanley Price made a motion to accept which died for lack of second. Shirley Hodges made a motion to table at this time and was seconded by Stanley Price. Unanimous
11. Discussion on proposed Water/Sewer Budget 2014-2015 Stanley Price made a motion to accept and was seconded by Kewpie Comeaux. Unanimous
12. Discussion on proposed General Fund Budget 2014-2015 Stanley Price made a motion to accept and was seconded by Kewpie Comeaux. Unanimous
13. Discussion and Possible Action on hiring Sandy Chandler as Contract Labor basis for Fiscal year 2014-2015 Moved to Executive Session
14. Discussion and Action on August Financials Stanley Price made a motion to accept and was seconded by Kewpie Comeaux. Unanimous
15. Discussion and Possible Action on Personnel Matters Moved to Executive Session

At this time the Mayor called a break that lasted from 8:07 PM – 8:18 PM. At 8:18 PM the Mayor closed the open session and entered into Executive Session.

**POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney

Section 551.074 Personnel Matters

Executive Session closed at 9:05 PM and the meeting was placed back into Open Session. Shirley Hodges made a motion to table item 7h and was seconded by Stanley Price. Unanimous.

1. ADJOURN Sheila Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 and was seconded by Shirley Hodges. Unanimous. Meeting Adjourned 9:06 PM

**Executive Session Statement:** The City Council of China reserves the right to adjourn into a closed Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above as authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), Section551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.073 (Deliberations regarding gifts and donations), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and Section 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations).

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the agenda of items to be considered by the City council of China was posted on a bulletin board at a place readily assessable and convenient to the public in the City Hall of China, Texas and said notice was posted on or before September 11th by 4:00 PM and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

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Ella Johnston-Leger, Mayor

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