REGULAR MEETING

OF THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF CHINA

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 18, 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, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 7:00 PM
2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ella Johnston-Leger Present

Mayor Pro Tem Stanley Price Present

Councilwoman Shirley Hodges Present

Councilwoman Kewpie Comeaux Present

Councilwoman Sheila Scott Absent

City Attorney Curtis Soileau Present

City Clerk Jammie Marcantel 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. Guillory spoke against the institution of a Municipal Court and Code Enforcement officer. Spoke to the fact that Guillory is a private road.*

1. CONSENT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Motion made by Stanley Price to accept minutes as presented and seconded by Shirley Hodges. Passed unanimously
2. REPORTS
3. Water/Sewer Report (Written – Water & Sewer Operator – Sandy Chandler) Kewpie Comeaux stated that she would like time to read the report before accepting. Motion to accept made by Stanley Price but died due to a lack of second.
4. Glo 2.2 Grant Status d.p. Engineering William Larrain Tommy Gaspard of dpConsulting gave updates on the lift station rehabilitation project.
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GENERAL CITY BUSINESS
6. Discussion regarding Water Disinfectant Process – Butch Sanders Citizen request. After much discussion, the Council decided to take no action at that time.
7. Discussion and Possible action on Third Party Custodian Agreement – Capital One Bank Account. Stanley Price made a motion to sign the Third Party Custodian Agreement and was seconded by Kewpie Comeaux. Passed unanimously.
8. Discussion and Possible action to rent office space to Brother John Woodall, First Baptist Church of China. Council made the decision to pursue the going rate of renting out the space via realtors. Stanley Price volunteered to speak to Brother John about this decision and Shirley Hodges volunteered to speak with various realtors to determine a fair rate. Shirley Hodges made a motion to agree to rent the space once the information could be obtained and was seconded by Stanley Price. Passed unanimously
9. Discussion on proposed Water/Sewer Budget 2014-2015 Council made the decision to move this item to the October City Council Meeting.
10. Discussion on proposed General Fund Budget 2014-2015 Council made the decision to move this item to the October City Council Meeting.
11. Discussion and Action on August Financials Stanley Price made the motion to approve the financials as presented and was seconded by Kewpie Comeaux. Passed unanimously.
12. Discussion and Possible Action on Personnel Matters Moved to Executive Session.

Council took a break at 7:45 PM and reconvened at 7:50 PM. At that time, the Mayor closed the Open Session and moved the meeting into Executive Session.

**POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney

 Section 551.074 Personnel Matters

Executive Session opened at 7:50 PM and closed at 9:19 PM, at which time the Mayor moved the meeting back into Open Session.

1. ADJOURN Shirley Hodges made the motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM and was seconded by Stanley Price. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 9:20 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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