

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
WESTMORLAND FOR February 3, 2010

The City Council of the City of Westmorland met in a regular meeting in City Hall on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Henry Graham called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

*Present at time of roll call:* Council members Stanley Brummett, Freddie Beltran, Jr., Larry Ritchie, Thomas Landrum and Mayor Henry Graham. Also present were Rudy Mesa, Fred Beltran, Chief of Police, Anne Graham, City Treasurer, Mitch Driskill, City Attorney and City Clerk Sally Traylor. Absent: Joe Diaz, Sergio Cruz, Lucas Agatep, Joel Hamby and Wayne Walker.

Oral Communication - Public: 1). None

Approval to change the address of 147 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 300 North Center Street to show both buildings under the Church – Richard Marquez: The church purchased the house behind them that is separated by an alley. They would like to change the address to the same as the churches on Center Street. Because Mr. Marquez nor Mr. Hamby were present, council to table this item until Mr. Hamby could be consulted regarding the zoning issue for his recommendation. Tabled

Adjournment to Redevelopment Agency Public Hearing: Council adjourned into the Redevelopment Agency board meeting at 6:03 PM.

Adoption of 2009-2010 RDA Budget - Board: The Board wants to wait until the CPA has reviewed the budget and Okayed it. Tabled

Adjournment back to the Regular City Council Meeting: The RDA board re-adjourned back to the regular City Council meeting at 6:05 PM with no action taken.

Water/Sewer Plant Extra Coverage - Council: Mr. Hamby has contacted a couple of contract agencies and his recommendation is a meeting be held between Lucas, Stan and Joel to determine the best course of action. The Mayor would like to know what kind of hourly rate the city would be looking at. Tabled

Approval of CSA Agreements with Empire Power Systems - Council: Last year Stanley had Lucas add a level four service that is only done every two years that causes the cost of the annual agreement to go up around two thousand for each generator. After talking with Lucy at Empire, the city can start the contract period when ever they want. M – Larry Ritchie to approve the contract period of February 1, 2010 to January 31, 2011 at a cost of \$7,077.00 with Empire Power Systems S Stanley Brummett M/C Next year the contract should be around \$4,062.00 for both generators because the extra service for the belts, etc will not be on the annual agreement.

Appointment of General Assembly Delegate and Alternate for SCAG – Clerk: The city received an email asking that each city appoint a Delegate and Alternate if you will be attending the General Assembly. At this time the city will not be sending anyone to the General Assembly.

Approval of Minutes for January 20, 2010 and City Warrants: M – Thomas Landrum to approve the minutes of January 20, 2010 as presented and to pay the city warrants S – Stanley Brummett M/C

Staff Reports: The first water pond only ended up having four inches of sludge in it and can be cleaned by city staff. Council will continue to rent the necessary equipment though. **Emergency Item:** Mayor Graham added as an emergency item the approval of a valve to drain down the pond. M – Larry Ritchie to authorize Joe to purchase a valve not to exceed \$2,000 S – Stanley Brummett M/C

The clerk informed council that Mr. Hamby wants to do a separate resolution for each fee and questioned if the Mayor wanted to set up a committee to review everything before they are presented for adoption? Councilmen Landrum and Beltran, Jr. volunteered to meet with Mr. Hamby to review the fee chart. City Attorney Mitch Driskill also needs to be involved in the meeting as well. Councilman Ritchie cautioned them on the current rates being too high for a Laundromat business to be opened in town. Council received in their boxes an invitation to a census forum hosted by Senator Ducheny.

The Chief informed council that he met with the District Attorney about the equipment list for animal control and using COPS funds to purchase the expenditures. As long as it is used for front line police activity it can be funded from COPS. The Animal Control officer will fall under the Police Department's authority and direction of the Police Chief.

Closed Session: Council adjourned into closed session at 6:30 PM. Council re-adjourned back into regular session at 6:55 PM with no action taken.

Adjournment: With no further business, council adjourned this meeting at 6:56 PM.

/s/Sally Traylor

Sally Traylor, City Clerk

/s/ Henry Graham

Henry Graham, Mayor