

City of Fairfield
Council Meeting
5:30 P.M. Informal Discussion
7:00 P.M. Regular Session
September 13, 1988

Present: Mayor, Monte Cole, city administrator, J. D. Teague, city secretary, Amanda Carroll, councilmembers, Tony Brackens, Sylvia Childs, Jeanie Francis, Dirk Hughes, Joe Hancock.

Absent: None

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order and introduced Rev. Como, pastor at Caney Baptist Church, who led in the invocation.

Mayor Cole recognized guests in attendance. The council felt it an honor to have Boy Scout Troop 668 attending the council meeting. These scouts are working toward their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. Those present were: Kendall Hancock, Craig Dunlap, Rick Stevens, Jef Slezhiah, Robert Wade, Jason Jeitz, Brent Dolbey, Jason George, Derek Dolbey, Chris Neal, Jeff Spearman, Andy Awalt, Pat Settle, Cliff Magness, David Stevens, Jim Scott. Ed Slezhiah and Dave Dolbey, were the leaders attending.

Motion made by Jeanie Francis and seconded by Dirk Hughes to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tony Brackens and seconded by Sylvia Childs to pay the bills due. (making correction on Recorder bill) Motion carried.

Manley Mabry requested to be on the agenda to discuss the building permit charge and the street in front of the funeral home. Mr. Mabry did not attend the meeting.

John Awalt came before the council to express his concern on the city landfill being closed to commercial contractors, as of Oct. 1, 1988. He felt the people surrounding the city limits were being treated unfair. He stated they could bring their trash to the landfill, but could not hire someone to pick it up and take to landfill. It was explained to Mr. Awalt that the commercial contractors were bringing in trash from other cities. The commercial contractors had advised city that they had a place to take the trash they pick up. The county has a responsibility to the residences to provide a landfill for them. The county has been made aware of this and is looking into the matter.

Mr. Albert Walker came before the council to request another water meter for a trailer house on his property outside city limits. Mr. Walker was advised that the city's policy was not to supply water to any one outside city limits. He was asked if he would like to come into the city limits. He stated he might have to.

Angie Mae Bonner representing the Freestone County Museum and Historical Society came before the council to inform them that they had been donated a rural church. The donor will pay the cost to have it moved. As of now they don't have a place to put it. She was requesting the city to help pay for the adjoining property to the museum. Mr. Teague will check to see if hotel/ motel tax money can be used for this. Mrs. Bonner was assured city would assist with this project. \$5000.00

Council discussed proposals from auditors. City only had two proposals. Motion made by Joe Hancock and seconded by Dirk Hughes to get two more proposals from auditors before making a decision. Motion carried.

Motion made by Sylvia Childs and seconded by Jeanie Francis to set the tax rate at 15¢ per \$100.00 evaluation. Motion carried. Mayor Cole explained how the city came up with this figure, to the concerned citizens that were present. There was a misunderstanding by the citizens as to how it was printed in the newspaper.

Motion made by Joe Hancock and seconded by Tony Brackens to approve the contract with the Chamber of Commerce and to continue to pay them one-half of hotel/motel tax money collected. All approved.

Council discussed the flea market. Motion made by Jeanie Francis to table hiring someone to run it until guidelines are set up. Motion seconded by Dirk Hughes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Joe Hancock and seconded by Jeanie Francis to table awarding insurance bids until Monday Sept. 19, 1988. Motion carried.

The second and final reading of the ordinance on annexing Daniel subdivision was read. Motion made by Dirk Hughes and seconded by Sylvia Childs to accept ordinance annexing Daniel subdivision into city limits. All approved.

Council discussed sanitation policies and rates. Motion made by Dirk Hughes and seconded by Tony Brackens to adopt commercial garbage container charges. (see attached)

Motion made by Jeanie Francis and seconded by Dirk Hughes to require ID card for local residents. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jeanie Francis and seconded by Joe Hancock to increase rate from \$4.50 to \$5.50. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tony Brackens and seconded by Jeanie Francis to adopt the budget.

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| YES | ABSTAINED |
| Jeanie Francis | Joe Hancock |
| Sylvia Childs | Mr. Hancock had not attended |
| Tony Brackens | all budget meetings. |
| Dirk Hughes | Motion carried. |

Motion made by Joe Hancock and seconded by Sylvia Childs to adopt Emergency Management Resolution. Motion carried.

Council discussed the \$1500.00 charge for connecting to city sewer on I-45. Motion made by Jeanie Francis and seconded by Dirk Hughes to do away with the charge. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jeanie Francis to appoint John Awalt and J. Lyn Finley to the Economic Development Committee. Motion was seconded by Dirk Hughes. Motion carried.

Council goes into executive session to discuss municipal court judge/clerk, merit raise. Article 6252-17, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 2(g).

Council reconvenes in open session.


Motion made by Jeanie Francis and seconded by Tony Brackens to hire Ann Farnsworth as judge/clerk. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jeanie Francis and seconded by Sylvia Childs to give merit raise to officer Cire to Patrolman Step I. Motion carried.

Special called meeting for Monday, Sept. 19, 1988, at 5:30 P.M.

Joe Hancock informed council he has decided to resign his position as president of Fairfield Industrial Development Corporation effective, Sept. 13, 1988.

Motion made by Jeanie Francis and seconded by Dirk Hughes to adjourn.



Monte Cole, Mayor

Attest:



City Secretary