

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Fulkerson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Council members in attendance: West, Miller, Fulkerson, Baker, Davies.
- City Staff in attendance: City Manager Karen Suiker, City Clerk Gabriel Adams, Deputy Scott Hicks.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION - No Closed Session.

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion (Davies/Baker) to approve the agenda as amended. Passed unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 12, 2014 cc

Motion (Davies/West) to approve the minutes as amended. Passed unanimously.

VII. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2014-02; Engineer's Week.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

West: Met with Trinidad Skate Park Alliance organizer Lisa Espejo and discussed possible park locations.

Miller: Highlights from the HCOAG meeting – East-West Railroad connection, adding stops to the bus line, Call Boxes, and Billboard cutting.

Davies: Nothing to report.

Baker: Nothing to report.

Fulkerson: HTA discussed renovating the old Victorian.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR – No items from the floor.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Financial Status Reports for January 2014.
2. Sheriff's Activity Report – February 2014
3. Memorandum of Understanding with Trinidad Union School District Regarding Fire Water Line and Fire Hydrant installed by District.
4. Supplemental Budget to Update Trinidad Cemetery Plot Plan
5. Authorize City Manager to Continue to Advertise the ASBS Stormwater Improvement Project for Bid.

Motion (Baker/Miller) to approve the consent agenda. Passed unanimously.

X. DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. Resolution 2014-03; Recognizing the Exemplary Service of Sheriff's Deputy Scott Hicks
Councilmember Baker read the Resolution prepared aloud, highlighting Deputy Hicks service and contributions to the community of Trinidad. The Council and staff thanked and wished him well in his new assignment.

Deputy Hicks introduced his family and friends to the Council, and thanked the city for giving him the opportunity to serve.

*Motion (Baker/West) to approve Resolution 2014-04 recognizing the exemplary service of Sheriff's Deputy Scott Hicks to the city of Trinidad. **Passed unanimously.***

2. Discussion/Decision regarding Establishment of Infrastructure for Water Conservation (if necessary).
City Manager Suiker explained that in light of the Governor's drought declaration, the city has reviewed its water rationing ordinance that was adopted in 1977. Although the dated ordinance is in need of updating, it does provide for the ability of the city to adopt rules and procedures relating to water restrictions. In accordance with that ordinance, the need for restrictions is a determination made by a "water committee" composed of City Council members. It is recommended that the Council appoint two of its members to a Water Committee to work with city staff in the event rationing becomes necessary.

Although limited data from the 1977 drought is available, the City's Engineer advises that at that time there was enough water to supply the current demand. However, it should be pointed out that the accuracy of that data, changes in the watershed characteristics, precipitation patterns and the extended drought into next year may affect the actual amount of water available in the creek. At this time there is no need to impose rationing conservation measures; however, it is appropriate to bring awareness to such a possibility. The recommended action is to establish the enabling infrastructure should water conservation measures need to be put into place in the future.

Councilmembers **Miller, Davies, and West** had questions about the city's storage capacity, who can/can't use water in rationing conditions, and how many customers on the city system.

There was no public comment.

*Motion (Davies/Baker) to appoint Miller and West to serve as the Water Committee, and work with city staff in the event water conservation/rationing measures are necessary in the future. **Passed unanimously.***

By consensus, the Council agreed that the ordinance needed updating, and that a full ordinance revision would be considered during future budget discussions.

3. Discussion/Decision regarding Community Survey Responses.
Mayor Fulkerson explained that a survey was recently mailed to all Trinidad households to gather community input. The survey requested input from members of the community around themes of "love/like/appreciate as well as "protect/improve/enhance." Fulkerson presented the responses, highlighting themes from the surveys including, but not limited to; fresh air and natural beauty, quality of life, charming small town living, peacefulness, and receptive city officials. Those qualities were also what survey participants wanted to protect, along with public safety concerns, development restrictions, and views.

Presentation item only. No decision was made. Complete record of responses and summary will be kept in the Clerk's office for review.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting ended at 7:05pm.

Submitted by:

Gabriel Adams
City Clerk

Approved by:

Julie Fulkerson
Mayor