

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2019

The Governing Body of the City of New Boston, Texas met in a Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the New Boston Community Center.

1. Mayor Branson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll call was answered with all Councilmen present.
3. & 4. Bro. Ron Humphrey led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Open Forum: Jose and Jan Martinez of Eaves Mobile Home and RV Park spoke about a water issue, they think there is a problem in their water bill. They think something is wrong with the main meter. They had several pages of documents supporting their argument saying they also had contacted city hall and stated city hall had not responded. They had checked for leaks, nothing has changed, they found no leaks. They called city hall where she was seeking credit of \$98.33 as shown on the last page of her documents. However, before she could ask about it the lady on the telephone gave her a credit of \$308.25 but that is not what they were asking for. The Mayor told Jan Martinez that he would get with them concerning this matter as soon as possible.

The second person that spoke in open forum was Melissa Pierce concerning unity and transparency. She thanked the governing body for their volunteer time. She talked about people feeling outraged and concerns, she thinks open dialogue and transparency is needed. People want to know more and if people know more, they would have cooperation.

At the Mayor's direction the following Agenda items were considered not in the order as they appeared on the Agenda.

6. (Agenda Item 8) Motion was made by Councilman Turner and seconded by Councilman Laney to approve Resolution No. 19-R-03 supporting the passage of legislation (HB 1574 by Chris Paddie and SB 578 by Senator Bryan Hughes) related to Riverbend Water Resources District; allowing water supply corporations to become members of the District; eliminating the four-year sit out provision for the Board of Directors; requesting immediate passage through the House and Senate to the prepared for signature by the Governor of the State of Texas; and establishing an effective date. Motion passed unanimously.
7. (Agenda Item 10) Heard presentation by Engineer Neal Holland on 1) expansion of intake structure at the wastewater plant and 2) the construction of the 10 million gallon EQ basin and 3) the possible improvements including the prison wastewater treatment plant possibility.

8. (Agenda Item 11) Motion was made by Councilman Dike and seconded by Councilman Turner to approve a work order with Stokes and Associates to proceed at the cost of approximately \$7,500.00 to perform an update of the TCEQ Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan. This had not been done in 18 years and a lot of new factors had to be put into the plan including showing the prison which would now be treated as 1600 individual meters as well as showing the City's improved water billing system. Motion carried unanimously.
9. (Agenda Item 14) Motion made by Councilman Turner and seconded by Councilman Laney to approve Construction Contract as presented between the City of New Boston and Striping Technology, LP, a Texas limited partnership in the amount of \$18,515.60 for roadway striping improvements for the city, as presented and recommended by David Williams. Motion passed unanimously.
10. (Agenda Item 15) Heard presentation from David Williams on the annexation on a potential request for annexation into the City of New Boston from a group of property owners along Addison Street from the existing City limits East of State Highway 8 to the East end of Addison Street. The parties were seeking to have this property annexed. It is believed a gravity sewer will work but all landowners must grant an easement for the sewer easements as well as join in the petition for annexation. The annexation of this property would increase the city's total tax revenue \$1,622.00 according to David Williams' calculation. David Williams handed out a map of the proposed area and it showed parcels 1-16. It was explained that property owners now must petition the city for annexation and present a metes and bounds description of the property to be annexed.
11. (Agenda Item 6) Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of minutes for January 15, 2019 Council Meeting, February 5, 2019 Special Council Meeting and February 12, 2019 Emergency Meeting.
 - b. Approval of payment of bills and inter-fund transfers.


Councilman Laney made motion, seconded by Councilman Ellis to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 Council Meeting, February 5, 2019 Special Council Meeting and February 12, 2019 Emergency Meeting and to approve payment of bills and inter-fund transfers. Motion carried unanimously.
NOTATION: There were no bills or inter-fund transfers in the packet to the Council.
12. (Agenda Item 7) Motion made by Councilman Ellis and seconded by Councilman Laney to approve the Generator Scheduled Maintenance Agreement between the City of New Boston and Commercial Power Solutions, LLC. Billy Martz stated that there were nine (9) generators to be maintained by this Contract. Motion passed unanimously.

13. (Agenda Item 9) Motion was made by Councilman Turner and seconded by Councilman Laney to approve Resolution No. 19-R-04 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the New Boston Independent School District, for the purpose of sharing an election polling place with the City of New Boston. Motion passed unanimously.
14. (Agenda Item 12) Motion was made by Councilman Dike and seconded by Councilman Eggenburger to approve Resolution No. 19-R-05 authorizing the submission of the grant application for the Texas Conversion to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Grant, Office of the Governor, to upgrade the current infrastructure to allow for and support the submission of Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Incident Based Reporting (NIBRS), in the amount of approximately \$50,957.78, and authorize the Chief of Police to apply for, accept, reject, or terminate the grant on behalf of the City of New Boston. Officer Chris Taillon explained that he was under a timeline by the end of February to have this completed. This matter should have begun in 2015, however, it was just discovered by the New Boston Police Department last week. Motion passed unanimously.
15. (Agenda Item 13) Motion was made by Councilman Dike and seconded by Councilman Laney to approve payment of three Cybertronics, Inc. invoices to New Boston Police Department for computer services in the amount of 1) \$5,677.20, 2) \$1,200.00 and 3) \$319.98 for a total payment of \$7,197.18. Brandon Foster of Cybertronics, Inc. explained the work that had been performed. Motion passed unanimously.
16. (Agenda Item 16) Motion was made by Councilman Dike and seconded by Councilman Ellis to advertise for the position of Administrative Assistant to the City Secretary. During discussion Councilman Turner wanted to make sure they were following procedure, that this is an administrative assistant to the City Secretary, and that the compensation would be based on experience. Motion passed unanimously.
17. (Agenda Item 17) Motion made by Councilman Ellis and seconded by Councilman Dike to increase the Interim City Secretary rate of compensation from \$17.33 per hour to \$22.50 per hour. It was stated that the Interim City Secretary had been using sick leave due to her recent illness; however, she was still performing some of her duties as Interim City Secretary from home. Councilmen Dike, Eggenburger, Ellis and Laney voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Turner voted against the motion.
18. (Agenda Item 18) Motion made by Councilman Dike and seconded by Councilman Eggenburger to increase the number of directors of the New Boston Special Industrial Development Corporation from five (5) directors to seven (7) directors. Councilman Dike stated that the purpose of this was to increase diversity among the board members and that since the Type B corporation required seven (7) members and had very little money and the Type A corporation only had five (5) directors but by increasing to seven (7) directors the boards would be more diverse, uniform and efficient in

determining the projects to move forward. Councilmen Dike, Eggenburger, Ellis and Laney voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Turner abstained because of not having enough information.

19. (Agenda Item 19) Motion made by Councilman Dike and seconded by Councilman Eggenburger to name the seven (7) directors of the New Boston Community Development Corporation to become the seven (7) directors of the Special Industrial Development Corporation. Councilmen Dike, Eggenburger, Ellis and Laney voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Turner abstained because of not having enough of information.

20. (Agenda Item 20) Motion made by Councilman Turner and seconded by Councilman Laney to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Mayor adjourned meeting at 7:26 p.m.


Johnny Branson
Mayor