

NOTICE OF MEETING
FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF WILLIS, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the governing body of the above named City will be held on the 16th of December, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall at 200 N. Bell Street, Willis, Texas at which time the following subjects will be discussed, to-wit:

1. Call to order the regular meeting.
2. Roll call, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation
I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee Texas; one state under God, one and indivisible.
3. CITIZENS INQUIRY
4. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Consider the minutes of the previous meetings; November 18, 2014.
 - b. Approval of accounts payable.
 - c. Approval of financial statements and tax collection report.
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Consider and take action on drainage and detention facility for Holiday World site and Certificate of Occupancy.
 - b. Consider and take action on the renewal of the contract with American Traffic Solutions.
 - c. Consider and take action on a Resolution approving the review of the City of Willis Investment Policy and designating Chief Financial Officer.
 - d. Consider and take action on signatories for City of Willis bank accounts.
6. ORDINANCES
Second Reading
 - a. Consider an ordinance providing regulations for outside city connections for water and sewer service.
 - b. Consider an ordinance providing regulations for credit access businesses.
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - a. Convene into closed executive session to deliberate regarding real property in accordance to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code.
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 - a. City Attorney
 1. Petition
 - b. City Engineer's report
 1. Detail briefing on road work prior to bidding in January
Campbell, MLK, Paddock Rogers, Calvary, Calhoun, City Hall parking, other

2. Update on TxDOT's work on expansion of FM 1097 West.
- c. City Manager's report and updates
 1. Super Vita Day; Bank On & Financial Independence
 2. Forming a Coalition of Cities of large volume ground water users in response to district rulemaking.
 3. Police Department accreditation.

9. ADJOURN

Dated this the 12th day of December, 2014.

Brenda Burns, City Secretary

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of meeting of the governing body of the above named City Council is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board, at the City Hall of said City in Willis, Texas a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on December 12, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this the 12th day of December, 2014.

Brenda Burns, City Secretary

The City Council for the City of Willis reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney); 551.072 (Deliberation about Real Property); 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts & Donations); 551.074 (Personnel Matters); 551.076 (Deliberation about Security Devices; and 551.086 (Economic Development).

It is the policy of the City of Willis to afford disabled persons maximum access to all public meetings. The City of Willis will make reasonable accommodations to address the needs of persons with vision or hearing impairments or other disabilities, including the provision of readers or sign language interpreters when requested reasonably in advance.

Willis, Texas
December 16, 2014
5:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Willis, Texas convened in regular session at the City Hall on the date and time aforesaid, with the following members present:

Leonard Reed, Mayor
Bill Van Alstyne, Council Member
John Lovelady, Mayor Pro Tem
Tamara Young-Hector, Council Member
Thomas Belinoski, Council Member
Hector Forestier, City Manager
Larry Foerster, City Attorney
Brenda Burns, City Secretary
John Mangiameli, Community Development Director
Marissa Quintanilla, Assistant City Secretary
James Nowak, Police Chief
Pat Riley, Public Works Director
Margaret Littleton, Director of Economic and Community Development

and the following members absent: Anna Ross, Council Member, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted to-wit:

1. Call to order the regular meeting.

Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Roll call, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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Mayor called roll, Anna Ross was absent. A quorum was present.

The pledges were recited.

John Lovelady said the invocation.

3. CITIZENS INQUIRY

Ellis Kussy, 2257 N. Loop 336, 140112, Conroe – Spoke against red light cameras. Mr. Kussy stated city has enough revenue from other sources and the cameras cost money to keep up. Officers do not know who is in the vehicle. Cities can lower seconds on the yellow light. Vehicles have to come to a complete stop.

Jim Smith, 15381 Coaltown Road, Willis – Mr. Smith stated people will stand up against red light cameras. Mr. Smith stated he was hauling pallets and thought he was rear ended so he went through light, got a ticket and was told it was a civil matter and no warrant would be issued. Then he was not allowed to register his truck because of the ticket. He went to protest but city would not listen.

Dustin Granger, 12776 Andwood Street, Walnut Cove, Willis – Mr. Granger argues against red light cameras on the 4th amendment basis and right to privacy. Mr. Granger hopes council would not support that and councils would not support cameras elsewhere.

Will Boytim, 15432 Austin Road, Willis – Mr. Boytim asked if the city was ready to refund all citations collected and defend against a class action lawsuit because engineering study was not completed and city will not be able to find an engineer who will sign off on. City should not be relying on ATS because the contract makes the City responsible for the engineering study completion. Cities are required to protect citizen's safety.

Susan Garris, 120 North Forest Drive, Willis – Ms. Garris spoke concerning the water smelling like sewer and will get a petition together to do something about the water. She also stated the water from the faucet was black.

Robert Holden, 14210 Dairyland Drive, Willis – Mr. Holden stated cameras cause panic stops which causes accidents. Council is the people and should consider the expense of getting out of contract.

William S. Buller, 705 S. Campbell, Willis – Mr. Buller approved that citizens are able to talk to elected officials. Mr. Buller is against renewing the contract with ATS. Council is listening to people that do not live in the city limits. Mr. Buller stated it would be bad if the contract is renewed and council does not listen to the people.

Velente Gonzalez, 7322 Faxbrook Drive, Humble – Mr. Gonzalez stated he had to make an emergency stop because person in front of him made a panic stop which creates a dangerous issue. Mr. Gonzalez asked council to do the right thing; do the wrong thing and all will be back.

Kelli Cook, 14218 FM 1097, Willis – Ms. Cook stated she was here in opposition of red light cameras. More citations are issued each year, 43K violations 3M dollars. Shorting the yellow light is more dangerous. Surveillance was forbid from the red light camera images and Ms. Cook stated she had filed a criminal complaint with the district attorney's office.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consider the minutes of the previous meetings; November 18, 2014.
- b. Approval of accounts payable.
- c. Approval of financial statements and tax collection report.

Mayor called for any questions or comments on the consent agenda. None were received. Mayor and Council approved items 4a – 4c by unanimous consent.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider and take action on drainage and detention facility for Holiday World site and Certificate of Occupancy.

Patrick Mahoney attorney for Holiday World stated they had completed almost everything and was moving along with the landscaping. John Mangiameli stated drainage issues have been resolved and was recommending council authorize Code Enforcement issue the final certificate of occupancy once minor details were complete. Motion was made by Thomas Belinoski to authorize Code Enforcement to issue the final certificate of occupancy. Bill Van Alstyne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Consider and take action on the renewal of the contract with American Traffic Solutions.

Larry Foerster stated the 2009 approval of the professional service agreement for photographic enforcement is up for renewal. A petition has been filed for a charter amendment to prohibit this enforcement and is currently under review by the city secretary. Mr. Foerster recommended approval subject to petition and subject to an amendment to the agreement that if a successful election is held to ban then the contract would end. Thomas Belinoski asked if the item could be tabled. Mr. Foerster stated the contract would automatically renew and council running out of time. Bill Van Alstyne questioned how much money the city was retaining. Brenda Burns stated after expenses were taken out the remaining amount was split 50/50 with the State. Motion was made by Tamara Young-Hector to renew contract with ATS subject to an amendment if the petition and election were successful the contract would end. John Lovelady seconded the motion. John Lovelady and Tamara Young-Hector voted in favor of the motion. Bill Van Alstyne opposed the motion. Thomas Belinoski abstained from voting. Motion passed.

- c. Consider and take action on a Resolution approving the review of the City of Willis Investment Policy and designating Chief Financial Officer.

Hector Forestier stated the policy has to be reviewed each year and the only change being recommended is to appoint Rick Valdez, Director of Finance/Human Resource as the investment officer. Motion was made by Bill Van Alstyne to approve the resolution reviewing the Investment Policy and appoint Rick Valdez as the investment officer. Thomas Belinoski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Consider and take action on signatories for City of Willis bank accounts.

Mr. Forestier stated as Director of Finance Rick Valdez needed to be added to the signature cards for all bank accounts for the City. Motion was made by Thomas Belinoski to approve adding Rick Valdez to the bank accounts signatories. John Lovelady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. ORDINANCES

Second Reading

- a. Consider an ordinance providing regulations for outside city connections for water and sewer service.

John Mangiameli stated this will put a procedure in place for a request for services outside the city. The ordinance would require annexation for service outside the city and if not being annexed then a development agreement would be required for commercial. Residential requests can be approved by Code Enforcement. Commercial development requests will have to get Council approval. Mayor read the following caption, "AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIS, TEXAS AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING TITLE V, CHAPTER 51, "WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES" BY ADDING REGULATIONS CONCERNING OUTSIDE CITY CONNECTIONS FOR CITY WATER AND SEWER SERVICE; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING RULES FOR DEVELOPERS AND WHOLESALE WATER PROVIDERS AT SECTION 51.01; RENUMBERING "WATER AND SEWER RATES" TO SUBSECTION 51.06; CHANGING THE TITLE OF CHAPTER 51 to "WATER AND SEWER CONNECTIONS, RATES AND CHARGES"; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON PUBLICATION" and called for a motion. Motion was made by Thomas Belinoski to approve the ordinance. Tamara Young-Hector seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Consider an ordinance providing regulations for credit access businesses.

Mr. Forestier stated the City of Dallas has spearheaded the program. Mr. Forestier stated the city staff and United Way developed a pilot program to apply restrictions on businesses so that citizens are not taken advantage of. Mayor read the following caption, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLIS, TEXAS SETTING FORTH REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND CREDIT EXTENSION GUIDELINES FOR CREDIT ACCESS BUSINESSES; AMENDING THE CITY OF WILLIS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE CHAPTER 114, "CREDIT ACCESS BUSINESSES" IN TITLE XI; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF UP TO \$500 PER VIOLATION; PROVIDING REPEALING AND SAVING CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AFTER PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION" and called for a motion. Motion was made by John Lovelady to approve the ordinance. Thomas Belinoski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Convene into closed executive session to deliberate regarding real property in accordance to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code.
 - 1. Right of ways for the proposed West Loop Road from FM 1097 to Old Montgomery Road
Mayor and Council went into executive session at 6:23 p.m.
- b. Reconvene from executive session and take action deemed necessary.

Mayor and Council reconvened into open session at 6:34 p.m. Mayor called for action from executive session. Motion was made by Tamara Young-Hector to authorize City Manager, City Attorney and Mayor to negotiate for purchase of property for right-of-way for the West Side Loop Road between FM 1097 West and Old Montgomery Road. Thomas Belinoski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. REPORTS

Input from Council related to issues for possible inclusion on future agendas; related to issues such as (but not limited to) municipal projects, personnel, public property, development, and other city/public business.

a. City Attorney

1. Petition

No report.

b. City Engineer's report

1. Detail briefing on road work prior to bidding in January

Campbell, MLK, Paddock Rogers, Calvary, Calhoun, City Hall parking, other Mike Mathena, Bleyl & Associates reported the following: Paddock and Rogers have approvals for utilities and will be bid together in January; County will be doing the paving. Campbell is done and ready for bid, Calvary is being worked on, Calhoun is being worked on, City Hall parking lot working on the design, MLK is being worked on and will be ready for bid in January.

2. Update on TxDOT's work on expansion of FM 1097 West.

Mr. Mathena stated State will let the bid in the second quarter of 2015, City part will be to move the utilities out of the lanes of traffic.

Bill Van Alstyne stated the lighting and striping on the FM 1097 bridge is bad.

c. City Manager's report and updates

Mr. Forestier reported the Emergency Service District will be approving an agreement with the City to split 50/50 in the overlapping areas after January 1.

1. Super Vita Day; Bank On & Financial Independence

Mr. Forestier stated there will be free tax preparation for under 58K income households and banks will be teaching households how to save money.

2. Forming a Coalition of Cities of large volume ground water users in response to district rulemaking.

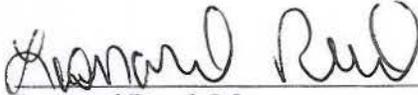
No report.

3. Police Department accreditation.

Policy changes are available for Council to review and will be presented for approval at a later meeting.

9. ADJOURN

John Lovelady made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tamara Young-Hector seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Leonard Reed, Mayor



Brenda Burns, City Secretary