

## **City of Santa Clara City Council Minutes**

The Santa Clara City Council met on **March 26, 2012**. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 P.M. by Mayor Jeff Hunt. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present for roll call was Councilman Jonassen, Councilman Felix, Councilman Chamberlain, Councilman Hodges and Councilman Folbre.

Councilmen reviewed the minutes. Councilman Folbre made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2012 meeting. Councilman Hodge made, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Citizens to be Heard:**

Steve Beisser – Tax letter sent out by Councilman Hodges is confusing. Mr. Beisser request this item (#15) be table until more information is giving to the public.

**Guest:** Mr. Timmerman from Roads and Bridge, Commissioner Wolverton, Commissioner Cope and Pat Allen from Green Valley Special Utility District.

### **Financial Report:**

City Council reviewed January 2012 to March 2012 statement. Councilman Tracy Jonassen made a motion to accept. Councilman Felix seconded the motion. Motion carried

### **Budget Adjustments:**

Need to adjust in Current Year Roads for Trash/Limbs Pick up, mileages, post & road signs. Need to adjust in Engineering (for all updated maps) and Legal.

Councilman Jonassen made a motion to transfer \$10,000 from Roads Repairs Major to Roads Repairs Minor, Trash/Limbs pick up, mileages, post & road signs. Councilman Hodges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Hunt made a motion to take \$500 out of office equipment to Engineering. Councilman Folbre made a motion to accept. Councilman Felix seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Hodges made a motion to take \$5000 from CD (from Schertz State Bank ) to Legal. Councilman Felix seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Planning Commission Report:**

Ron Crockett Roads Chairperson is gathering more information on complete road closure to water.

### **Fund request for GPP Community Fund**

In our contract with GPP there is a clause for Start Up Funding for each year in the amount of \$5,000.00 . Councilman Hodges was asked by Ms. Jolly; Elementary Teacher from Marion for the Gifted and Talent Program; for support in the amount of \$3300 to cover the expense of a field trip to Galveston for the Gifted and Talent Students. The Power Plant is to cut a check through 510C3 organization. Marion Education Foundation (MEF) will receive the check from the Power Plant and give to Marion Gifted and Talent for the field trip to Galveston. Marion Education Foundation will be meeting on March 31, 2012.

Councilman Hodges made motion to vote on presenting to the Power Plant to give Marion Education Foundation \$3300. Councilman Jonassen seconded the motion. The Council vote was 3 Yes-Councilmen Chamberlain, Jonassen & Hodges, 1 Oppose Councilman Folbre and 1 Obstain by Councilman Felix. Motion carried.

**Selection of Mayor Pro Tem:**

Councilman Hodges resigned as Mayor Pro Tem for City of Santa Clara. Councilman Jonassen made the motion to nominate Councilman Chamberlain as the new Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Hodges seconded the motion. The Council vote was 3 Yes-Councilmen Chamberlain, Jonassen & Hodges, 1 Oppose Councilman Folbre and 1 Obstain by Councilman Felix. Motion carried. Councilman Chamberlain is the new Mayor Pro Tem for City of Santa Clara.

**Discussion Judge Wiggins resignation resolution:**

Reviewed City of Schertz letter to resolution of Judge Wiggins. After discussion Councilman Chamberlain motion to not adopt a resolution plan at this time. Councilman Folbre seconded. Councilmen Chamberlain, Felix & Jonassen voted yes to this motion and Councilmen Folbre & Hodges voted no. Motion carried.

**5 Year Plan:**

Councilman Chamberlain submitted a Five (5) year Objectives/Plan to Improve Life within the City. Councilman Jonassen made a motion to have Councilman Chamberlain 5 year Objectives to be flushed out by the Plan Commission Committee. Councilman Folbre seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Ordinance; establishing process for Ordinance reading and Passing:**

Tabled at this time.

**Attorney response – Brush Ordinance:**

Reviewed letter from City Attorney re: *Inquiry into a brush maintenance ordinance*. Councilman Jonassen read letter that was left on his front door step from from a citizen dated 01/11/2012. Councilman Jonassen made a motion to table this topic at this time. Councilman Felix seconded the motion. Councilman Chamberlain obstain, motion carried.

**Inter local Cooperation Agreement with county for Subdivision Regulation**

Mr Timmerman spoke on the Inter local Cooperation Agreement between Guadalupe county and the City of Santa Clara for Subdivision Regulations within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (EJT) of the City of Santa Clara, Texas. Copy of Agreement in office files. Councilman Folbre made motion to approve Inter local Cooperation Agreement. Councilman Jonassen seconded the motion. Councilmen Folbre, Jonassen, Felix & Hodges voted yes and Councilman Chamberlain voted no. Motion carried.

**Discussion: Use of 43.144 of Texas Local Govt Code to provide an avenue for a uniform structure for any future tax implementations (Councilman Hodges)**

Councilman Hodges continue a presentation on his thought on the use of Section 43.144 of the Texas Local Govt. code to Dis-annex property that qualifies, in order to provide a uniform tax base and allow all homesteads in the community the same benefits afforded by the city's limited corporate boundaries. The use of Section 43.144 in conjunction with Section 43.147 to improve road services. Councilman Jonassen made a motion to accept ordinance from Councilman Hodges on Dis-annex discuss for discussion. Seconded by Councilman Hodges. After lengthy dissociation Councilman Jonassen made

the Motion to send Councilman Hodges' Ordinance to the lawyers for correct form to present to the public. Councilman Chamberlain seconded. Voted; 3 yes Councilmen Jonassen, Hodges & Chamberlain and No: Councilmen Felix & Folbre.

**Mayor's Announcements:**

A copy of 2012 Texas Open Meeting Act “Made Easy” was presented to each councilman for review.

Councilman Folbre made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Felix seconded the motion.

Jeff Hunt  
Mayor

Donna White  
Secretary