

**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Don Orrock called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Dick Backlund, Chuck Heitz, Lori Kampa, Patricia May, and Don Orrock. Also present: City Administrator Scott Johnson, Finance Director Corey Boyer, Community Economic Development Director Jim Thares, City Clerk Gina Wolbeck, Public Works Director Mike Goebel, Police Chief Sean Rifenberick, Fire Fighter Sam Olson, City Attorney Soren Mattick of Campbell Knutson, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf of Bolton & Menk, Inc.

4. OPEN FORUM

Mayor Orrock opened the Open Forum at 7:01 p.m. No one came forward. Mayor Orrock closed the Open Forum at 7:02 p.m.

5. PROPOSED AGENDA

Council Member Kampa motioned to adopt the proposed Agenda. Seconded by Council Member May, unanimous ayes, agenda adopted.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Heitz motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member Kampa, unanimous ayes, consent agenda approved. The Consent Agenda consists of: 6A) Approve Workshop Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2008, 6B)

Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2008, 6C) Accept Letter of Resignation from Police Officer, 6D) Approve Resolution No. 2008-75 Setting the Truth In Taxation Hearing on December 1, 2008 at 5:30 p.m., 6E) Approve Budget Adjustment for Sod/Irrigation for Fire Hall, 6F) Approve Transfers to General Fund for TIF Administration Activities, and 6G) Set Council Workshop on September 24, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. for the "Tour of the Lakes" Boat Tour starting at Lakeside Park.

7. BUSINESS

7A. Donation Presentation – Eddy Family Foundation

Robert Eddy and Naomi Koecheler from Connections, Etc., representing the Eddy Family Foundation, presented the Big Lake Police Department with a \$2,000 donation and the Big Lake Fire Department with a \$2,000 donation to be used towards public safety purposes. Robert Eddy reviewed contributions that have been made by the Eddy Family Foundation. Chief Rifenberick and Firefighter Olson thanked the Foundation for their generous donation. Council commended the Foundation for their continued support of public safety institutions in the Big Lake Community.

Council Member May motioned to approve Resolution No. 2008-76 accepting a donation that has been made to the City of Big Lake towards the Big Lake Police Department and the Big Lake Fire Department. Seconded by Council Member Kampa, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

7B. PUBLIC HEARING – Refuse/Recycling Ordinance

Scott Johnson reviewed the draft ordinance amending the recycling program and waste hauler licensing. Proposed amendments included the requirement that all refuse haulers be licensed for one-year terms, collection regulations, timing of pickups, and storage and disposal of refuse.

Mayor Orrock opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. No one came forward.

Council Member Kampa motioned to close the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Heitz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Council Member Kampa motioned to approve Ordinance No. 2008-08 amending the Big Lake City Code concerning solid waste and recycling collection, and approve Resolution No. 2008-77 authorizing summary publication of Ordinance No. 2008-08. Seconded by Council Member May, vote passed with a vote of 4:1 with Council Members Backlund, Kampa, May, and Orrock voting aye, and Council Member Heitz voting nay. Motion carried.

7C. Preliminary 2009 Tax Levy

Corey Boyer reviewed the payable 2009 Preliminary Tax Levy. Mr. Boyer noted that the final figures are based on discussions held at two recent budget workshops. Mayor Orrock noted that he would like to see the overall Levy be reduced further prior to final adoption in December.

Council Member Heitz motioned to approve Resolution No. 2008-78 adopting the Preliminary 2009 Tax Levy. Seconded by Council Member May, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

8. LIST OF CLAIMS

Council Member Kampa motioned to approve the List of Claims ranging from Check No.54433 through Check No. 54326. Seconded by Council Member Backlund unanimous ayes, motion carried.

9. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Scott Johnson discussed the invitation Council received to attend the Excel Energy community appreciation breakfast event at River City Extreme on September 17, 2008 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Mayor Orrock and Council Member Heitz indicated that they will be attending the event. Mr. Johnson updated Council on the 3rd Annual City and Township Dog Vaccination Clinic scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on September 13, 2008 at Lions Park. Mr. Johnson also updated Council on the number of Mayor and Council Candidates that have filed for office for the November 4th Ballot.

10. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS and QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Council Member Heitz: Reviewed the September Northstar Corridor Development Authority Meeting and asked for Council consideration on submitting a Resolution of Support for the Authority's consideration in lowering the proposed Big Lake Station fare.

Council Member Heitz motioned to approve Resolution No. 2008-79 stating the City of Big Lake support for the Northstar Corridor Development Authority to consider lowering the proposed Big Lake Station fare to \$7.00 per rider. Seconded by Council Member May, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Council Member Heitz also updated Council on the September EDA Meeting and discussed the need for election signage to identify City Precinct locations on the signs.

Council Member Kampa: Reviewed the recent Big Lake Community Lake Association Meeting.

Mayor Orrock: Discussed the September Cable Commission Meeting and the possibility of the City holding "Movies in the Park" in the future.

Council Member May: Reviewed the September Parks Advisory Board Meeting and the recent Planning Commission Meeting.

11. OTHER

Sean Rifenerick asked the public to be aware of the importance of pedestrian safety with the startup of the new school year. Discussion was also held on the Public Safety Committee reviewing the possibility of designating Lake Street North as one-sided street parking only, due to traffic flow problems when vehicles are parked on both sides of the road.

State Representative 16B Candidate Mary Kiffmeyer and Senate District 16 Candidate Alison Krueger introduced themselves to the Council and stated their intent to address transportation issues in the Big Lake area if they are elected to office in November.

Brad DeWolf updated Council on the Highway 10 / CR 5 Intersection Improvement Project, indicating that the project is slated to be completed this year. Discussion was also held on the sequencing of the stop lights at the intersection.

12. ADJOURN

Council Member May motioned to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Heitz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Gina Wolbeck
Clerk

Date Approved By Council 09/24/08