

**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 5, 2007**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Orrock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Dick Backlund, Chuck Heitz, Lori Kampa, Patricia May, and Donald 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, Building Official Sam Rudd, Police Chief Sean Rifenberick, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf of Bolton & Menk, Inc.

3. PROPOSED AGENDA

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

4. BUSINESS

4A. Lake Improvement District Discussion

Tom Snook from Lake Restoration, discussed the Eurasian Watermilfoil weed that has been found in Big Lake and Lake Mitchell. Mr. Snook reviewed treatment options available for controlling the weed.

Council discussed the option of waiting to decide on a course of action until after the DNR has an opportunity to conduct a study on the lakes to determine the degree of infestation. Council also discussed waiting to establish a Lake Improvement District until after the study is conducted.

4B. 2008 Budget Update

Corey Boyer reviewed the revisions staff is proposing to the proposed 2008 budget. Staff will revise the budget per Council discussion and present the preliminary budget at the first meeting in September for Council consideration.

4C. Martin Avenue Phase III Discussion

Corey Boyer reviewed the status of the Martin Avenue Phase III project and explained that Council authorized the project after the Public Hearing was held on February 28, 2007. It was the consensus of the City Council not to bring this item back on September 12, 2007.

4D. Dog Vaccination Clinic Update

Scott Johnson informed Council of the upcoming Dog Vaccination Clinic that will be held on Saturday, September 15th and asked for any Council volunteers to help at the event.

4E. Upcoming Meeting Additions/Cancellations

Scott Johnson reviewed upcoming meeting additions and potential cancellations. Staff will bring back any changes to a future Council meeting for Council to set or officially cancel necessary meetings.

5. OTHER

Brad DeWolf discussed the Shoreview Townhomes Pond Improvements and explained that the MNDNR has visited the site. They informed the City that this area is a protected wetland and that the use of riprap is not allowed. Staff will be in contact with the townhome association to inform them of the DNR's denial of their request. Council directed staff to contact the owner of the former site of the Big Lake American Legion to request that the site be mowed.

6. ADJOURN

Council Member Heitz motioned to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Seconded by Council Member May, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

City Clerk

Date Approved By Council _____