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MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
5:30 pm

Meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m.

CITIZENS: No comments

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Last month's checks and minutes were approved.
Motion: Wendell Smith 2nd: Greggory Cole All in favor/Approved
2. Modify Fire Ordinance – Mr. Rayford Gibson & Mr. Robin Palmer
Item Tabled
3. Discussion and Motion: TXDOT Enhanced Safety precautions at 4-
way. Request from City Council needed.
4. Discussion and Motion: Sabine Gas & Oil – Attendees: Allen Dutt
and Darryl Sturrock. Approved in previous council meeting.
5. Discussion and Motion: Grant Works for assistance with CDBG
Grant
RFPs issued and proposals scored. Grant Works selected.
Motion: Wendell Moore 2nd: JR Smith All in favor/Approved
6. Discussion and Motion: Approve Climate Control A/C & Heating
Company to service systems for the City of Tatum

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Motion: Tate Smith 2nd: Wendell Moore All in Favor/Approved

7. Discussion and Motion: Mr. George Huffman – Item Tabled

8. Discussion and Motion: Bryan Vestal to be hired as Water Works Helper

There were two (2) applicants for this position. Bryan Vestal was selected and will have starting pay of \$15 per hour. New employee will have a 90-day probationary period and will be reassessed afterwards.

Motion: Wendell Smith 2nd: JR Smith All in Favor/Approved

9. Discussion and Motion: Hiring Matt Allison as a Part Time Officer with PD.

It is noted that when Officer Allison is on duty for the City of Tatum, he will work a minimum of 4 hours per shift. His responsibility will include enforcing City ordinances. His salary offered will be at \$23 per hour.

Motion: Tate Smith 2nd: Wendell Moore All in Favor/Approved

10. Information Only: UT Health EMS – Roy Lankford

Provided an overall view of EMS services available to the City of Tatum and would like to become a 911 Service partner. They would provide training to current EMS/First Responders. Equipment and supplies will be provided. EMS trucks are located in Panola/Henderson locations so should have good response time. Council Member JR Smith asked if UT Health was on a rotation with Rusk County. Councilman Wendell Moore asked if their response time would be better than Christus Health. UT Director stated that they have three (3) trucks available in Carthage and 3 in Henderson area and also have shift trucks available to backfill. Mayor Hall stated one of his main concerns is the ability to get access to helicopter when needed. UT Director stated that City would have

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access.

If the City of Tatum decides to change to UT Health will need to cancel service agreement with Christus Health EMS. Director also stated that to cancel the agreement depends on whether we are in the first 5 years of our contract or outside of the 5-year contract. If within the 5-year contract, we can provide a 90 day notice to terminate contract. However, if we are outside of the 5-year contract, then it would only require a 90 day notice to terminate the contract. We would need to send a certified letter to Christus EMS if we decide to terminate services.

11. Information Only: Police Department Chief James Smith – New law – no curfews for minors. Discussed need for

12. Information Only: Public Water Works – Mike Morton
They are changing out meters, attending to water leaks and filling pot holes.

13. Information Only: Fire Chief – Rayford Gibson:
Attended to 26 calls; fire outside of Tractor Supply resulted in four (4) primary lines in the ditch; 5 grass fires, no structure fires; 16 medical calls.

14. Information Only: TEDCO Nakia Smith – Provided update on what TEDCO is working on for the city. He expressed the need for a Planning & Zoning Committee. Mentioned various issues with zoning and restrictions that affect property value. He stated that a P&Z Committee would help clear up issues. Would like to meet with City Council to discuss a zoning map update. He noted that he previously provided a quote for redesigning the website. It was presented as a coupled package with TEDCO. However, due to lack of response, he had to move forward with designing TEDCO's website. Provided update on Pecan Festival.

15. Information Only: Monthly Officer Citation Report

16. Information Only: Police Dept. Incident Activity Report

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Motion to Adjourn: Wendell Moore

2nd: Mayor Don Hall

**** The Tatum City Council 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 Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development).

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I certify that the foregoing notice was posted on the bulletin board and the front door of the Tatum City Hall, Tatum, Texas this the 04/5/2024.

Don Hall Mayor

Date