

**CITY OF TATUM
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
March 14, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Tatum met in regular session on **March 14, 2022**, at **5:32 p.m.** in the City Hall Meeting Room with the following members present:

Mayor - Clay Lassen - Absent

City Secretary – Kay Dyer

City Council

Jeff Keller

Kim R. Smith

Tate R. Smith

Jack York

Dana Buddecke – Mayor Pro-Tem

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Wendell Moore addressed the Council in regards to TEDCO and TEDCO Coordinator Janie Lassen. Various grievances were expressed against Mrs. Lassen, who disputed the complaints against her and TEDCO. Mrs. Dana Buddecke referred Mr. Moore to the TEDCO board to discuss the issue.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. **Last month's minutes and checks written** – Mr. Kim Smith made a motion to approve the last month's minutes and checks written. Mr. Jack York seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
2. **Tatum Volunteer Fire Department** – Purchasing 9 radios and accessories instead of 10. Mr. Jack York was under the impression that the city was giving the radios to the fire department in the February meeting. Mr. Jeff Keller made the motion to accept \$4500.00 for the 9 radios and accessories. Mr. Kim Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
3. **Bids on repairing the Sherman R. Smith Community Center Air Conditioning unit** – Mr. Kim Smith stated that Jacks A/C installed the units and he thinks it would be better to let them repair the unit. Mr. Jeff Keller agreed with Mr. Smith. Mr. Kim Smith made a motion to have Jack's A/C to repair the air conditioning unit at the Sherman R. Smith Community Center. Mr. Tate Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
4. **New Sherman R. Smith community center rental agreements and alcohol policy** – Mr. Jeff Keller as if any other venues had been contacted. Mrs. Dana Buddecke suggested a mandatory clean up fee be added to agreement. Mr. Jack York made a motion to table the changes to rental agreement until other venues have been contacted. Mr. Keller seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed. Mrs. Buddecke stated to council to mark up any items in question on the new rental agreements.
5. **CenterPoint Energy 2022 Annual GRIP Adjustment** – Mr. Kim Smith made a motion to not sign the agreement. Mr. Jeff Keller second the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
6. **Election Judge for City of Tatum General Election on May 7, 2022** – Mr. Kim Smith made a motion to appoint Mr. Rayford Gibson as the Election Judge for the May 7, 2022 election with the pay rate of \$14.00 per hour.
7. **Tatum Police Department Seized Assets Account** – The city councilmembers and city secretary signed the signature cards for Verabank.
8. **Speed Limits, truck parking, engine braking and enforcement** – Mr. J. R. Smith address the problems with the speeding on Jefferson and Sterling Price. Mr. Smith said the city needs to

install speed bumps at the intersections to help with the speeding. Mr. Smith also said vehicles are flying through the 4-way intersection at Hill St. and Johnson St. Mr. Jeff Keller ask Public Works Supervisor Michael Morton if the speed bumps were saved from Mullins St. Mr. Morton stated that when they were removed, they were broken. Mr. Keller stated the city is down to three (3) police officers now. Mr. Keller made a motion for four (4) speed bumps to be installed at Jefferson St. and Sterling Price. Mr. Kim Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.

9. **Tatum Economic Development** – Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion to remove Cody Orms from TEDCO’s Board and add Kendra Friend to replace Mr. Orms. Mr. Jack York seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
10. **Executive Session** – Mrs. Dana Buddecke called executive session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss the police chief position. Regular session returned back at 6:50 p.m. with Mr. Jeff Keller making a motion to accept Chief April Rains resignation, he recommended Sergeant Omar Zuniga as interim police chief as the city will start taking applications for the police chief position. Mr. Tate Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
11. **Ameri-Tex Services, Inc.** – Mail out needs to have correct amount for trash service and a note stating it will be mandatory for all Tatum residents.
12. **Adjourn** - Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion to adjourn @ 6:58 p.m. p.m. Mr. Kim Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed, all in favor.

APPROVED:

Dana Buddecke
Dana Buddecke, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Stormy Rodriguez