

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 24, 2007, 8:30 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in Regular Session on July 24, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 555 Walnut Street. Mayor Archibald was present and presiding with Councilmen Sam Chase, Stormy Higgins, Joe Spano, Anthony Williams, Councilwomen Laura Moore and Celia Davis. Also present were City Manager Larry Gilley, City Attorney Dan Santee, City Secretary Jo Moore, and various members of the City staff.

Councilwoman Davis gave the invocation.

Mayor Archibald introduced Christopher Ribordy who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas. Christopher will be a first grader at Lee Elementary. Christopher's mother Vicky Ribordy, Housing Counselor for the City's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, was also present.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

2.0 Mayor Archibald stated Council has been given the minutes from the July 05, 2007 Council Workshop. There being no deletions, corrections or additions to the minutes Councilwoman Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Higgins seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Chase, Higgins, Spano, Williams, Councilwomen Moore and Davis, and Mayor Archibald.

NAYS: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 3.12 *Fire Alarm upgrade at the Law Enforcement Center*, was removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately at the request of Councilman Chase.

Item 3.7 *CityLink Transit Maintenance and Administration Facility Renovations located at 1189 South 2nd Street. Bid # CB-7052*, was removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately at the request of Councilman Spano.

Councilman Williams made a motion to approve consent agenda items 3.1 and 3.2, the first reading of items 3.3 through 3.6, and items 3.8 through 3.11, as recommended by staff. Councilman Higgins seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Chase, Higgins, Williams, Spano, Councilwomen Moore and Davis, and Mayor Archibald.

NAYS: None

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Resolutions:

- 3.1 Oral Resolution approving the by-laws of Friends of Safety City, Inc.
- 3.2 Oral Resolution approving a Street Use License Agreement with Red's Satellite Service.

Ordinances:

- 3.3 Ordinance to amend Section 23-306.4 of the Zoning ordinance regarding Driving Schools as permitted use; and set a public hearing for August 9, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.
- 3.4 **Z-2007-16** – Request to rezone the property from RS8/COR (Residential Single-Family with Corridor Overlay) to GC/COR (General Commercial with Corridor Overlay), property located at 6502 Buffalo Gap Road; and set a public hearing for August 9, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.
- 3.5 Ordinance establishing the classification of positions in the City of Abilene Fire Department.
- 3.6 Ordinance to amend Chapter 18, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" of the Abilene Municipal Code.

Bid Awards:

- 3.7 **Removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately:** CityLink Transit Maintenance and Administration Facility Renovations located at 1189 South 2nd Street. Bid # CB-7052.
- 3.8 E.N. 10th Street Reconstruction - Griffith Road to Loop 322, **Bid #CB-7058**. The bid was awarded to Bontke Bros. Construction Co., Abilene, Texas, in the amount of \$1,110,905.38.
- 3.9 Container Carrier Truck for the Solid Waste Division, **Bid #CB-7029**. The bid was awarded in its entirety to R.L. Anderson International, in the amount of \$70,805.00.
- 3.10 Diesel Pickup Trucks, **Bid #CB-7043**. The bid was awarded in its entirety to Arrow Ford, in the amount of \$60,753.00.
- 3.11 Replace the roof at the Northeast Water Treatment Plant, **Bid #CB-7044**. The bid was awarded to Lydick-Hooks Roofing, in the amount of \$89,200.00.
- 3.12 **Removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately:** Fire Alarm upgrade at the Law Enforcement Center.

Item 3.12 considered separately at the request of Councilman Chase, and was considered before Item 3.7:

- 3.12 Councilman Chase stated that the Council's agenda packet information on the Fire Alarm Upgrade at the Law Enforcement Center indicates that this was bid out in January and only one bid was received and that was from Special Fire Systems, Inc., which is also the only company that bid later when it was re-bid. Councilman Chase further stated that the agenda information also indicates that the first bid was rejected because not all bid securities were provided and then the project was re-bid with some modifications to reduce cost. Councilman Chase requested that Jim Berry, Assistant Police Chief explain what happened during this bidding process.

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Assistant Chief Jim Berry stated that the bid process questions could better be answered by Cassie Hughes who dealt directly with the bidders. Chief Berry noted the intent of replacing the system was to make the technologies more compatible.

Cassie Hughes, Public Works Department, briefed the Council on the bid process. As a result of relocating the Dispatch Center from the basement to the 2nd floor of the LEC, the fire alarm annunciator panels for the new Dispatch Center and the one that served the rest of the building had twenty years difference in technology and difficulty in resetting automatically. It became necessary to upgrade the alarm system and Williams Tippet and Associates (WTA) was contracted to design the upgrade and advertisements were made on 1/7/07 and 1/14/07. Ten vendors were contacted and on the bid date, 1/25/07, one bid was received by Special Fire Systems, Inc. This bid came in at approximately \$73,000.00 but was rejected because not all bid securities were provided. The project was re-bid with some modifications to reduce costs and advertised on 5/20/07 and 5/27/07. Eleven bidders were contacted and on the bid date, 6/14/07, no bids were received. Ms. Hughes explained that the bid sent by Special Fire Systems, Inc. was not received by the required 6/14/07 bid date due to it having been lost by Federal Express. Staff then asked Special Fire Systems, Inc. to look at the plans and specifications and to submit a proposal. The proposal before Council today is from Special Fire Systems, Inc. Special Fire Systems, Inc. have installed the Fire Alarm System for the new 911 Dispatch center and they are certified with the Fike Cheetah panel and software. The proposal for the fire alarm and relocation of the generator annunciator to the 2nd floor Dispatch Center will allow the alarms to be monitored 24/7 by city staff. Staff recommends entering into a contract with Special Fire Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$67,369.00 for the Law Enforcement Center Fire Alarm Upgrade.

Councilman Chase thanked staff for the explanation.

Mayor Archibald stated Items 3.12 and 3.7 would be considered under one motion following the consideration of Item 3.7.

Item 3.7 considered separately at the request of Councilman Spano:

Item 3.7 Councilman Spano noted on the CityLink Transit Maintenance & Administration Facility renovations the recommendation is to enter into a contract with Bulldog Constructors of Texas, Inc. in the amount of \$101,400.00, but the total funding is for \$136,400.00. Councilman Spano requested staff explain what happens to the \$35,000.00 remaining funds.

Paul Knippel, Director of Public Works noted there is \$136,400.00 available for this project which will come from the Federal Transportation Grants (FTA) in the amount of \$113,600.00 and the 2006 Certificate of Obligation Funds in the amount of \$22,400.00. The facility at 1189 S 2nd was converted into the Transit Maintenance and Bus Facility approximately 25 years ago and has had only minor improvements since that time. The bids have been received for work that will include a) replacement of a section of the exterior southern wall of the facility, b) renovation of the restrooms including conversion to handicap accessible, and c) renovation of the waiting area. Eighty percent (80%) of the cost of the wall repair and the waiting room renovation is eligible for reimbursement through the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA). Ninety percent (90%) of the cost of the restroom renovation is eligible. Mr. Knippel

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explained that the remaining \$35,000.00 could be used on another part of the facility since that was what it was dedicated for.

Councilman Spano questioned if the \$22,400 in the 2006 CO funds could be held for another purpose. Larry Gilley, City Manager explained that a portion of the CO funds would have to be spent due to the 80/20 match. Councilman Chase questioned if the remaining funds, in regards to the facility, could be used, for example, on the parking facility located across the street from CityLink. David Wright, Director of Finance stated the remaining funds could be used for other purposes but it would require the Council to cancel any further transit activity from those funds and reallocate them to another project, or the funds can be used at the transit facility or on transit system related items, which would include the parking lot, as long as it's capital expenditure. Councilman Spano questioned if the funds could be used toward the buses. Mr. Wright stated that although that would be allowed staff would not recommend doing that since the City is paying 15 years on that debt and the buses typically don't last that long.

Councilman Chase made a motion to approve Item 3.12, entering into a contract with Special Fire Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$67,369.00 for the Law Enforcement Center Fire Alarm System Upgrade and Item 3.7, entering into a contract with Bulldog Constructors of Texas, Inc. in the amount of \$101,400.00. for renovations of CityLink Transit Maintenance and Administration Facility located at 1189 South 2nd Street, as recommended by staff. Councilman Williams seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Chase, Higgins, Spano, Williams, Councilwomen Moore and Davis, and Mayor Archibald.

NAYS: None

REGULAR AGENDA

There were no items on the Regular Agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Archibald stated Council would convene into Executive Session pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and 551.087 of the Open Meetings Act, to seek the advice of the City Attorney with respect to pending and contemplated litigation, to consider the appointment and evaluation of public officers, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, and to discuss contemplated business prospects and or economic development matters.

The Council reconvened from Executive Session and reported no votes or action was taken in Executive Session.

5.5 No action was taken on an appointment to the Housing Authority Board.

5.6 No action was taken on appointments and reappointments to the Frontier Texas! Board of Directors.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Jo Moore
City Secretary

Norm Archibald
Mayor