

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2011
AT ST. PAUL TOWN HALL**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Walter. Councilman Gensler was absent. There was a quorum. Mayor Walter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes from the August 8 Council meeting. Mayor pro tem McCasland motioned to approve the minutes with a second to the motion made by Councilman Kellow. The motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed the minutes from the August 22 budget workshop. A correction was made to the tax rate. Councilman Kellow motioned to approve the minutes as corrected with a second to the motion made by Councilman Scanlan. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Expenses: Council reviewed the expenses report and asked questions regarding individual items. Councilman Kellow motioned to approve the monthly expenses report with a second to the motion made by Councilman Simmons. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen's Comments: - none

Discussion/Action to Contract with NTACA for Animal Control Services. Council reviewed the amendment and asked questions about the population count (1004), NTACA Town tours (does not include travel time), and gasoline charges (we are being charged). Councilman Simmons motioned to approve signing the contract without the additional wild animal services with a second to the motion made by Councilman Kellow. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action on Resolution 11-09-12 to Accept Budget for Fiscal Year Oct. 1, 2011 – Sept. 30, 2012. Councilman Scanlan motioned to approve the resolution with a second to the motion made by Councilman Simmons. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action on Ordinance #197 to Accept Tax Rate for Fiscal Year Oct. 1, 2011 – Sept. 30, 2012. Councilman Scanlan motioned to approve the ordinance specifying a tax rate of .411781 per \$100 of evaluation with a second to the motion made by Councilman Simmons. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action on Residential Waste Services Request for Bid. Council reviewed the RFP and suggested changes and clarifications. Councilman Simmons motioned to make the updates to the RFP and sent it to potential bidders with a second to the motion made by Councilman Kellow. The motion passed unanimously.

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Discussion on CSA Accounting Software. Council discussed the quote that Secretary Dunn solicited to give Council an idea of cost and function for an accounting system to replace Quickbooks. Although CSA could tailor make reports for the Town we would still need the translation that the Auditors require to do the Town's audit. As a result of this the Town will pursue its current plan to hire someone to do the translation and continue to use the current system.

Mayor's comments:

Code Enforcement/Status - Council reviewed the enforcement activity and reports and discussed reasons why some properties are neglected.

Parker Road Curve – Mayor Walter reviewed the meeting he had with the County, TxDot and Hanover. They discussed the role each party would have in the planning. Mayor Walter pushed to have the Country Club/Parker Road intersections fixed. The Parker curve is still being abandoned and St. Paul and Butscher's Block would become the major intersection.

Adjournment: Councilman Simmons motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. with a second to the motion made by Councilman Kellow. The motion passed unanimously.