

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
City of Weston Lakes, City Council Meeting  
Simonton City Hall, 35011 FM 1093, Simonton Texas 77476  
Tuesday, April 27, 2009  
6:00 pm

**1. Call to Order.** The meeting of the Weston Lakes City Council was called to order at 6 PM on the 27th Day of April 2010 by Mayor Mary Rose Zdunkewicz. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

Mayor Mary Rose Zdunkewicz	Alderman Ted Case	Kathy Nida
Alderman Clifton Aldrich	Marshal Ronald Horowitz	
Alderman Denis DeLuca	Alderman Trent Thomas	

**Members Absent:**

Alderman Gary Owens

**Public Present:**

Fran Aldrich	David Olson	Jean Stewart
David Hawes	Jim Winnie	Jack Stewart
W.R. Gmelin	Peter Cray	
Jane Poe	Shannon Purcell	

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.** Alderman Trent Thomas led the Council in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Public comments.** Mr. David Hawes of 5518 Fulbrook Shores Trace presented a petition from Fulbrook residents residing in the ETJ respectfully asking to be released from the Weston Lakes ETJ. Mr. Hawes said he and his neighbors did not dispute the City's legal right to incorporate and form an ETJ; however, Fulbrook residents that were included in the ETJ came before the council once before asking to be added as an agenda item to be released from the ETJ. When that did not happen, they started a petition which was presented to the council tonight. According to Mr. Hawes, 94% of the Fulbrook property owners currently living in the ETJ have signed the petition. Copies of the area map, along with the names, addresses and signatures of those people that have signed the petition were given to the city to be included in the permanent record of the meeting minutes. Mr. Hawes said no one has given him a reason that the Fulbrook residents could not be released from the ETJ. Mr. Hawes said they did not intend to go to court on the matter, but they would continue to pursue it through the State Legislature and other means until action is taken.

**4. Mayor's Comments.**

- a) 2010 Census Report: If you have not already filled out your census and sent it in, please do so. Census workers will be coming to your door to get your information.
- b) The Mayor attended the dedication of the Fulshear Simonton Fire Station #3. It was a very nice ceremony and a wonderful facility.
- c) Weston Lakes Country Club refunded the \$100 from the lease agreement for the City's Emergency Operations Center. We thank them for that.
- d) The City attended the Greater Fort Bend Economic Council breakfast and was introduced as a new member.
- e) The City participated in the Fort Bend Mayor & Council Meeting in Thompson on APR 22.

f) There was a gas leak in the city on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> on the South end of Weston Dr. The sheriff stopped traffic. It took the fire department three (3) hours to clear up the situation. No evacuation was necessary. It was not a safety issue. A plumber on a tractor hit a gas line causing the leak.

- Marshal Horowicz asked how the city benefits from the Fort Bend Economic Development Council since the city has not business. The Mayor explained the Council would keep us informed of development in the County. Alderman DeLuca explained that the Council deals with infrastructure as well as commerce. Because the City has a seat at the table, we know what is coming in our direction.

**5. Approval of Minutes.** *A motion was made by Alderman Trent Thomas to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Alderman Denis DeLuca. The motion was passed.*

## **6. Finance**

a) Treasurer's Report.

*A motion was made by Alderman Ted Case to approve the Financial Report for March; seconded by Alderman Denis DeLuca. The motion passed.*

b) Transferring funds:

i) \$3,000 from Election line into Engineer's line to compensate for the FEMA flood map review.

*A motion was made by Alderman Cliff Aldrich to approve the transfer of funds; seconded by Alderman Denis DeLuca. The motion passed.*

- Alderman DeLuca asked if we were transferring enough money. The Mayor said for the moment, it seemed to be enough. If not, the City could address the issue again in the future.

ii) \$1,000 from Election line into MISC for incidental expenses

*A motion was made by Alderman Trent Thomas to approve the transfer of funds; seconded by Alderman Ted Case. The motion passed.*

iii) \$1,000 from Election line into the Membership Fees to cover dues for Fort Bend Economic Council

*A motion was made by Alderman Denis DeLuca to approve the transfer of funds; seconded by Alderman Cliff Aldrich. The motion passed.*

**7. Approval of the Official Newspaper.** Alderman Cliff Aldrich recommended The Fort Bend Herald as the official newspaper because they meet all of the State requirements for Public Notices.

*A motion was made by Alderman Cliff Aldrich to designate The Fort Bend Herald as the city's official newspaper; seconded by Alderman Ted Case. The motion passed.*

**8. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY reported by Alderman Denis DeLuca.** The City participated in the State-wide Trash-OFF in April. Just short of 20 people came out in the rain to pick up trash. Many of the regular volunteers were members of other organizations that were also participating. In spite of the reduced number of volunteers, they were still able to collect a lot of trash in just a few hours.

## **9. Emergency Preparedness Update reported by Alderman Cliff Aldrich**

- a. CERT Teams have been out-fitted with equipment. They participated in CERT drills where the teams went into the neighborhood going door-to-door collecting names and providing information. More training drills are being planned. The teams were well received in the neighborhood.
- b. Another 3-day CERT Training is being planned. Dates will be provided as soon as they are firmed up.

- c. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the city will participate in a major state-wide exercise. The EOC will be activated and will drill on a mock hurricane event.
  - d. On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the County, the City of Weston Lakes and several other cities will participate in a Emergency Operations Workshop at the Stafford Center.
  - e. The City has 45 volunteers. That is a good start.
- Mayor Zdunkewicz thanked Alderman Aldrich for all of his efforts.
  - Alderman Thomas said he and Alderman Aldrich toured the Fort Bend County EOC. He was impressed with their operation, but said the County is equally impressed with the efforts that have been made in the City of Weston Lakes. They said the City of Weston Lakes is “miles ahead” of some of the more mature cities in our county.

**10. Adjournment.** *A motion was made by Alderman Trent Thomas to adjourn and was seconded by Alderman Ted Case. The motion passed.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Mary Rose Zdunkewicz  
Mayor, City of Weston Lakes

Attest:

Kathy Nida  
City Secretary