

## MINUTES

### City Council Meeting

Monday, March 7, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:** Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Devotional & Pledge:** Councilmember Jones offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

**City Council:** Mayor Holder presided. Council Members: Don Bethune, Gwyn Hall, Bowen Jones, Bessie Kicklighter and Durward Motes. **Absent:** Judy Shuman and Jimmy Spilliards.

**Staff:** Brian Johnson, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Scott Allison, Planning Director; Cory Salley, Finance Director; David Lyons, Police Chief; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Randall Griffin, Public Works Director; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director and Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director.

**Presentation:** Mayor Holder and Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director presented the Employee of the Quarter Award to Katie Parrish, Administrative Assistant Water Operations and thanked her for her hard work and dedication.

**Informal Public Comment:** Mayor Holder asked if there was any one who wished to address City Council. There being no questions or comments from the public, Mayor Holder closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

**Formal Public Comment:**

**Request to address City Council:** Mayor Holder said Ms. Myra White, Tim Brown, Robin Boyer & Patrick Boyer have requested to address City Council regarding loud music being played at the Progressive Recreation Center on week nights.

Ms. White, 5314 Silk Hope Road, said the Progressive Center played music on a week night. She said the music disturbed me and my neighbors. She said I know the Progressive Center has been around for a long time, but aren't there rules they have to abide by just like everyone else? She said I spoke with Mr. Nelson with the Progressive Center and he said that they were there before the rules. She said the music keeps us up and there should be rules by the City regarding noise. She said don't you have rules regarding noise?

City Manager said we have a noise ordinance that states it is unlawful for any person to make excessive noise between the hours of 9:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m., but it is not set to a decimal. He said the noise ordinance doesn't apply to any more than 100 yards of where the noise is occurring.

Ms. White said I called the Chief of Police and he said that bars stay open to 2:00 a.m. She said we are in a residential area and my house is across the street from the Progressive Center. She said the gentleman I spoke with at the Progressive Center talked to me like I was nothing.

Ms. Boyer, 5312 ½ Silk Hope Road, said we are the ones within 100 yards of the Progressive Center. She said the music or the beat from the music rocks my mobile home. She said we need something done. She said maybe the person at the Progressive Center needs to know the rules. She said this matter needs to be addressed.

Mayor Holder said we can't make a decision tonight. He said the City Manager will set up a meeting with both parties to try to resolve this matter. He said you will be contacted when a meeting is scheduled.

Councilmember Hall said I have attended functions at the Progressive Center and music has been playing. He said when I step outside I can't hear the music.

There being no further questions or comments Mayor Holder closed the formal public comment portion of the meeting.

**City Council Minutes:** Councilmember Kicklighter made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hall to approve the minutes as amended. City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.

**Staff Reports:**

Planning Director presented the Planning & Economic Development Department's Monthly Status Report.

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's Monthly Status Report.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's Monthly Status Report.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's Monthly Status Report.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's Monthly Status Report.

Parks & Recreation Director said on April 1<sup>st</sup> the Senior Citizens will hold a sock hop at the Gym.

Recreation's Opening Day Parade will be held April 9<sup>th</sup> and the Easter Extravaganza will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Kicklighter asked if the Recreation Needs Assessment Survey Questions are going to be mailed.

City Manager said the survey questions are on the City's website and we will be mailing them with the utility bills. He said the questions can also be obtained in person from the Gym and City Hall. He said we will be holding a public hearing to obtain input from the public at an upcoming council meeting.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Holder thanked everyone for attending. Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

***Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council  
Adopted: March 21, 2011***