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**CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
MINUTES**

**JUNE 3, 2013  
6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Steve Spicer called the meeting to order.*

**PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS**

*Alderman Gene Montgomery led the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.*

**ROLL CALL OF ALDERMEN**

*The following Councilmember's were present:*

*Mayor Steve Spicer  
MPT Eddie Burke  
Alderman Brad South  
Alderman Sandy Denby  
Alderman Gene Montgomery*

*The following staff was present:*

*City Secretary Rushing  
Acting Police Chief Sedgwick*

*The following Councilmember and staff were absent:*

*Alderman Mary Morse  
City Administrator Brick*

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

**1. DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM.**

*Mayor Spicer said Eddie Burke is the current MPT.  
Alderman Montgomery said he thinks MPT Burke is doing a good job.  
Mayor Spicer asked if any other Councilmember was interested or would like to be considered as Mayor Pro-Tem.  
No other recommendations from Council. No further discussion.*

**2. DISCUSS DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO ADVERTISE THE POLICE CHIEF POSITION.**

*Mayor Spicer recommended city staff to post the Police Chief position. No further discussion.*

**3. DISCUSS AMENDING ORDINANCE 2009-4 ADOPTING GOLF CART AND OTHER SLOW MOVING VEHICLE REGULATIONS AND CITY REQUIREMENTS.**

*Alderman Denby said she requested the item be placed on the agenda for discussion; she is noticing a lot more golf carts around the city and suggests amending the ordinance by requiring an annual registration fee as a way to make sure golf carts are insured and in compliance with the ordinance plus it would be additional revenue for the city.  
MPT Burke said he doesn't see golf carts as an issue; he said he doesn't like to see under age kids driving them.  
Alderman South said the amendment in 2009 was to no longer require license plates on golf carts; he said the current ordinance complies with the Texas Transportation Code.  
Alderman Montgomery asked the JBPD if they were having any issues or problems with golf carts.  
Acting Chief Sedgwick and Cpl. Todaro both replied they have not had many issues with golf carts.  
Mayor Spicer was against the annual registration fee; he thought of it as an extra tax to the citizens and was not in favor of extra taxes.*

**4. DISCUSS POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**

*Council convened into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 551.074 – TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL – POLICE DEPARTMENT.

UPON CONCLUSION OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL.

*Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:42 p.m. Discussion item only, no action considered by Council.*

**CITIZEN INPUT**

(REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL MUST BE MADE TO CITY STAFF BY 5:45 P.M. ON JUNE 3, 2013.)

*Bunny Zapalac, 16603 Cormorant, spoke highly about Officer Chapa; she wanted to thank and acknowledge him for doing a great job.*

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Absent, No Report**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

*Mayor Spicer reminded everyone of the Annual Hurricane Preparedness Meeting held at City Hall on June 15, 2013 from 10:00 a.m.-noon; he mentioned to Council to start preparing for Budget Meetings next month.*

**ALDERMEN REPORTS**

*MPT Burke, Alderman South & Alderman Denby – No Reports*

*Alderman Montgomery provided an update from the Pool Committee; he said the bids were open, but the Engineer did not include everything in the plans; the Pool Committee needs to meet with the Bidder to discuss the items not included in the plans; he should have more to report within a month.*

**POLICE REPORT**

*Acting Police Chief Sedgwick reported a great Memorial Weekend with no arrest or problems; he mentioned the City of Galveston Citizens Police Academy still has 5 positions available, upon completing of the academy a citizen would be able to ride along with JBPD while they patrol; if anyone is interested, please contact Officer Sanchez.*

**ADJOURN**

*Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.*