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**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARRETT, TEXAS**

**Special Meeting**

**April 23, 2015**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers**

**208 N. Ferris Street, Garrett Texas, 75119**

**AGENDA**

1. Call special City Council meeting to order. Roll Call.

**Diane Jasso / present Michelle Rogers/present**

**Cynthia Martinez / present Jami Rogers/present**

**Mayor Newsom/present Dan Cepak/present**

1. Determination of Quorum. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Announcements

**Mayor Newsom spoke with Ms. Karen Gunn regarding her flooded yard. Issue was** resolved.

City Council Announcements.

**Councilman Diane Jasso updated on progress of Spring Fest and requested the donation of baked goods.**

Public Comments

**Joe Smith and his neighbor were in attendance to ask questions regarding the maintenance of the streets.**

1. Motion to approve minutes from February 19, 2015 meeting.

**First: Dan Cepak Second: Jami Rodgers All in favor: All in Favor**

1. **Departmental Reports**

Police Report: Activity for March 20150

**No Questions**

Fire Report: Activity for March 2015

**Mayor Newsom spoke with GRVFD about needing a monthly report from the fire department. Chief Randy Thomas provided Mayor Newsom with their call log.**

Court Report: Activity for March 2015

**No Questions**

Public Works: Activity for March 2015

**Road Estimate: 2 bids from precinct 1 & 2. Precinct 2 is $6,000 cheaper than 1 but it isn’t likely 2 will be able to get it done in a timely manner. Precinct 1 wants to expand whereas 2 wants to keep everything the same. The city has a better working relationship with Precinct 2 as well. Mayor Newsom will talk to the banks about financing. The precincts will take ½ down and a $90.00 payoff. The bids will be on the next meeting’s agenda.**

Administrative Report: Financials:

**No questions**

1. Discuss the proposal from Franklin Legal.

**Franklin Legal is a company that takes ordinances and places them online. Hailey needs to scan the ordinances onto the server. Larry is taking the ordinances and making a code book. (Key phrases in one paragraph.)**

1. Discuss and consider approval of additional Employee Health Insurance.

**Short term and long term disability has been tabled pending questions.**

**Motion to approve Life Insurance: First: Michelle Rogers Second: Diane Jasso**

**All in favor: All in Favor**

1. Discuss Rerate Notice for Employee Health Insurance

**Jami Rogers mentioned shopping around for health Insurance. Will be further discussed.**

1. Discuss and Approve Budget for Garrett Spring Fest.

$500.00 (same as previous year) budget was set for Spring Fest 2015

**Motion to approve: Jami Rogers Second: Cynthia Martinez All in Favor**

1. City Attorney Report: Open Records Request.

Group out of California is requesting open records. The attorney, Larry Jackson is going to call and speak with them.

1. Discussion and possible action regarding road work bids from Precinct 1 & 2.

See Public Works. Mayor Newsom will be making phone calls regarding this matter.

1. Motion to go into Executive Session with Chief of Police Bill Turnage and Officer Chad Nelson regarding personnel accommodations in the police department.

**First: Dan Cepak Second: Jami Rogers All in favor**

**Motion to close executive Session:**

**First: Diane Jasso Second: Cynthia Martinez All in favor**

1. Motion to move back into Open Session

**First: Michelle Rogers Second: Diane Jasso All in favor**

1. Possible motion to accept the resignation of Chief of Police Bill Turnage as a police officer with the City of Garrett.

**First: Jami Rogers Second: Michelle Rogers All in favor**

1. Possible motion to retain Bill Turnage as a City Consultant regarding police affairs @ $20.00 an hour.

**Motion to retain Bill Turnage as a City Consultant at $20.00 an hour: Jami Rogers Second: Diane Jasso All in favor**

1. Possible action to appoint Police Sergeant Chad Nelson to the position of Interim Chief of Police.

**Motion to appoint Police Sergeant Chad Nelson to the position of Interim Chief of Police: Dan Cepak Second: Diane Jasso All in favor**