

TOWN OF WESTOVER HILLS

MINUTES

**Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2013
Westover Hills Town Hall**

Present:

Mayor Stephen Tatum
Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Thompson
Council Member Marcus Snyder
Council Member Elliot Goldman
Council Member Jack Koslow
Council Member John Thompson III

Staff Present:

David Burgess, Acting Town Administrator/Police Chief
Tim Chambers, Public Works Director
Randy McKee, Building Official
Penny Spikes, City Secretary
Mary Barkley, City Attorney

A meeting of the Westover Hills Town Council was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at the Westover Hills Town Hall pursuant to written notice posted on Friday, December 6, 2013.

1. Call To Order.

With a quorum of Council Members present, Mayor Stephen Tatum called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

2. Approve minutes of October 15, 2013 council meeting.

Council Member Jack Koslow made the motion, seconded by Council Member John Thompson, that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on October 15, 2013 be approved pending the suggested changes made by Council Member Elliot Goldman. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Financial Statement.

Police Chief David Burgess presented the Town's October financial statements, which were prepared by Hartman Leito & Bolt. In response to Councilman Kelly Thompson's inquiry, Chief Burgess explained that the Police Department salary expense was above expectations due to the pending retirement of Sergeant Bill Hawkins in May 2014. Councilman Kelly Thompson informed the Council that HLB has replaced RCO as the Town's accounting firm and he is thus far comfortable with their performance.

4. Discuss and take action on an ordinance to repeal and replace ordinance 02-1 to establish regulations for the construction and/or drilling of water wells.

Chief Burgess explained that the Town recently passed an audit by TCEQ based on a guarantee by the Town to implement a cross connection program. Council Member John Thompson briefly outlined the ordinance, which was revised in conjunction with City Attorney Mary Barkley and Councilman Elliot Goldman. Unnecessary regulations were removed and penalties reduced during the revision. Council Member John Thompson made the motion, seconded by Council Member Jack Koslow, that the ordinance be passed pending the proposed amendment increasing the maximum fine from \$2,000.00 to \$10,000.00. The motion passed 4 to 0 with Councilman Goldman not voting.

5. Discuss and take action on an ordinance to establish definition of substandard buildings; establishing a procedure to regulate and/or require repair, vacation, demolition, removal or security of substandard buildings.

Mayor Tatum discussed the need to be proactive regarding substandard dwellings in the Town that could possibly pose a threat to public safety. He stressed that enactment of this ordinance would allow public officials to rectify situations as they arise. Council Member Elliot Goldman, who is opposed to ordinances in general, requested to sit on the committee to review the ordinance. Mayor Tatum tabled this agenda item until the January meeting when the committee findings will be discussed.

6. Discuss and take action on election of Tarrant Appraisal District Directors.

Mayor Tatum wanted to provide Council the opportunity to vote on the new TAD Directors. Council Member John Thompson volunteered to research the candidates and inform the rest of Council of his findings so all could make an informed vote. Mayor Tatum will then complete the election form and return it to the Chief Director of TAD.

7. Discuss and take action on a citizen \$400.00 donation for the Police Department to purchase additional medical supplies to be carried by police officers.

Police Chief David Burgess asked the Council to accept a \$400.00 donation for Police Department medical supplies. The specifics were to be discussed in closed Executive Session.

Council Member John Thompson made the motion to accept the donation, seconded by Council Member Jack Koslow. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

8. Discuss and take action on a citizen \$500.00 donation for the Police Department to purchase a UJPX pepper gun.

This agenda item was discussed and passed simultaneously with agenda item 7.

Executive Session.

Mayor Stephen Tatum adjourned the regular meeting to convene into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. Seek the advice of its attorneys concerning the following pending or contemplated litigation or other matters that are exempt from public disclosure under Article X, Section 9 of the Texas State Bar Rules and as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code:
 - a. Legal issues concerning any item listed on today's City Council meeting agendas.
 - b. Discuss possible legal action on resident occupying a substandard building.

2. Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property in accordance with Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code. Deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third party.

3. Deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices, in accordance with Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code.
 - a. Discussion of JPX pepper delivery system.

4. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, in accordance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.
 - a. Discuss appointment of Lyle Drescher as Town Administrator.
 - b. Discuss resignation of Sergeant Dewayne Haney from Police Department.

Mayor Stephen Tatum adjourned the Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. to reconvene into the regular meeting.

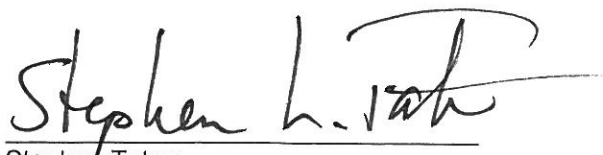
9. Adjourn.

There being no further business, Mayor Stephen Tatum adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Approved:



Penny Spikes
City Secretary



Stephen Tatum
Mayor