

**MINUTES: CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 04, 2008**

**PRESENT: Mayor Joe Higgs, Councilman Robert Patton, Councilman Glenn Ervin,
Councilman Thomas Muir, Councilman Andy Garza, Councilman Mike
Walker**

OTHERS

PRESENT: City Manager Mike Brice, City Secretary/Asst. City Manager Rose Chavez

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Mayor called meeting to order.

2. Discussion on Resolution Supporting the Regional Transportation Council Clean Fleet Vehicle Policy and Clean Fleet Vehicle Model Ordinance.

City Manager explained the first item for discussion on the work session agenda was a request from Regional Transportation Council for the City to consider adopting a clean fleet vehicle policy and a clean fleet model ordinance. These are basically procedures and guidelines for the purchase of new vehicles. In the model ordinance on Section 1.1, it outlines the procedures for fleet expansion of models 2004 or newer stating it shall be the newest model year or engine standard only. If the City replaces a vehicle year model 2004 or newer, it has to be replaced with a new vehicle and not a used vehicle. Section 1.2 outlines that in replacing model year 2003 or older vehicles it must show at least 25% reduction in Nitrogen Oxides emissions rate compared to the vehicle being replaced. The City currently does not buy used vehicles; however, it may be a consideration in replacing a large piece of equipment.

The purpose in adoption of the policy is to allow the city to compete for vehicle funding made available through the Regional Transportation Council.

Discussion concerning the funding.

This item to be on the next regular City Council agenda for approval.

3. Discussion on Resolution Regarding Dangerous Dogs.

City Manager advised this is a request from the City of Duncanville supporting the passage of legislation that would provide Texas municipalities with greater control over dangerous dogs. Duncanville will be seeking in the next legislative session for the passing of rules to prohibit breed-specific dogs.

Mayor Higgs indicated that both he and Councilman Muir were in support of this request to pass this type of legislation.

Councilman Patton expressed a concern and was not in support of legislation.

Discussion followed that this is only indicating support.

City Manager advised this does not bind the City to anything. This will be on the agenda at the next regular meeting for approval or disapproval.

- 4. Discussion on Resolution Supporting Discontinuation of the Diversion of Transportation User Revenues to Non-Transportation Uses and the Appropriation of All Revenue Generated From Highway User Fees and Taxes to Fund Transportation Projects.**

The City Manager advised that the Mayor of the City of Melissa is asking the City to support a Resolution for discontinuation of the diversion of transportation user revenues to non-transportation uses, and the appropriation of all revenue generated from highway user fees and taxes to fund transportation projects. It is estimated 14 billion dollars have been diverted from the State Highway Fund revenues.

City Manager advised that the letter does not identify non-highway related expenses.

Discussion concerning the appropriation of the funds.

Staff was instructed to research for more information on how these funds are being utilized.

- 5. Overview of Items on Regular Agenda.**

Councilman Ervin indicated that on the consent agenda item 3 (d) Pay Grade Schedule, those positions have actual amounts and asked if there was there a reason for this.

City Manager advised these are management positions where the City will open the job search outside of the City. The others are multiple positions and the pay scales are different. An example used was the police officers salaries which are all different.

Councilman Ervin discussed that the method of advertisements for all positions should be done to determine the possibility of what is available.

City Manager advised that in a small city, promotion chances are infrequent, and there are morale issues if everyone is hired from outside. We need to allow employees in the City an opportunity to advance.

Discussion concerning advancement in positions and the qualifications.

- 6. Adjournment.**

Mayor adjourned the work session.

