

**MINUTES: CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 18, 2009**

**PRESENT: Mayor Joe Higgs, Councilman Garza, Councilman Robert Patton,
Councilman Thomas Muir**

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Councilman Glenn Ervin, Councilman Walker

OTHERS

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

1. Call Meeting to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Higgs called meeting to order, Councilman Garza led the invocation, followed by Councilman Muir leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consider and Approve the Canvass of the Votes From the May 9, 2009 General Election.

- a) Issue Certificates of Election, Statement of Elected Officer, Oath of Office**
- b) Election of Mayor Pro-Tem**

Mayor Higgs indicated that the total number of voters were 234 and proceeded to canvass the votes from the May 9th General Election as follows:

City Council Place 1	Early	Election Day	Total
Thomas Muir	94	108	202
City Council Place 3			
Russell Martin	84	114	198
Jimmy Evans	17	18	35
City Council Place 5			
Samantha Renz	22	40	62
Robert Patton	79	91	170

- a) The Certificates of Elections, Statement of Elected Officer were signed by newly elected Council, City Councilman Place 1- Thomas Muir, City Councilman Place 3-Russell Martin, and City Councilman Place 5-Robert Patton. The City Secretary proceeded to swear in the newly-elected Council.**
- b) Motion was made by Councilman Patton to re-elect Glenn Ervin as Mayor Pro-Tem, and to approve the canvass of the votes. Seconded by Councilman Garza. Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Citizens Input:

Citizens are allowed 3 minutes to speak. The City Council is unable to respond or to discuss any issues brought up during this section.

None

CONSENT AGENDA

4. a) Approve Minutes: May 4, 2009 – Work Session
May 4, 2009 – City Council
c) Disbursements

Motion was made by Councilman Muir to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilman Ervin. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider any Items Removed from Consent Agenda.
6. Consider and Possible Action on Resolution #R05-05-09 by the City Council of the City of Sanger, Texas, Authorizing and Approving Publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation and Providing an Effective Date.

Motion was made by Councilman Ervin to Approve Resolution #R05-05-09. Seconded by Councilman Garza. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider and Possible Action on Raising the Capitalization Limit to \$5,000.00 or Over.

The City Manager indicated this is a recommendation from our auditors that we raise our capitalization limit. This is for the new items we buy that have to be depreciated on the depreciation schedule.

Motion was made by Councilman Patton to raise the capitalization limit to \$5,000 or over.

He expressed the “over” limit thinking that there are so many items that are purchased. The City is growing and a lot of stuff is going on, and if the City has to keep track of those items in today’s market, he considers \$5,000 too low. He would like for this to be reconsidered again, sometime at a later date.

City Manager indicated the \$5,000 is the number that is set by the State for the schools. There is not a set number for cities.

Discussion continued concerning the depreciation of items.

Seconded by Councilman Muir. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Ervin asked for clarification of “or more”.

The City Manager indicated it is anything that is over \$5,000 or more will be capitalized.

8. Consider and Possible Action on Approving the Expenditure of up to \$64,000 in 4B Funds for Additional Work on the Streetscape Project.

City Manager indicated this is for the additional work that was done on the

Streetscape project. This was approved by the 4B at their last meeting.

Councilman Muir asked if this was additional work that was done outside the scope of the original agreement.

The City Manager indicated that it is. The 4B had approved the additional work as they proceeded, but staff did not have a running total on the final cost.

Motion was made by Councilman Ervin to approve the expenditure of up to \$64,000 in 4B funds for additional work on the Streetscape Project. Seconded by Councilman Garza. Motion carried. The vote taken was as follows:

Councilman Muir, Councilman Garza, Councilman Ervin, Councilman Patton voted yes. Councilman Martin abstained.

9. Information Items:

- a) City of Sanger Investment Report**
- b) Monthly Financial Statement**
- c) 2007-2008 Equity Return – Workers Compensation and Liability Funds**

The City Manager advised that the City received \$16,458 from TML as an equity return on worker's compensation liability fund. These funds were deposited in the contingency fund.

- d) Library Monthly Report**

10. Adjournment.

Mayor Higgs adjourned the meeting.