



CITY OF BANDERA

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MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANDERA

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019 AT 5:30 PM
IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 511 MAIN STREET, BANDERA, TEXAS

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Pro Tem Rebeca Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Councilmembers Glenn Clark, Lynn Palmer, Tom McEachin and Brice Cavanaugh were present, as well as City Administrator J. Horry, Marshal Will Dietrich and City Secretary Jill Shelton. Mayor Suzanne Schauman was absent.
2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.** Matthew Gamble offered the invocation, and all stood for the pledge.
3. **Visitors to be heard.** *There were 3 visitors to be heard.*

Jane Russe with River Side RV Park spoke in reference to the new sign ordinance and the conversation with Code Enforcement Officer Jimmy Allen. She handed out a compilation of all the emails between her and Mr. Allen. She does not feel like she was treated in a kind or courteous manner.

Jerry Russe, with Riverside RV Park and Chilly Dogs, passed out his emails with Mr. Allen, as well. He spoke in reference to the new sign ordinance and the flags or feather banners. He was originally told he had to take them down at night but now the new signs ordinance restricts them to 14 days twice a year. He felt like the approach by Mr. Allen was incorrect.

Rene Leith, property manager for 1207 & 1211 Pecan Street, spoke about her tenants who have spent money before the new ordinance was adopted and why they were told they could do something but now they cannot. What was the point and why did the city need a new sign ordinance? She thinks things were working just fine. Now she is being told she could have a bigger sign. Had she known in advance, she would have purchased a different sign. She thought the Council is not very business friendly. Ending that all business owners are affected by these changes.

4. **Discussion and possible action on the following items:**
 - a. **Discuss process for choosing new City logo.** City Secretary explains the handout. The City needs to come up with a process for selection. She provided a list of ideas from research from other Cities to give ideas on what they could do to determine the winner. After some discussion, the Council suggests the City Secretary come up with a process and bring it back to Council. It was decided to leave the contest open until the process is decided and the deadline will be extended. No Action taken.
 - b. **Discussion and possible action on the "one way" sign in the City Park.** Marshal Dietrich explained to Council that the Public Works director put the sign up, but they cannot change the flow of traffic. He is against the sign because it will cause more problems than it will solve. They also cannot enforce the sign because it has not been changed by ordinance. Councilmember Palmer made a motion to have the one-way sign removed in the City park. Seconded by Councilmember Clark. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.
 - c. **Approve an interlocal agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority.** City Administrator J Horry explained the LCRA contracts with different vendors and this could extend the City's purchase power and getting big equipment cheaper. It will help the City get more bang for their buck. Councilmember Palmer made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority. Seconded by Councilmember McEachin. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.
 - d. **Update on traffic lights, TxDOT roadwork signs and AT&T boxes.** City Administrator J Horry explained the day after the last Council meeting, they fixed the light going to the school and that TXdot said they will put in a work order to see if they could get the lights in sequence to help the flow of traffic. He also spoke to AT&T. Most of the boxes are abandoned and just need to be removed. He is waiting on a call back. He also announced

that TXdot will be removing the flashing light on Main Street in front of the new hotel. There was no action taken on this item.

- e. **Approve request from the Bandera Regulars for permission for the trail riders to camp in back part of City Park for Memorial Day Weekend 2019.** Bandit, with the Bandera Regulars, stated trail rides are dying out and they want to keep them alive. The Regulars are coming up on 58 years and still ride in Bandera, Texas. They are requesting to come back because the space and places they can stay are limited. He states they hire the Marshal's Office to escort them for safety as well. Mr. Clark asked the Administrator if he had checked into his suggest on where they could camp, and he stated they had and would put them on the Maple Street extension by the Boys and Girls club and back behind the restrooms. Councilmember Palmer made a motion to approve the request from the Bandera Regulars for permission for the trail riders to be able to camp in the back part of the park or wherever they work for Memorial Day Weekend Friday, May 24, 2019 until Monday, May 27, 2019.
- f. **Approve Resolution 2019-016 amending the 2018-2019 utility rates.** Administrative Assistant Keely Millsap addressed Council about the amendments for the utility rates due to a discrepancy on the rate sheets. She explained the discrepancy would not affect any utility rates going forward, it was merely typo. Councilmember Palmer made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-016 amending the 2018-2019 utility rates. Seconded by Councilmember McEachin. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.
- g. **Approve request by Bandera Business Association to take over operation, distribution, and maintenance of the tents and equipment.** City Secretary announces that this Agenda item needs to be removed because the City does not own the tents and equipment. They are owned by the Bandera EDC so the Bandera Business Association needs to go to the EDC to make this request. No action taken.

5. Requests and announcements.

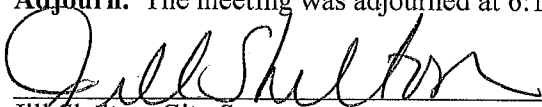
- a. **Request by Council to place items on future agenda.** There were no items named.
- b. **Announcements by Council.**

Mayor Pro Tem Gibson announced that the City needs a committee to review the International Building Codes and upgrade from 1997 to 2015. She would like to see local tradesman, Bureau Veritas, Code Enforcement, local businesses, Council and the Mayor take part. If there is interest, please email the City Secretary.

Councilmember Clark announced that he had spoken to a gentleman that lives on Montague drive that had an issue with trucks going through there, using engine brakes and using streets that are not through streets. He reported it to Code Enforcement, and he was happy to report that the man said it had stopped.

Councilmember Clark went on to state his disappointment after working with the Council for six years, how they had staff doing whatever they wanted, however they wanted to do it and getting the blessings of the Attorney and keeping the Council in the dark. He feels like we are going right back to that now. He states that something happened just recently and, as far as conversations with Attorney, the only one that could make this call would be the City Administrator and why he would go this direction, he has no idea. He is referring to him finding out on Facebook that we had a new employee that was given a title that he had never heard of before and nothing about the pay scale and all he knows is the Attorney said there was no nepotism involved. He is not saying this is against anyone's ability to do a job. The Attorney said he had a list of emails concerning how this had come about. His opinion is that this is just simply naming who someone is going to report to, in his book it's a bunch of bull. There are other things going on and that he has been fighting double standards ever since he has been on Council and that it is happening again. He is getting misinformation and being lied to. We make a case out of one person or one business. Bureau Veritas is the go-to person and they are in charge. Then we go and settle another case that has been going on for years and BV is not even aware of it even though they put demands on what needed to be done, all while the Attorney was not aware. Overall, he has dedicated a lot of years to fight this kind of stuff and he feels like the City is right back to square one.

6. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM


Jill Shelton, City Secretary