



Council Present: Mayor Breitenstein, Council Member Neely, Council Member Isom, Council Member Smallwood, Council Member Walden, Council Member Maxfield, Council Member Tallent (arrived at 6:35 pm)

Absent: None

City Staff Present: Paulette Hartman, City Manager; Annabeth Robertson, Chief of Police; Mary Beth Thomas, City Secretary; Dwayne Capps, Fire Chief

I. Call To Order.

Mayor Breitenstein called the special session to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Invocation was given by Council Member Neely.

III. Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge was led by Council Member Walden.

IV. Special Meeting Action Items: (Hartman)

1. Ratification Of Right-Of-Way Agreement With Dawson Geophysical For Seismic Exploration.

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item. After discussion, Council Member Smallwood made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement as requested. Council Member Maxfield seconded the motion.

Motion Carried – 6-0. Absent: Council Member Tallent

2. Resolution Requesting The Texas Department Of Transportation To Relocate The City Limits Sign On FM 917 Towards Egan.

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item. After a brief discussion, Council Member Walden made a motion to approve the resolution. Council Member Isom seconded the motion.

Motion Carried – 7-0. Absent: None

3. Discuss, Consider And Act Regarding A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Joshua, Texas, Authorizing A General Municipal Election To Be Held On Saturday, May 9, 2009 For The Purpose Of Electing Three (3) City Council Members; Authorizing A Joint Election With The Joshua Independent School District To Be Held May 9, 2009; Designating Election Precincts; Appointing Election Officials; Providing For Notice Of Said Election; Providing For The Use Of Voting Machines; Providing For Early Voting; Establishing Hours For Early Voting By Personal Appearance; Providing A Severability Clause; And Providing An Effective Date. (Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item. After a brief discussion, Council Member Maxfield made a motion to approve the resolution. Council Member Tallent seconded the motion.

Motion Carried – 7-0. Absent: None

V. Planning Work Session Discussion Items:

1. Presentation Of Fire Department Master Plan By Emergency Services Consulting Inc.

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, introduced Kent Greene and Lane Wintermute, representatives with ESCI, who presented the master plan and answered questions by Council Members.

The special session recessed at 8:10 p.m.

The special session reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

2. Discuss And Review Goals/Vision Statements For The City Of Joshua.

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item. After discussion, general consensus was to revise the goals/vision statement to state:

- Promote a positive city image
- Provide professional, responsive and financially responsible City services.
- Enhance public safety and infrastructure
- Promote family oriented, planned community growth
- Plan for quality development, economic diversity, and revitalization
- Enhance internal/external communications, education and involvement

Council also provided consensus to delete the numbers from the goals/vision statements and provide bullet points.

3. Discuss And Review Status Of Policy Action Items Established In 2008.

4. Discuss Work Plan For 2009:

- a. Council Meeting And Council Action Process
- b. Planning For Bond Election
- c. Planning For Future Park
- d. Enhancing The City's Image Through Focused Code Compliance Efforts
- e. Improving Emergency Communications And Emergency Planning
- f. Items To Be Requested By The Mayor And Council Members

After discussion of Items 3 & 4, Council was provided a list of potential action items for the coming year which they ranked and turned into the City Manager. The Council also discussed establishing Council Rules of Procedure, and directed staff to prepare a draft to present to the City Council at a later meeting.

VI. Adjournment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Merle Breitenstein, Mayor
City of Joshua, Texas

ATTEST:

Mary Beth Thomas, City Secretary
City of Joshua, Texas