

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE  
PRAIRIE VIEW CITY COUNCIL  
OF WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS  
FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m..

**Certification of Quorum**

Roll Call of Quorum was called by Shelytha Alexander. All Council Members were in attendance also City Attorney.

**Invocation**

Council Member Randle performed the invocation.

**Citizens Comments**

Comments: Bruce Davis, Ron Leverett, James Larry, LaVaughn Mosley, Commissioner Barnett, Veronica Hargest, Dr. Priscilla Harris, and Dr. Sam Chunga presented their views on issues before the city.

**Presentation by Larry Jones on SMART METERS.**

Mr. Jones presented to the Mayor and City Council a brochure on SMART METERS and gave a summary. City of Prairie View Objectives : develop water meter billing solution, provide excellent customer service, reduce employee stress, time and manpower, a long-term partnership. Current Situation: lack a proven billing system with procedures, provide citizens' documentation of water usage, paying overtime to collect data, not billing for 26% of water produced, spending \$12,000 on overtime to read meters, unable to detect leaks. Ways' Proposed Solution: install new AMI Water "Monitoring" Systems(900 units), deploy DA technologies to enable city to identify leaks, breaks and usage, 20 year guarantee meter, 10 year guarantee on battery, system can grow with needs, full software support.

**Presentation by Councilmember Brian Rowland on Municipal Revenue**

**Sources: What the City Council Can Do to Generate Revenue.**

Councilmember Rowland presented to the Mayor and City Council information on Revenue Sources. Property Taxes, Sales Taxes, Where Cities get their money, Expanding Tax Base Incentives offered by City Council, and Expanding Tax Base Incentives offered by EDC/MDD.

**Approval of Ratification of Accounts Payable for February 24, 2015.**

Motion was made by Council Member Rowland second by Council Member Thomas. Council Member Herndon had an unreadiness which was the \$750.00 for the fire department, monthly budgeted funds.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	opposed
Council Member Thomas	yes
Council Member Barnett	yes

**Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2015.**

Motion to approve the Minutes from January 27, 2015 City Council Meeting with necessary corrections was made by Council Member Thomas second by Council Member Rowland.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	unreadiness
Council Member Thomas	yes
Council Member Barnett	yes

**Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2015 City of Prairie View Home Rule Charter Commission. (Error not on these minutes)**

**Discuss and take action on Tax Refund in the amount of \$36.52 to Weatherspoon, Lindsey Estate (City of PV acct#352000-005-004-000), Invoice #5637.**

Motion was made by Council Member Herndon second by Council Member Thomas to approve a Tax Refund in the amount of \$36.52 to Weatherspoon, Lindsey Estate.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	yes
Council Member Thomas	yes
Council Member Barnett	yes

**Discuss and take action on Tax Refund in the amount of \$36.52 to Jones, Alvin, Jones, Landis, Jones, Bruce L. and Jones, Brent M.(City of PV acct#619000-002-002-000), Invoice #5642.**

Motion was made by Council Member Herndon second by Council Member Thomas to approve a Tax Refund in the amount of \$36.52 to Jones, Alvin, Jones, Landis, Jones, Bruce L. and Jones, Brent M.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	yes
Council Member Thomas	yes
Council Member Barnett	yes

**Discuss and take action on renewing Contract for J & J Johnson, City Accountant.**

Motion was made by Council Member Barnett second by Council Member Herndon to table item #12. Council Member Barnett had an unreadiness, had questions for J. J..

Motion didn't pass.

Council Member Rowland	oppose
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	no
Council Member Thomas	yes
Council Member Barnett	unreadiness

**Discuss and take action on appointing Mrs. Eula Richard as Election Judge, Mrs. Gwen Carter as Alternate Judge and Mrs. Joyce Thornton as the Election Clerk for the May 9, 2015 General Election.**

Motion was made by Council Member Randle second by Council Member Herndon to appoint Mrs. Eula Richard as Election Judge, Mrs. Gwen Carter as Alternate Judge and Mrs. Joyce Thornton as the Election Clerk for the May 9, 2015 General Election.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	yes
Council Member Thomas	yes
Council Member Barnett	yes

**Opening & awarding of sealed bids for the 24' x 64' metal building(city hall annex).**

Motion was made by Council Member Herndon second by Council Member Thomas to post pone until next Council Meeting(3-24-15).

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	yes
Council Member Thomas	yes
Council Member Barnett	yes

**Presentation of report from City Charter Commission and proposed City Charter for the City of Prairie View.**

Commission Member David Allen informed the Mayor and City Council the Charter Committee met on several occasions. If the City Council have questions with what they received the Committee will answer them.

Mayor Jackson recommendation to Commission Member Allen was to go forward.

**Consideration and possible action regarding the report of the City Charter Commission and the proposed Charter for the City of Prairie View, Texas.**

Motion was made by Council Member Herndon second by Council Member Rowland to act on recommendation. Council Member Rowland had an unreadiness, asked if the City Attorney reviewed?

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	yes
Council Member Thomas	yes
Council Member Barnett	yes

**Consideration and possible action on an amendment to the Ordinance #01272015 of the City of Prairie View, Texas providing for the holding of a General Election to be held on May 9, 2015 for the purpose of electing three(3) city council members, and ordering a special election to be held on May 9, 2015 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the city a proposition relating to the adoption of a Home Rule Charter.**

Motion was made by Council Member Herndon second by Council Member Rowland to move forward to authorize City Charter.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	yes
Council Member Thomas	yes
Council Member Barnett	yes

**Department Head Reports**

Reports were turned in.

**Council Members Reports (written)**

Reports were turned in.

**Mayors Report / Remarks**

Mayor Jackson addressed all questions and remarks by the citizens. Mayors report turned in.

**Executive Session (Close to Public)**

The City Council of the City of Prairie View convened into Executive Session Pursuant to section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with its attorney; and pursuant to section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

**Discuss and take any action from Executive Session**

Frederick Alexander was hired as a full time Field Operator Supervisor.

**Announcements**

Interim City Secretary Shelytha Alexander informed the Mayor and City Council that process began to hire City Secretary.

Question was asked by Council Member Randle was the agenda posted on bulletin board outside?

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn City Council Meeting at 9:50 p.m. was made by Council Member Rowland second by Council Member Randle.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Council Member Rowland	yes
Council Member Randle	yes
Council Member Herndon	yes
Council Member Thomas	yes
Council Member Barnett	yes

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Interim City Secretary Shelytha Alexander