

CITY OF ZAVALLA
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MAY 22, 2017

The Zavalla City Council met for a special called meeting on May 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Zavalla City Hall, located at 838 East Main Street, Zavalla, Texas 75980.

Mayor Carlos Guzman called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and established a quorum.

Council present were Mayor, Carlos Guzman, Randall Dykes, Brenda Cox, Pam Hooks, and Delton Billeaudeau.

Staff present were Aimee Cloutier and Stefanie Wade.

Guest present were Lloyd Cox.

Delton Billeaudeau gave the invocation.

Mayor Guzman said the next order of business was to discuss and possibly decide whether to have an election or appoint someone for the vacancy on the Zavalla City Council. Randall Dykes made the motion to appoint someone for the vacancy, Brenda Cox second the motion, all in favor, motion passed and approved.

Next order of business: If decided to appoint someone for the vacancy on the Zavalla City Council. The Council will discuss and possibly appoint someone.

Brenda Cox made the motion to appoint Denita Ross for the vacancy, Pam Hooks second the motion, all in favor, motion passed and approved.

Next order of business: Discuss and possibly appoint Mayor Pro-Tem:

Brenda Cox made the motion to appoint Randall Dykes as Mayor Pro-Tem, Delton Billeaudeau second the motion, all in favor, motion passed and approved.


Final Order of Business: Discuss and possibly purchase a 2010 Crown Vic for the Police Department:

Mayor Guzman said he got the price of the car from \$7,000 down to \$6,000.00. He stated the owner just put four brand new tires on the vehicle and would like to get his money back for the tires bringing the total to \$6,400.00. Randall stated that it was a nice vehicle. Brenda Cox asked who it was checked out by and Carlos stated Jerry Matchet. Brenda Cox asked if the brakes were good. Carlos said yes, the only thing wrong with the vehicle was the motor on the driver's side window needed to be replaced and that was it. Delton Billeaudeau asked how many miles were on the car and Carlos said 61,000. Pam Hooks asked Stefanie if she checked out the car. She said she wanted to talk about it and gave the council a packet titled "Public's Perception

of Law Enforcement”, and read it aloud. Chief Wade stated that she is in the public every day and perception is important. She stated the clinic is going to bring in people from different counties. She stated that she believed the Mayors intentions were solely good but, she doesn’t think the city should make such rash decisions. Chief Wade said the Police department has one vehicle with an eps issue and they could put it in the shop or find a local mechanic that is not going to charge the City as much as the Dodge dealership to see what is causing this issue. She stated that this car already has everything that they need but needs a new battery which she priced at \$172.00. Brenda Cox asked Chief Wade how long the car had been like that? Chief Wade said not very long. Brenda Cox told Chief Wade that she is trying to portray that if they had a new car to step out of, that they were going to do better in our police department. She also said that the police officers walk around good, look good, and smell good, but it is not going to make you work anymore. Brenda Cox asked Chief Wade if her budget allows her a new car and Chief Wade said no. Chief Wade said that they could not put the Crown Vic into action because the lights do not work. Carlos said that they do work and Tom Selman, the constable with Angelina County is going to replace the console and going to put some take down lights in the vehicle. Chief Wade wanted to know why the City wants to purchase this vehicle when it might only cost the City \$500.00 to fix the vehicle we currently have. Councilwoman Brenda Cox said it should have been put into action before the City got this one lined up. Mayor Guzman said this car would be great even if we only got two or three years out of it. Council woman Pam Hooks stated that they have been trying to do this for a long time, but the Mayor would not let anyone do anything until he found something that he wants to get. Councilwoman Brenda Cox said that was uncalled for. The mayor asked Chief Wade if he would not let her get anything and Chief Wade said she did not say that. Pam said she was not talking about Chief Wade she was talking about in general. Mayor Guzman asked for a motion. Councilwoman Brenda Cox made the motion to buy the 2010 Crown Victoria, Randall Dykes second the motion, Delton Billeaudeau for, and Pam Hooks against. Item passed and approved.

Pam Hooks stated that the City is going broke, broke, broke and Brenda Cox said we have so many haters.

Mayor Carlos Guzman adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.



Carlos Guzman
Mayor



Waunesa Herrington
City Secretary