

AUDIT REPORT: Hear financial audit report for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 from a representative of Davis Kinard & Co., PC and consider accepting audit report as well as authorizing publication of audit statement.

Jeremy Stevens representing Davis Kinard & Co., PC presented the 2013-2014 Audit for the City of Lamesa. Motion by Council Member Stevens to accept the audit report and authorize publication of the audit statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Britt and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

Council Member Rubio stepped out of the council meeting at this time.

VOTING: "AYE" 5 "NAY" 0 "ABSTAIN" 0

OPEN AND AWARD BIDS – POLICE DEPARTMENT: Open and award bids for 3 police vehicles.

Mayor Nix announced that Spike Ford was the only local bidder to submit a timely bid for the police vehicles.

Spike Ford \$26,120.00 per vehicle without police package

A brief discussion was had regarding the bid price and the possibility of purchasing vehicles from the Buy Board at a lower cost to the city. City Manager Wayne Chapman stated that the price for a police vehicle from Buy Board was \$23,131.00 per vehicle without police package.

Council Member Rubio returned to the meeting at this time.

Motion by Council Member Britt to reject the bid from Spike Ford. Motion seconded by Council Member Stevens and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING: "AYE" 6 "NAY" 0 "ABSTAIN" 0

Council Members expressed appreciation to Spike Ford for their interest in bidding for the police vehicles.

ATMOS ENERGY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT: Consider passing an ordinance on on 2nd and final reading an ordinance of the city council of the City of Lamesa, Texas, approving a negotiated resolution between the Atmos West Texas Cities Steering Committee ("WTX cities") and Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division regarding the company's 2014 rate review mechanism filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement, finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest; requiring the company to reimburse cities' reasonable ratemaking expenses; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas open meetings act; adopting a Savings Clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring deliver of this ordinance to the company and the WTX cities' legal counsel.

Motion by Council Member Hughes to pass an ordinance on 2nd and final reading an ordinance of the city council of the City of Lamesa, Texas, approving a negotiated resolution between the Atmos West Texas Cities Steering Committee ("WTX cities") and Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division regarding the company's 2014 rate review mechanism filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement, finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Consider meeting in closed executive session to discuss personnel matters. (Section 551.074 Texas Government Code).

Council Member Briseno read a brief statement requesting that Council Member delay making any decisions regarding the hiring of a City Manager until Mr. Vera takes his position as Council Member of District 5. In her statement she pointed out that the post of city manager is the top administrative position of the city and would directly affect all employees of the city as well as its citizens.

She said it was her opinion that since the search has gone this long, "what would a few more days hurt" if the council delayed making its decision until former city manager Fred Vera can be installed on the City Council. She stated that she believes that Vera's 10 years of experience as a city manager would be beneficial to the City Council in making its decision on a city manager.

Mayor Nix responded that he had spoken with Mr. Vera and had solicited his advice. But he added, that he had felt it was the sentiment of the City Council to move ahead as soon as possible with the naming of a new city manager.

Council Member Britt expressed concern on the prolonged time that current City Manager Wayne Chapman has spent working both jobs. Council Member Stevens told Council Member Briseno that he personally took offense at her indication that the council members would not be capable of making a sound decision without Mr. Vera's help. Council Member Hughes stated that the City Council had started its search well before anyone even knew that Mr. Vera was going to seed a position on the City Council.

Mayor Nix and other Council Members disagreed and voiced their concern with further delay of making this decision.

Motion by Council Member Britt to convene into closed executive session to discuss personnel matters. (Section 551.074 Texas Government Code). Motion seconded by Council Member Briseno and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING: "AYE" 6 "NAY" 0 "ABSTAIN" 0

PERSONNEL MATTERS: Discuss and consider taking action regarding the City Manager search.

No action was taken.

FINANCIAL REPORT: City Manager Wayne Chapman, reported on the city's finances.

INVESTMENT REPORT: City Manager Wayne Chapman reported on the city's financial consolidated investment funds.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager reported on current activities and answer questions from the City Council.

- Update from Terri Stahl on the Chicken Fried-Steak Festival
- Update from Larry Duyck on the city's new ISO rating

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Nix announced that the next regular called meeting of the City Council of the City of Lamesa, Texas would be held on May 19, 2015. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council certifies that the items above are a full record of the subject matter of each deliberation and indicates each vote, order, decision or other action taken by the City Council of the City of Lamesa, Texas at the meeting held on the date indicated above. Ratified and approved at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lamesa, Texas held on May 19, 2015.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Maria Hatchett, TRMC
City Secretary

Dave Nix
Mayor