May 7, 2013 - Special Meeting

The Bastrop City Council met in regular session on May 7, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. at the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Members present were Mayor Terry Orr and Council Members Ken Kesselus, Kay Garcia McAnally, Joe Beal, Willie DeLaRosa and Dock Jackson.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:19 p.m. Mayor Terry Orr called the meeting to order with all members present.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council reserves the right to convene into Executive Session at any time during the meeting regarding any agenda item. In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 Government Code, Vernon's Texas Code, Annotated, the item below will be discussed in closed session.

1. Section 551.071 – (1)(A) and Section 551.71 (2) Consultation with Attorney concerning (1) contemplated, pending or threatened litigation, and (2) matters upon which the attorney has a duty and/or responsibility to report to the governmental body.

At 6:20 PM, Mayor Orr convened the Bastrop City Council into a closed/executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 to discuss the following:

1. Section 551.071 – (1)(A) and Section 551.071 (2) Consultation with Attorney concerning:

(1) Contemplated, pending or threatened litigation, and

(2) Matters upon which the attorney has a duty and/or responsibility to report to the governmental body.

3. THE BASTROP CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO SPECIAL SESSION TO DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND/OR TAKE ANY ACTION(S) NECESSARY RELATED TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTES HEREIN:

At 6:59 PM, Mayor Orr reconvened the Bastrop City Council into Special Session to discuss, consider and/or take any action(s) necessary related to the Executive Session notes herein.

No action was taken.

4. CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PRESENTATION OF "CITY OF BASTROP LONG TERM WATER SUPPLY PLANNING STUDY" BY K FRIESE AND ASSOCIATES.

Mr. Talbot stated that the Council had been given hard copies of the study two (2) weeks earlier for review and that Charlotte Gilpen with K. Friese and Associates had prepared a condensed PowerPoint presentation for Council. Mr. Kesselus expressed some concerns that the document was a public record but felt that some areas of the study may need to be discussed in executive session as it related to competitive matters. Ms. Gilpen passed out maps and hard copies of the PowerPoint for council to use as reference and stated her goal was to summarize the report and welcomed input and/or questions from the Council. Mr. Talbot also stated that this study did not look at existing wells and the goal is to get away from the alluvial wells. Ms. Gilpen started her presentation. Hard copy of presentation is attached to these minutes.

After presentation Mr. Talbot explained that any of the three (3) options in the study would take at least a year to implement. Mayor Orr stated he was looking at Mr. Beal's guidance and to work on behalf of the Council with Mr. Talbot. Mr. Beal stated he would be happy to do that. Mayor stated that he knows Aqua is a major supplier in Central Texas and that may be a good option to pursue. Mr. Talbot stated that he is continuing to work with Aqua for a long term agreement and commented that once all terms and conditions were presented to the City by Aqua and agreement was accepted, that Aqua could tie into the City system in about 30 days. Mr. Talbot stressed the importance of continuing efforts as he does not know the reliability of the City's current wells.

Mr. Beal stated that just because we may have a short term solution does not mean that Council should stop discussing and planning for a long term solution. He pointed out that typically Aqua Water Supply Corp is not a municipal water provider so long term planning is a must. Mr. Beal discussed the LCRA and Boy Scout options as addressed in the study. He stated that this is a good report and can be used by the City for a long time. His hope is that the Council is ready to start making decisions about water. He also stated that $2.00/1000 gallons was a very good price to purchase water.

Council asked Mr. Talbot about a time frame on Aqua proposal. Mr. Talbot stated he expected to receive their proposal the first week of June and should be prepared to bring it before Council by the third week of June. Mr. Talbot also informed the Council that he had not received a proposal from XS Ranch at this time and that the Boy Scouts do have other options and would like to know in a timely manner the City's intentions.

Mr. DeLaRosa commented that there is a lot of undeveloped land between the City and XS Ranch and thought that the City might explore that option.

Mr. Jackson commented that he had learned a lot at this meeting but wants more time to review the study but feels the Council needs to continue to move forward.

Mr. Talbot expressed that it may be better for the Council to meet more frequent than quarterly to better stay on top and issues. Ms. McAnally supported a change in the schedule to meet more frequent.

Mr. Beal asked that the City Manager come back to Council and say "this is what we need to do" and be able to back it up and the Council be ready to say let's do it.

The Council thanked K Friese and Associates for the study and the presentation.

No formal action taken.

F. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 p.m., Joe Beal moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Kay Garcia-McAnally and carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

Terry Orr

Terry Orr, Mayor

ATTEST:

Traci Chavez

Traci Chavez, Interim City Secretary