## Minutes For the Regular City Council Meeting June 16, 2016 6:00 P.M. Municipal Building 511 Main Street Bandera, Texas

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor John Hegemier, everyone stood for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. All Councilmember's are present. Visitors to be heard, Linda Stein stated she was sorry for the loss of life her suggestion is to slope the dam. Is against Placements for the City Council seats, stating this gives an unfair advantage over certain seats. Ms. Stein ask that this issue be tabled and thought a lot about because of the politics that can be played in this small town. Don Clark asks to speak and states that he would like to see a placement system in place. Mr. Clark states he would like to see it placed on the ballot and let the voters decide.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rebecca Gibson to approve the minutes from a previous meeting June 2, 2016, seconded by Councilmember Sheila Pumphrey, all in favor, none opposed. Motion to approve minutes from June 6, 2016 6 P.M. Special called meeting, seconded by Councilmember Sheila Pumphrey, all in favor, none opposed. Motion to approve minutes from the June 6, 2016, 7 P.M. Special Called Meeting made by Councilmember Rebecca Gibson, seconded by Councilmember Sheila Pumphrey, all in favor, none opposed.

## Departmental Reports:

City Administrator, Mike Garr reported to Council that we are within a couple of weeks of condemning the Della Bailey property. The Commissioners Court has approved of the Condemning of the property. The City has hired two part time people with the DPW to help with vacations and stuff going on with the staff. Also, a new two day a week office person.

Municipal Court Report Reviewed with no questions.

Marshals Report: Marshal Will Dietrich gave an oral report as well as a printed report to Council. Marshal Dietrich read the following letter of Accommodation for Deputy Marshal Willie Smith to Council.

To: Deputy Marshal William Smith

From: Marshal W. Dietrich

RE: MSGT Rodney Buentello Drowning

On June 08, 2016 members of the Bandera Marshal's Office responded to the Bandera City Park for a report of several subjects trapped in the undertow at the Medina River Dam. A juvenile female had been walking across the dam and got washed off and become trapped in the current. Her teenage boyfriend jumped in the water to help her and he became trapped.

MSGT Rodney Buentello was in the park with his family and he quickly responded. Buentello jumped in the water and managed to save both children, but was unable to save himself.

Deputy Smith was faced with the task of collecting information from the witnesses, victims and the Buentello family. Ultimately he was tasked with informing Buentello's wife Lisa that her husband had drowned.

Deputy Smith handled these duties admirably. He moved the family to a safe location and stayed with them away from the scene of the tragedy.

On the morning of the Bandera All Class Reunion Memorial Service at the Bandera City Park, I met Lisa Buentello for the first time. As soon as she saw Deputy Smith it became readily apparent to me that he had made an impact on her and the family at this awful time in their lives. She went straight to Deputy Smith and gave him a hug.

Deputy Smith never strayed from the family during the service and made sure they were

not troubled by the media.

I would like to commend Deputy Smith's kindness, compassion and professionalism in dealing with this difficult and tragic situation. His behavior is consistent with the highest standards and traditions of the Bandera Marshal's Office.

## Marshal W. Dietrich

City Administrator commended the Marshals for being on top of things during the Memorial Day flood. Marshal Dietrich Commended Deputy Earl Heidelberg for his quick response during the flood stating had it not been for the quick actions of Deputy Heidelberg there would have most certainly been loss of life.

Treasurer's Report: Mayor states we are not really ready for a Treasurers report.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Roy Clayton states that we are making some progress since the flood, the PWD is very busy cleaning up brush as well as doing all the other task of the department. City Administrator Mike Garr: Republic has offered to do a brush pick up one trip for \$1,500.00 for one day or as much as \$3,000.00 for two days.

City Secretary Reported that the Cat Spay and Neuter Program is going well with volunteers taking the cats back and forth to have the procedures. Public works, Brian Cummings and Chris Kutza have been trapping the cats and taking care of them while this is going on.

Councilmember Cindy Coffey removes Items H & I.

Motion made by Councilmember Charlotte Browning to make Maple Street a one way street during Riverfest. Seconded by Councilmember Jim Hannah, all in favor, none opposed.

Motion made by Councilmember Rebecca Gibson, to allow the Boys and Girls club to close intersection of  $9^{th}$  and maple and  $8^{th}$  and cypress for movie night June 30, 2016, July 9, 2016 and July 30, 2016 at a time to be determined at a later time, seconded by Councilmember Charlotte Browning, all in favor, none opposed.

Motion made by Councilmember Rebecca Gibson to authorize the City Administrator to move forward with the contract between the City of Bandera and JJ's eats and treats with the attached vendor permit application as discussed, seconded by Councilmember Charlotte Browning, all in favor, Councilmember Cindy Coffey abstains. Motion carries.

Mayor John Hegemier apologizes to Toni Kunz for putting this item on the agenda. Council had decided that a thirty day time period had been established to run an ad and gather applications for appointment to the Economic Development Corporation. This item will be on the agenda of the July 7, 2016 regular City Council Meeting.

Place system for elected officials, Mayor John Hegemier states that he is the one that placed this item on the agenda, Councilmember Rebecca Gibson states that the City would be doing a service to the community to get people signed up to vote. She doesn't think the City has enough voters to have this type of system. Don Clark states that he would like to see this item put on the Ballot in

November. This item is postponed until after Council has heard from some of their constituents. No Action.

Erect a plaque in City Park in memory of Master Sergeant Buentello that saved the two teens from drowning. City Administrator stated he had been contacted by a relative of the family that wanted to build a pavilion in City Park in honor of the Hero. There is a City Park Plan that needs to be coordinated with if there is going to be a building of a pavilion. It is suggested that a flag pole in honor is the correct thing to do at this time. Everything must be coordinated with the family by the City Marshal Will Dietrich. There is no action at this time.

Council reviewed the re-rates for employee insurance.

Councilmember Cindy Coffey acknowledged that a letter had been received from Cherry Barrett of Bandera about some customer service that she had received and would like Council to review these issues at the scheduled workshop.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilmember Rebecca Gibson 7:16 p.m.

Sherrie Hamilton

City Secretary