

Julie Masters, Mayor  
Charles Suderman  
Mary Dunbaugh  
Walter Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem

# MINUTES

City of Dickinson  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

Kerry Neves  
Louis Decker  
William H. King III  
Julie M. Johnston, City  
Administrator

**MAY 25, 2010**

The Dickinson City Council met in a duly called and announced **REGULAR MEETING** on **TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010**. The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers located at 4403 Highway 3, Dickinson, Galveston County, Texas, and was held for the purpose of considering the following items:

**ITEM 1.) CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Julie Masters called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Kevin Byal gave the Invocation and Mary Young led the Pledge of Allegiance. City Secretary Carol McLemore called roll and certified a quorum. Council Members present were as follows: Mayor Julie Masters, Mayor Pro Tem Walter Wilson and Council Members Mary Dunbaugh, Kerry Neves, Louis Decker and William King. Councilman Charles Suderman was not present. Also present were City Administrator Julie Johnston, Chief of Police Ron Morales, Finance Director Mary Young, Public Works Director Kellis George, Building Official Kevin Byal, Police Captain Melvin Mason, and Administrative Services Coordinator Angela Forbes.

**ITEM 2.) PROCLAMATIONS AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Masters read a proclamation proclaiming May 23, as Parkinson's Awareness Day in Dickinson and presented the proclamation to members of the Gulf Parkinson's Support.

Council commented on the following topics:

- Welcome to everyone present and thanks for coming.
- Acknowledgement of Boy Scout in attendance at the meeting.
- Annual Fall Festival and Health Fair on October 15.
- Ceremony for the return of the STS-132 Crew at Ellington Field on May 25.
- Congratulations to Tony Valdez and all the officers and citizens who worked on the Health and Safety Fair held May 22.
- A list of abandoned houses and FEMA trailers still in place as a result of Hurricane Ike.
- Appreciation for Julie Johnston and all who worked on the Red, White and Bayou Crawfish and Texas Music Festival
- Ceremony to dedicate Veteran's Memorial built by Andrew Kluksdahl at the Gazebo on Memorial Day
- Congratulations to Dickinson High School Seniors 2010.

**ITEM 3.) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Debby Turner, 4905 29<sup>th</sup> Street, brought to City Council's attention the drainage ditch behind her house that has only been cleaned out one time in the seven years she has lived there. She also reported on the drug and loud music problem in her neighborhood. The City Administrator noted that the drainage issues would be on the next Council Meeting agenda for update and discussion.

Bill Schick, 2926 Mellow, asked about the schedule for re-construction of Hughes Road. He also noted that Hughes Road needed more lighting. Mayor Masters said that the re-construction of Hughes Road is a part of the County Bond Program. The City Administrator responded that the project is in the design phase.

**ITEM 4.) CONSENT AGENDA: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

The following items were considered routine by the City Council and were enacted by one motion. There was not a separate discussion on these items.

- A. Approval of Minutes of Special Council Workshop of May 11, 2010
- B. Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of May 11, 2010
- C. Approval of Minutes of Special Joint Meeting with Galveston County WCID #1 of May 17, 2010

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman King seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

5 AYES (Dunbaugh, Wilson, Neves, Decker and King)  
0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ITEM 5.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** City Hall/Library Project including the following items.

- A. Update on HVAC Issues.
- B. Update on Landscaping Through TxDOT Grant and Installation of Irrigation System and Drains.
- C. Update on Status of Survey and Replat of Property.

City Administrator Julie Johnston gave a brief update on the outstanding items for the City Hall/Library Project. Council took no action in this matter.

**ITEM 6.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Update on Public Works Projects

- A. Winding Brook Drainage Project
- B. Lovers Lane Reconstruction Project
- C. Avenue J Reconstruction Project
- D. 44<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project
- E. Sunset Drive (Timber Drive to Highway 3) Reconstruction Project
- F. Oak Ridge Reconstruction Project
- G. Cherry Street Bridge Reconstruction

Public Works Director Kellis George gave a brief update on the Public Works Projects. Council took no action.

**ITEM 7.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Update on Hurricane Ike CDBG Projects

Councilman Neves gave an update on the latest information from Houston-Galveston Area Council on the funding for the Hurricane Ike CDBG projects. He reported that it did look like some of the money would be released earlier than had been anticipated. Council took no action.

**ITEM 8.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Update on Dickinson Bayou Watershed Committee Meeting

Councilman Decker gave a report on the May 18 meeting of the Dickinson Bayou Watershed Committee. Council took no action in this matter.

**ITEM 9.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Update on Red, White and Bayou Crawfish and Texas Music Festival.

City Administrator Julie Johnston gave a brief report on the success of the Red, White and Bayou Crawfish and Texas Music Festival in spite of the rain-out. She noted that the bands were cancelled because it was too wet to set up the sound equipment. She said she was filing a claim on the Event Weather Insurance Policy that had been taken out for the event to recoup some of the losses. Ms. Johnston noted that she and Councilman Neves had been working with the VFW to see about the possibility of bringing some of the bands scheduled for Red, White & Bayou to their annual Fourth of July Celebration as an extension of Red, White & Bayou and with the hope of revitalizing the celebration. She briefly explained that the VFW would sell food and drink and that the money made on the event would be divided equally between the VFW, the Ladies' Auxiliary, and Red, White and Bayou. She asked Council for permission to take \$10,000 out of the General Fund in order to secure the bands and do the necessary

advertising of the event. Councilman Neves made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Dunbaugh seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

4 AYES (Dunbaugh, Wilson, Neves and King)

1 NAY (Decker)

**MOTION PASSED.**

Councilman Decker noted that the fencing that was placed for the festival should be removed sooner than Monday, since it affected access to several businesses.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM 10.) PUBLIC HEARING:** The City of Dickinson, Texas, will hold a public hearing to receive input from the public regarding the need for the City to adopt a juvenile curfew ordinance.

- A. Open Public Hearing  
Mayor Masters opened the Public Hearing at 7:47 p.m.
- B. Those in Favor  
No one spoke in favor of the ordinance.
- C. Those Against  
No one spoke against the ordinance.
- D. Adjournment  
Mayor Masters adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

The City Administrator noted that the ordinance would be on the agenda for the next Regular City Council Meeting for consideration to extend the curfew for another three years.

**ITEM 11.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Approval of Final Replat for the 4.7 +/- Acre Tract Containing the Dickinson City Hall and Library Complex.

City Council reviewed the proposed final replat for the tract containing the Dickinson City Hall and Library Complex. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson asked about the areas still not settled with Texas Department of Transportation. The City Administrator noted that a request to abandon the two areas had been submitted to TxDOT and, once approved by TxDOT, the changes could be made administratively. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson made a motion to approve the Final Replat for the 4.7 +/- tract containing the Dickinson City Hall and Library Complex. Councilman Dunbaugh seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

5 AYES (Dunbaugh, Wilson, Neves, Decker and King)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED.**

- ITEM 12.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Ordinance Number 697-2010 – **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR DICKINSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE** (First and final reading).

Mayor Masters read the ordinance by caption only. Following some discussion, Councilwoman Dunbaugh made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 697-2010 on first and final reading. Councilman King seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

5 AYES (Dunbaugh, Wilson, Neves, Decker and King)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED.**

- ITEM 13.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Resolution Number 1123-2010 - **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A RECOGNITION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF DICKINSON AND THE TEXAS POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, ESTABLISHING THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN, AND SETTING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF, EACH PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SUCH AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Masters read the resolution by caption only. Chief Ron Morales gave a power point presentation outlining the program and reasons for participating. He explained the costs associated with getting certified and the ongoing costs for continuing to participate in the program. After some discussion and questions from City Council, Councilman Neves made a motion to approve Resolution Number 1123-2010. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

5 AYES (Dunbaugh, Wilson, Neves, Decker and King)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED.**

**ITEM 14.) ADJOURN**

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.  
Councilwoman Dunbaugh seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

5 AYES (Dunbaugh, Wilson, Neves, Decker and King)

0 NAYS

**MOTION PASSED.**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

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Julie Masters, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Carol L. McLemore  
City Secretary