

**CITY OF SEVEN POINTS
MINUTES
SEVEN POINTS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10, 2022, AT 7:00 PM
CHAMBER ROOM OF SEVEN POINTS CITY HALL**

- 1. Call to order and roll call.**
The Regular Meeting of the Seven Points City Council was Called to Order at 7:00p.m by Mayor Skippy Waters; Mayor Pro Tem Andy Perdue, Council Members Charles Longacre, Michael Lowe, and LaJohnna Wells were present to establish a quorum.
- 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**
Chief Raymond Wennerstrom gave the invocation and Skippy Waters led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Public Comments.**
No Citizens signed up to speak.
- 4. Consent Items.**

 - A. Approve Minutes from the February 10, 2022 Regular Meeting and the February 23, 2022 Special Called Meeting.**
Upon motion by Andy Perdue and a second by Charles Longacre; the vote was four (4) for and none opposed to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.
 - B. Approve February Financials, subject to audit.**
Upon motion by Andy Perdue and a second by Charles Longacre; the vote was four (4) for and none opposed to approve the February financials subject to audit. Motion Carried.
- 5. Discuss and vote on removing Shane Hyde and Tony Payne from the Planning and Zoning Committee.**
Upon motion by Charles Longacre and a second by LaJohnna Wells; the vote was four (4) for and none opposed to remove Shane Hyde and Tony Payne from the Planning and Zoning Committee. Motion carried.
- 6. Discuss and vote on adding Stephanie Love to the Planning and Zoning Committee.**
Mac McKinsey stated that he thought she would be an asset to the Planning and Zoning and that she did live within the 15 mile range. Upon motion by Andy Perdue and a second by Charles Longacre; the vote was four (4) for and none opposed to add Stephanie Love to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Motion carried.
- 7. Discuss and take any necessary action on the recommendation from Planning and Zoning about adding Residential to the B-2 Zoning at 640 S. Seven Points Blvd.**
Mac McKinsey stated that it was commercial property and the Lady wanted to add residential but due to the by-laws and ordinances the City cannot do spot-zoning. Therefore, the Planning and Zoning Committee recommends to deny her request. Upon motion by Michael Lowe and a second by Charles Longacre; the vote was four (4) for and none opposed to deny the addition of residential to the commercial property at 640 S. Seven Points Blvd. Motion carried.
- 8. Remove from the Table and discuss and take any necessary action on the information from Chief Wennerstrom about Archive Social.**
Chief Wennerstrom stated that Archive Social is the company that we pay to archive all the social media that's on the City website, Facebook page, Police Department Facebook page and we can add the Fire Department's Facebook page. With that being said, if somebody makes a comment on any of the social media pages, Archive Social goes in and basically collects all that and if someone deletes a comment, Archive Social already has it saved and if someone asked for a public request for that certain comment then all we have to do is contact them and they will send it to us. He stated he had reached out to Gun Barrel but they didn't call back, to see who they were using. He reached out to a bigger city to see what they were paying and it's about the same. They pay a little more but they get about 500 more archives a month than we do. He stated he did try to contact Archive Social by phone but it said it was not a working number. But, we are still getting billed from them.

LaJohnna stated that she looked at their website and it looked like the package has gone up but they kept us at the lower rate and if we divided it by three that would be \$796.00 each for Fire, Police and EDC. Chief stated that Leslie sent him a message stating she wouldn't be able to be here because of a prior commitment but let her know what council said and she would get with the EDC and try to pay their portion of the cost. Charles Longacre said that in his personal opinion he didn't know why we were paying for everybody and if we're going to do this then it needs to be an even share across the board because the City is already struggling as it is. My question is, how many times has this thing even been used. How often has somebody come in and said "well this happened on Facebook and I need these public records". Chief stated the cost of this is probably a lot less than if we had to dig that up and if we can't get it and the AG's office says they need that information then you're looking at a \$10,000.00 a day fine. It's peace of mind. Charles stated that is what he needed to know. Karl Brown stated that on the website, he believes that the administrator is the only one who can delete anything from it. Chief stated that if someone posted a comment themselves, they can delete their own comment. Karl asked why didn't we change that and Chief said you can't. Chief stated that if someone posted something and deleted it you would have to go to Facebook for it. Karl said that in essence, Facebook would have that then and Chief said "they should" but getting it? Charles stated that his concern is how do we know they're still in business if their phone is disconnected. Chief stated their website is still up and we still receive a bill every month. Mac McKinsey said he would like to say one thing. He is president of Planning and Zoning and on the EDC since 2011 and Leslie is on the board with him. Karl is her husband and it is on the EDC's agenda to participate in this if the City decides to continue with it. Charles asked him if he has ever had to use any of this and Mac stated that "sir, I didn't know the two words until last night but if the City needs help with billing then they can do something like that. Charles asked that since he was a member of the EDC, how did he feel paying a bill that you don't know if they're in business or not just because the website is up. Mac stated that he was a business man also and he wouldn't do it until you could verify it. LaJohnna stated that she knows the City of Kaufman uses them and she will see if the phone number they have might be different. Mayor Waters asked if they wanted to Table it until they could verify and LaJohnna asked how long they would hold that because it looks like the bill is from January. Chief stated it was due the end of January every year. When asked how much the bill was, Chief stated it was \$2388.00. Mary Wennerstrom stated that the City of Kaufman has had to use it before. Mac stated that a lot of business is in the "cloud". LaJohnna made a motion that if they could buckle it down and make sure they are legitimate then go ahead but if not then we need to wait and find another source. Charles stated that obviously other Cities are using them so it's not a scam. LaJohnna stated she would get the information from the City of Kaufman. Charles stated they probably wouldn't wait until next month. Shirley asked, so if we do get a request, how do we get ahold of them. Charles said that was a good question. Mary Wennerstrom stated she would look in the files because she had good contact information for them. Mac asked if there was a competitor we could check out. Mary Wennerstrom stated it was very limited because she has looked too. Charles stated that what he was scared of is that if we don't pay this and for some reason all of a sudden somebody says "hey I need this information" and now we sit here saying "uuuhhh". Karl Brown stated that we should probably entertain the idea because someone has already talked about doing that, claiming that posts were deleted from the website. Mayor Waters asked if we could find a number or email by tomorrow and LaJohnna stated she would get one. Charles stated that if we could get a legitimate contact for these people within the next couple of days then we pay. If we can't then research and get Shirley to maybe find someone else and see what they charge. We just need to find someone. Upon motion by LaJohnna Wells and a second by Charles Longacre; the vote was four (4) for and none opposed to go with Archive Social if we could get the contact information and verify it by Monday if not then we need to go with someone else. Motion carried.

9. Discuss and vote on a Budget Meeting date. (LaJohnna Wells)

LaJohnna stated she had emailed Shirley asking when the last time we actually had a budget meeting and she said in 2020, so I was looking at the actual compared to the budget and it's way out of sync because the economy has changed, things have shifted, covid has made things crazy so I feel like we need to button down a date to protect the City cause the City doesn't know how much money it's working with if there's not something in stone as to what we have and what we don't have. Mayor Waters said we need to make sure we can get everybody and stated that Charles would be the toughest one because of his job. Charles asked what they were thinking, shoot me some dates, are you thinking next week, next month. Skippy stated as soon as possible so when would you be available (Charles). Charles asked how long does it have to be before the

posting and she stated 72 hours just like any other meeting. LaJohnna stated that Shirley would need time to get all the documents together and Charles asked about the 18th. Michael Lowe asked if it would be day or night and Skippy stated night. He stated he could do it on a Monday or a Thursday night. Upon motion by LaJohnna Wells and a second by Charles Longacre; the vote was four (4) for and none opposed to have a Budget Meeting on Monday, March 28 at 6pm. Motion carried.

10. Discuss and vote on getting bids for an annual audit. (LaJohnna Wells)

Mayor Waters asked who did our last audit and Shirley said P2P Solutions. She said they were the cheapest. Everyone else wanted 8 or 9 thousand and they did the same thing for \$4000.00. LaJohnna said the only problem with that is to keep things legitimate and to look right to the public you have to alternate, so if we could get like 3 bids and we could look and see because I know there are other smaller cities around here who use different people. Charles said his opinion was just to make sure it was not anybody in the City limits. Shirley said the company that did ours is from Dallas. Charles said they just don't need any ties to this city. Upon motion by Charles Longacre and a second by LaJohnna Wells; the vote was four (4) for and none opposed to Table this item to give Shirley enough time to get other bids. Motion carried.

11. Discuss and take any action necessary on the purchase of Police radios. (LaJohnna Wells)

Charles said that he knows LaJohnna wanted this on the agenda but he asked about this previously. Chief Wennerstrom stated the quote was small but this was the quote from Harris. (passed out the quote to council) Charles asked if the bid was per radio and Chief said "yes". Chief said he figured it up and for 4 hand helds with the 3 year warranty it's \$9457.00. For the one to go in dispatch, with the warranty, it's \$2492.75. Charles asked if there was only one for dispatch and Chief stated yes it was a desk-top. For 3 in-car radios with the warranty is \$7463.31. If we go with the 4 handhelds and one dispatch and the 3 in-car radios, the total is \$19,413.06. Charles stated that doesn't include Dispatch, right, and Chief stated that includes everything. Chief stated he checked on cradle-bases for the vehicles that you can stick the hand-held in and it charges them and those are \$800.00 a piece. Chief said we have 3 active patrol vehicles so that's why he wanted 3 in-car radios. Mayor Waters stated that his question on all this is are we going to shut out dispatch down and just have Henderson County dispatch us or what. Chief stated that we would keep our radios we have now for in-car because they still work properly unless you get out by the Trinity River and some parts of 274. The main thing with these digital radios is we will be able to talk to Henderson County, which a lot of smaller cities have got the radios and they dispatch through Henderson County. If Henderson County was to come through in a pursuit then we couldn't talk to them unless they switched over to our channel. The digital radios work anywhere and Mayor Waters said not anywhere, they work where the towers but for the most part, yes. Once you get past Kaufman County line, you're not going to get signal. Chief stated if they got Kaufman's channel then they would work since we are in both Henderson and Kaufman Counties. He also stated that they were probably about a month or two out on getting the radios programmed and given to us. The quote doesn't include the installation but I don't know what kind of installation we would need and Mayor Waters stated the same thing as the regular, two wires. The hot, the ground, antenna on top and coax and you're done. Chief stated the quote comes with everything you need for them so I'm sure it's something we can take care of ourselves. Skippy asked, can our dispatch not contact Henderson County when you need them? Chief stated they could via phone. That's what I'm saying, with the dispatch desk-top one, she'll have that radio right next to the other two for Fire Department and one for us. Charles said here was his concern, right now we're on analogue and they're about to pull the plug on analogue. If we don't get on digital now, we're never going to get on digital. Me personally, as a City Council member, am responsible for taking care of our employees and getting them the right equipment. If we're still running on analogue and like he said if County comes rolling through here on pursuit, nobody can get a hold of us because we're still running on analogue that they've pulled the plug on. Skippy asked so when they pull the plug then what's the price tag going to be to up-grade our dispatch because I think Tool is going to start going through the County as well and they were saying something about a console and that is big money. Chief stated that Harris came out and looked at all our stuff and they never said we had to get a console. Charles said, so this is their recommendation and Chief said yes. Chief said he told them exactly what we needed and to give him a quote and this is what he sent me. We will still have ours as long as it works and we'll still use them. They didn't say anything about us having to dispatch through Henderson County. Charles said, let's say with the radios we have now, if they just shut down and are wore out, and we spend this \$19,000, are we still going to keep dispatch and still be able to talk with our dispatch or get rid of

our dispatch. Chief said we would keep and still be able to take to our own dispatch because we would have our own frequency. Our frequency would be programmed into that radio. Charles asked if she would be able to reach County other than via phone. Chief said yes. Skippy said he was confused on the deal. Are you going to be able to use your home base on the 700 frequency to dispatch you guys off of that using that because you would be by-passing Henderson County because the whole deal was to get this analogue stuff was to keep everybody from scanning and that would cut all that completely out so now, at least on the fire side of it, if Tool gets paged out then no one else can hear it and we don't have the capabilities of talk to talk. In other words, we would have to go to what they used to have is V-fire 21, 22 and 23 like a walky-talky that's within a mile radius of what you're doing whether it's a grass fire house fire. But, from what I understand, you don't have the capabilities of talking back and forth on that 700 frequency without going to a ground. Chief said in the case that happens, we would probably have to figure out how to get with County if ours takes a crap. If ours takes a crap that means our numbers not working and our frequency isn't working. Chief stated they weren't going to pull the plug on the analogue just yet because there's still a lot of people that have them and can't catch up yet. Henderson County was supposed to have started January of last year and they just got on board 4 or 5 months ago so it's taking longer for everybody to get theirs so it's going to be a while before they actually pull the plug on that system. Charles said his concern is if we don't do it now and we use this money somewhere else and we get to a point where we don't have the ability to do this and they say ok everybody, you either do or die, get on the train or not and we don't have the money to get there, then what do we do. Shirley asked if there were any grants and Chief said he put in for one but Gun Barrel got it. Charles asked Skippy how he got the grant for the Fire Department and he said through the Forestry Service. Skippy said he thinks we should get someone from Harris to come out that knows what's going on and explain exactly how the system is going to work and what's going to happen if they take it away or it goes away to know more about the information on how it's going to work. Chief stated he could reach out to Maddox from Harris and also the Sheriff told him that he could come out and explain everything. Charles stated that would be good if we could hear from someone who was using it right now, he would feel better talking to someone to make sure we're not going to, if we do this, we're just not going to completely cut out our dispatch and like you said, still be able to talk back and forth. Chief stated we would still have to have dispatch anyway for Fire. If we put a hand-held in the dispatch base and they get a phone call from somebody here in town, they can still automatically get on the radio right here and reach you, they don't have to go through County because we're running off of our own numbers, correct? Chief said correct. Skippy said yeah but the 100 frequency is what the license is for and I don't think you can take that license and move to a 700 especially when the 700 belongs to Henderson County. (inaudible speaking from a citizen about the frequency) The citizen stated that you would keep your license but that license would eventually go away when everyone goes to digital. The good thing is City would have their frequency, County would have their frequency and you could dial in anybody's frequency. Charles said so it's like he said, it's all based on this equipment as to what we can do. (inaudible conversation) LaJohnna stated that Andy couldn't hear what he was saying and asked if he could come up to the podium and speak. Charles asked him to explain that again. Tom Lauer stated his background was he was a Police Officer for 31 years, Chief and a City Manager at Wilmer. He said you are dealing with Harris equipment and what he knows about Harris is that it's totally digital. Digital equipment will allow you to put in multiple frequencies, one for each agency. If he had two or three agencies he would have one for dispatch, one for fire, one for car to car to be able to talk privately among themselves. Digital also gives you the opportunity to dial up a particular carrier and be able to let all the other officers know what's going on. Dispatch would dispatch from their radio but also be able to talk directly to County which saves time because the phones take longer than that radio does. It is a digital system and it's far more advanced than analogue. What will happen with analogue is eventually FCC is going to come in and say no more licenses are going to be issued on analogue and if you have a license you will have so many months or a year to get rid of the radios and upgrade to digital. That's where we're going. We're not going because we don't like analogue, we're going because we need the space in the atmosphere for all these frequencies and that's the only way we can tune these frequencies into a narrow band and be able to have a lot more and that's what they're trying to do and this equipment will give the opportunity to be in compliant with the FCC. When this happens, most likely the FCC will coordinate or be in touch with Chief Wennerstrom but will also be in touch with Harris and they will coordinate the issue of the licenses with the 700 band. You will still have your own radio and dispatch capability and fully functioning on your own but if they need to talk to the County it's just the flip of a switch and not sitting there dialing a number and waiting on it to ring and if they don't see it's you then they may not

pick it up because they're busy. But, that radio will get right to them and if they need to broadcast something going on at the time and it's a hostage issue, it's on the channel where all the officers can hear while they're talking to County so the officer can already be in route to the problem or the guy coming through town and he's got a cop chasing him. It's a far more advanced system than analogue. Mary Wennerstrom stated that next years prices are going up 30%. Charles told Tom that he was glad he was here to fill them in on how they work and with that being said, there should be no question of why we can't wait to do this. We have the money in the budget. Sgt. Skinner stated his take on it. He got into a fight not too long ago at Racks and had to fight 3 people on his own and his closest backup is 15 minutes away. They couldn't even hear him on his radio, that's a problem. Like everybody else, he's trying to go home to his family and if he can't reach the PD four blocks away, that's a problem. Charles stated he agreed and it's their job as Councilmen and Mayor to keep you guys safe and have the equipment you need to do your job so you can go home to your family. Charles stated he didn't want to be the one to go home and lay down his head at night and God forbid something happen to one of you guys. I'm just not going to do that. Skinner stated that the closest backup he has right now is Gun Barrel and depending on whether they're on a call or not, I might have to wait 30 minutes for County to get here because Tool has no officer on at night. Three nights a week they have an officer. Charles stated that if we have this in the budget and it's a safety issue then upon motion by Charles Longacre and a second by LaJohnna Wells; the vote was four (4) for and none opposed to purchase the radios for the Police at the price of \$19,413.00. Motion carried.

Council adjourned to executive session at 7:48pm per Local Government Code Section 551.074, discussion of personnel: line item 12.

Council returned from executive session at 8:47pm

- 12. Take necessary action on discussion from executive session concerning personnel matters. Section 551.074**
Upon motion by Charles Longacre and a second by Andy Perdue; the vote was four (4) for and none opposed to Take No Action. Motion carried.
- 13. Discuss and take any action necessary on the request of Charles Longacre to annex any and all properties on both sides of Hwy 274 from the Alpha Baptist Church to Quiram Lane.**
Upon motion by Charles Longacre and a second by Andy Perdue; the vote was four (4) for and none opposed to Take No Action. Motion carried.
- 14. Adjourn.**
Upon motion by Andy Perdue and a second by Charles Longacre; the vote was four (4) for and none opposed to adjourn the meeting at 8:49pm. Motion carried.

These minutes passed and approved this 14th day of April 2022.

APPROVED

ATTEST:

Skippy Waters, Mayor

Shirley Kirksey, City Secretary

