

**MINUTES  
CITY OF EL LAGO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 6, 2010**

**1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Pursuant to public notice as required by law, Mayor Emel called the El Lago City Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on January 6, 2010.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Brad Emel

Mayor Pro Tem John Tully

Councilpersons Amy Carr, Jeff Tave and John Tully

Lakeview Police Chief Tom Savage

City Building Official Richard Smith

The following officials were absent:

Councilperson Cody Taylor

- 2. CITIZENS FORUM** – Ruth Tully of 310 Cedar Lane thanked City Council for naming her Volunteer of the Year at the Candles In The Park Celebration. Mayor Emel stated that Mrs. Tully's work was much appreciated and that the award was well deserved.

**3. DISCUSS/APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:**

- a. December 2, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting** – Councilperson Tave motioned to approved the December Regular City Council meeting minutes as written. Mayor Pro Tem Tully seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- b. November 30, 2009 Joint Public Hearing** – Councilperson Carr motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Tully seconded the motion to approve the November 30, 2009 Joint Public Hearing minutes as written. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 in favor.

**4. CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

- a. Richard Smith-Report on City Building Permits to include status of 602 Cedar Lane** – Building Inspector Smith said that he had contacted Richard Delcourt who replied that he had been out of the country, but agreed to complete the construction on the second story of his garage by March 1, 2010. City Attorney Val Perkins received another request for information about The Landing from a State Senator to which he replied with copies of all the letters and correspondence. There will be some type of mediation later in the month so that hopefully The Landing owners can vote to repair, rebuild or sell the property. Harbor Point Apartments is still working on Hurricane Ike repairs. They repaired all they have been asked regarding mold remediation, etc. Mayor Emel asked about a sign in front of the car wash and Mr. Smith said it is under investigation. Mr. Smith reviewed a new law passed last fall regarding plumbers Contractor's registration and permits. By law, plumbers are no longer required to pay any registration fees, only a permit fee. Also, they must be allowed to register, apply for permits and make permit payments by phone, fax and email. This will put a greater burden of work and expense on the city.
- b. Chief Savage**
- (1) **Introduce New Reserve Officer, Cody Wilson** – Chief Savage said that Mr. Wilson used to work in Arizona, but now works full time in the area so he would like to volunteer 16 hours each month as a LPD Reserve Officer.
- (2) **Report on Recent Activity in the City** – Mr. Henslee of The Landing advised the LPD that they were releasing the security company during the day and requested that LPD officers make a tour of the complex at least once each day. A citation was finally delivered to the house toward the end of Shadow Creek regarding the un-maintained lawn.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. FY2009 Audit Report Presented by Stephanie Harris of Belt Harris & Associates, LLLP** – Stephanie Harris introduced Brian Evans who was the Senior Auditor responsible for the city's audit. Mr. Evans stated that the City has received an clean, unqualified opinion which means that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements and have all the disclosures required by the generally accepted accounting principles. Mr. Evans then summarized the city's FY2009 audit, a copy of which can be obtained from the city's permanent records.
- b. Discuss/Accept FY2009 Audit Report** – Mayor Pro Tem Tully motioned to approve the FY2009 audit as presented. Councilperson Schwander seconded the motion and it was approved by all.
- c. Discuss/Approve Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Resolution 2010-01** – City Secretary Vernon explained that the city has been allocated \$23,030.00 in grant funds to be used for energy conservation and renewable energy projects. The first step towards receiving the grant was to submit a Notice of Intent to accept the grant which the Mayor has already done. The attached Resolution must be submitted as soon as possible and then the grant application is due on January 15, 2010. Councilperson Schwander motioned to approve the EECBG Resolution 2010-01 and the motion was seconded by Councilperson Tave. The motion was approved by a unanimous decision.
- d. Review FY2010 Financial Report** – City Council reviewed the financial report and Mayor Pro Tem Tully asked about the significant income in the "Other Revenues" account. City Secretary Vernon said that she would check the account to determine why there had been over \$23,000 in receipts in the first quarter in that account. Also, Mayor Pro Tem Tully asked about the Capital Expense and the General Maintenance account. City Secretary Vernon stated that the Capital Expense was used to remodel both bathrooms and install a new entry floor. The General Maintenance account was debited for mowing expense which should be in a Parks account and will be moved accordingly.
- e. Discuss/Approve December 2009 City Bills** – Councilperson Carr motioned to approve the December 2009 city bills. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Schwander and approved by a unanimous vote.

**6. STATUS REPORTS**

- a. Mayor Pro Tem Tully – Street and Sidewalk Repair Report** - He stated that he had a small amount of concrete repair and replacement to be done at city hall which will include repairing the end section of the wheelchair ramp at City Hall.
- b. Councilperson Tave**
  - (1) Report on WCID #50 Recent Activities and New BOD Appointee Earle Crum of 302 Willow Vista** – Councilperson Tave stated that the District and Seabrook United Methodist Church have agreed on the locations for the drains and are now waiting for the church to determine which contractor they are going to use. Work on the drainage project should continue in the very near future. The BOD appointed Earle Crum to assume the Board position left vacant by Scott Robertson who recently moved to Guam. The Board is currently developing a 2010 work priority list which currently includes options for sewer line replacement and/or electronic metering.
  - (2) Discuss HOA Activity and Ordinance/Deed Restriction Enforcement** – He suggested that it might be a good idea to host a meeting and invite the HOA officers to discuss coordinating efforts to determine and enforce standards for home maintenance.

**2. ADJOURNMENT** - Mayor Emel adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

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Brad Emel, Mayor

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Ann Vernon, City Secretary