

**WILLOW PARK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
516 RANCH HOUSE ROAD, WILLOW PARK, TEXAS 76087  
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010**

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Hawkins called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:32 P.M

**II. Quorum Check**

**Present:**

Mayor Ken Hawkins  
Council Member Barry Tatum  
Council Member Gene Martin  
Council Member Barry Brown  
Council Member Mark Hickerson  
Mayor Pro-tem Hale Alderman

**Also Present:**

City Administrator Candy Scott  
City Secretary Yael Hoffman  
City Attorney Rider Scott

**III. Invocation**

Council Member Brown gave the invocation.

**IV. Pledge of Allegiance**

Brownie Troop 4835 conducted the Flag Ceremony.

**V. Community Announcements**

Donna Smith thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the Ride for Heroes and reported to the Council on a compliment by the riders of the Police Departments and the Fire Departments.

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

Regular City Council Meeting of March 15, 2010

**\*\*Council Member Hickerson moved to approve the minutes from March 15, 2010 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor pro-tem Alderman**

Aye votes: Council Members: Brown, Martin, Hickerson & Alderman

Nay votes: None

Abstained: Council member Tatum

Motion passed with a vote of 4-0-1

**VII. Mayor's Update**

Mayor Hawkins updated the Council on the status of the Harris Hospital project. There is a draft agreement and the City Attorney is working with the developer's attorney to complete the final agreement.

The Police Department mold issue has been fixed and the process of reconstruction of the Captain's office is underway.

Progress on the Pitchfork extension is moving along, the environmental study is underway. LAN was charged with reviewing the plans and a meeting has been set to discuss some bullet points made by LAN.

Mayor Hawkins updated the Council on the meetings with officials from other cities on a regional wastewater treatment plant.

Mayor pro-tem Alderman read a letter from the El Chico Investigative Committee on the El Chico Drainage Project, this letter is attached to the minutes as exhibit A.

**\*\*Mayor Pro-tem Alderman moved to accept the report of the committee, seconded by Council Member Martin**

Aye votes: Council Members: Tatum, Brown, Martin, Hickerson & Alderman  
Nay votes: None  
Abstained: Council member  
Motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0

The Mayor closed the Committee inquiry and dissolved the Committee.

### VIII. New Business

- A. Discussion/Action - To consider and take action on Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, and ordinance to amend Chapter 1, Section 1.404 to confirm with statutory rules regarding the recording of open meetings (Council Member Martin)

**\*\*Council member Martin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 615-10, an Ordinance providing for an amendment to Chapter 1 "General Provisions", Article 1.400 "City Council", section 1.404(b) "Meetings", to conform the provisions of the Municipal Code of Ordinances to statutory provisions relating to recording a City Council Meeting, and providing an effective date, second by Council Member Brown**

Aye votes: Council Members: Tatum, Martin, Brown, Hickerson & Alderman  
Nay votes: None  
Abstained: None  
Motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0

- B. Discussion/Action – To consider and take action on appointment of Kierin Williams as an alternate to the Planning and Zoning commission (Chairmen Neverdousky)

**\*\*Council Member Martin moved to accept the recommendation of Planning and Zoning Commission and appoint Kierin Williams as an alternate to Commission, seconded by Mayor pro-tem Alderman**

Aye votes: Council Members: Tatum, Brown, Martin, Hickerson & Alderman

Nay votes: None  
Abstained: None  
Motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0

Mayor Hawkins called for a 5 Minute break at 7:33 P.M.

Mayor Hawkins reconvened the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

- C. Discussion/Action – Review Budget performance to date for possible modification of personnel salaries (Mayor Hawkins)

The budget performance was discussed and will be placed on the May agenda.

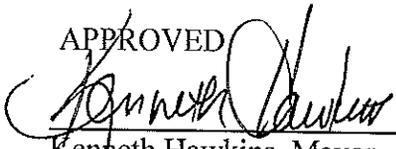
- D. Discussion/Action – To consider and take action on insuring legal representation at all Planning and Zoning Commission meetings (Council Member Tatum)

The item will be placed on the May agenda for further discussion.

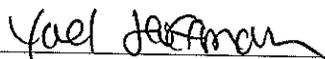
Mayor Hawkins made a statement sending the City's condolences to Mr. Les Cooley for the lost of his wife, and best wishes to Mr. Ray LaPosa, a resident of Willow Park Village who is in the Hospital.

**IX. Adjournment**

Mayor Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

APPROVED  
  
Kenneth Hawkins, Mayor  
City of Willow Park, Texas

ATTEST:

  
Yael Hoffman City Secretary  
City of Willow Park, Texas



## City of Willow Park

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April 5, 2010

Mayor  
Kenneth Hawkins

City Council  
Barry Tatum, Place 1  
Gene Martin, Place 2,  
Barry Brown, Place 3  
Mark Hickerson, Place 4  
Hale Alderman, Mayor Pro-tem

City Administrator  
Candice J. Scott

City Secretary  
Yael Hoffman

Police Chief  
Brad Johnson  
Captain  
William Ray

Municipal Court Clerk  
Deborah Hall

Development Services Director  
Becky Stokes

Building Inspector  
Jason Peninger

OSSF Inspector  
Jody Shields

Public Works Director  
Lance Petty

Honorable Hale Alderman, Mayor Pro-tem  
3020 Cactus Court  
Willow Park, TX 76087

At the January 19<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting a citizen presented a matter of concern to the City Council and asked the Council to look into the matter. Specifically there were two questions raised regarding the El Chico drainage construction project: 1) Was there a private benefit obtained; and 2) What was the scope of the work for the drainage improvements? As a result, on February 9<sup>th</sup> Mayor Ken Hawkins appointed a committee comprised of two City Council members and a private citizen to execute an inquiry to gather the facts and arrive at a conclusion regarding these questions.

The committee has reviewed related documentation from the City of Willow Park regarding the construction project. Additionally, the committee interviewed citizens, City of Willow Park staff, Mayor Kenneth Hawkins and William H. Whitehill, president of H.L. Merrill and Sons Excavating, Inc.

The committee has done due diligence for this issue that it was asked to perform by Mayor Hawkins. The committee finds that there was no private benefit received, and all work was performed according to the defined scope of the construction project. Furthermore, no City of Willow Park employees or equipment was used in any stage of this project. The committee recommends that this inquiry be closed and the committee be disbanded.

Sincerely,  
Barry Brown, City Council Place 3  
Mark Hickerson, City Council Place 4  
Jim Miller