

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**City Council Chambers  
505 Avenue D  
Valley Mills, Texas 76689**

**STATE OF TEXAS  
BOSQUE COUNTY**

**Monday**

**January 9, 2017**

**7:00 PM**

Mayor Bickerstaff called the meeting to order and read the notice of posting.

<b>1. Roll Call:</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>NOT PRESENT</b>
<b>Mayor Ray Bickerstaff</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Wittmer</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Councilman Bill Lancaster</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Councilman Bill McKain</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Councilman Larry Turner</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Councilman Scott Layne</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Municipal Clerk</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>City Administrator William Linn</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Police Chief, Bob Summers</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Fire Chief, David Fisk</b>		<b>X</b>

**2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer**

Mayor Bickerstaff led the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer was given by John Wheatley.

**3. Reports / Affirmation**

Mayor Bickerstaff read the Affirmation Statement and affirmed that it was true. Police Department and Volunteer Fire Department gave their reports and Mayor Bickerstaff gave the Municipal Court report. Mayor Bickerstaff thanked the Volunteer Fire Department for their service.

**4. Updates, Presentations, and Recognitions**

Landscape Yard of the Month was John and Debbie Isbell.

**5. Consent Agenda**

- a) *Approval of minutes of previous meetings*
- b) *Payment of accounts payable*
- c) *Statement of revenue and expenses*

Motion made by Councilman Layne to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Councilman McKain. The Council voted five (5) to zero (0) to accept the Consent Agenda.

**6. Regular Agenda**

- a) *Professional Legal Services* - request for other options. Motion was made to look into other options by Councilman Wittmer and seconded by Councilman McKain. Motion passed three (3) to two (2).
- b) Councilman Layne wanted the status of the sale of the land at Texas State Hwy Six (6) and Texas FM Fifty Six (56). Attorney Brittany Scaramucchi said no information had been returned per her request and that the Real Estate Agent was distressed that the land sale contract wasn't approved after it went through the process. Councilman Lancaster tabled the discussion and it was seconded by Councilman Wittmer. Approved by a vote of four (4) to one (1).
- c) *Ordinance number 2017-01-09 Transparency Initiative* – Gold Star Initiative was discussed. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Layne and seconded by Councilman Turner.

**7. Recess into Executive Session under the provisions of the Government Code, Section 551.074: Personnel Matters, at 7:30 pm.**

- a) Reconvene into regular session at 9:10 pm.
- b) A vote of confidence motion was made by Councilman Layne and seconded by Councilman McKain. Approved by a vote of four (4) to one (1)

**8. Citizens Comments**

None

**9. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM

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Mayor Ray Bickerstaff

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City Administrator William Linn

**CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING**  
**City Council Chambers**  
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**Monday**

**January 30, 2017**

**6:30 PM**

Mayor Bickerstaff called the meeting to order and establishment of quorum.

<b>1. Roll Call:</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>NOT PRESENT</b>
<b>Mayor Ray Bickerstaff</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Wittmer</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Councilman Bill Lancaster</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Councilman Bill McKain</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Councilman Larry Turner</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Councilman Scott Layne</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>City Administrator William Linn</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Police Chief, Bob Summers</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Fire Chief, David Fisk</b>		<b>X</b>

**2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer**

Mayor Bickerstaff led the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer was given by Councilman Lancaster

**3. Regular Agenda**

- a) *Discussion and possible action on establishment of an Investment Committee and Appointment of its Members.* Council voted in favor of establishing the Investment Committee and appointing its members by title only. The members to comprise the Investment Committee are to be the person currently holding the titles of Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and City Administrator, respectively. Motion to approve made by Councilman McKain and seconded by Councilman Layne. Three (3) Ayes, One (1) Nay, (1) Abstained. Motion passed.
- b) *Discussion and possible action on Re-Hiring Al Flores as full-time Police Officer.* Council amended the agenda to hire Al Flores part time while a full time position is advertised. Motion to amend was made by Councilman Wittmer and seconded by Councilman Turner. Motion passes unanimously.
- c) *Discussion and possible action on Re-Hiring Attorney Gary Cunha as City Prosecutor and Re-Hiring the Bojorquez Law Firm as City Attorney.* Council amended the agenda to table the possible hiring of Attorney Gary Cunha as City Prosecutor and Re-hiring Bojorquez Law Firm until additional information has been gathered. Motion to table this action was made by Councilman McKain and seconded by Councilman Wittmer. Motion passed unanimously.

- d) *Discussion and possible action on entering into an inter-local agreement with Bosque County to run the City of Valley Mills' May election.* Council voted in favor of entering into an inter-local agreement with Bosque County to run the City of Valley Mills' May election with stipulations to look at cost. Motion was made by Councilman Wittmer and seconded by Councilman McKain. Motion passes unanimously.
- e) *Discussion and possible action on the following cancelling the sale of land at 405 Avenue C to Paul Marable.*
- i. Motion to cancel the sale of land at 405 Avenue C to Paul Marable was made by Councilman Layne and seconded by Councilman McKain. Motion passed unanimously.
  - ii. Discussion to listing the land For Sale at 405 Avenue C for two (2) weeks in the local newspaper and to receive sealed bids no later than 5:00 PM February 13, 2017. All sealed bids are to be opened at the next regular City Council Meeting on February 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Motion was made by Councilman Wittmer and seconded by Councilman Layne. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM

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Mayor Ray Bickerstaff

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City Administrator William Linn