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**MINUTES
CITY OF CONVERSE
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
June 25, 2013 – 6:30 PM**

Be It Known That the City Council of the City Of Converse Met for a Special Called Meeting at the City Council Chambers at 402 South Seguin Street on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 6:30 PM. The following were present:

Mayor Al Suarez
Councilwoman Kathy Richel, Place 1
Councilwoman Renee Paschall, Place 2
Mayor Pro Tem Randy Pannell, Place 4
Councilman Steve Brown, Place 5

Ms. Shawna Burkhart, City Manager
Mr. John Quintanilla, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Michelle Burns, Recording Secretary
Mr. Felix Arubula, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Suarez called the meeting to order at 6:44 pm.

2. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mayor Suarez stated all members of City Council were present with the exception of Councilman Andy Selko and Councilman Joe Guastella, both of whom were out of town and had stated so prior to the meeting. A quorum was established.

3. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

This time is provided for Citizens to address City Council on any issues and concerns. No City Council discussion or action can be taken if the item is not on the Agenda. Please limit your remarks to three (3) minutes and state your name and address for the record.

There were no citizens to be heard.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion and Appropriate Action on a Request to Approve An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Converse, Texas Authorizing the Issuance of "CITY OF CONVERSE, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2013", Levying an Annual Ad Valorem Tax, Within the Limitations Prescribed by Law, for the Payment of the Bonds; Prescribing the Form, Terms, Conditions, And Resolving Other Matters Incident And Relates to the Issuance, Sale, And Delivery of the Bonds, Including the Approval And Distribution of A Purchase And Investment Letter Pertaining Thereto; Authorizing the Execution of A Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement, A Purchase Contract, And An Escrow Deposit Letter; Complying With the Letter of Representations on File With the Depository Trust Company; Authorizing the Execution of Any Necessary

Engagement Agreements With the City's Financial Advisors and/or Bond Counsel; And Providing An Effective Date. (City Manager) (First Reading)

Ms. Burkhart introduced Mr. Andrew Friedman from Southwest Securities and stated he was present to review the bids.

Mr. Friedman stated a request for bids was issued to refinance the series 2004 bonds and 9 bids were received; JP Morgan Chase submitted the lowest bid at a true interest cost of 1.3906%. This interest rate will allow for a total savings of \$151,651.36 for the life of the bonds at a fixed rate. JP Morgan Chase agreed to hold the bid at the same interest rate after the cancellation of the June 18th meeting and rates have already increased by approximately half a percent since this rate was locked in.

Ms. Burkhart stated interest rates are already rising again, but we have locked in this rate and it does not have to go through the same number of readings as a new bond would require. This refinance will not cause any change in ad valorem tax at this time.

A motion to approve the ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Converse, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 was made by Councilwoman Paschall. Seconded by Councilwoman Richel. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve a Preliminary Plat known as the JISD Copperfield Elementary School, Plat #134. (City Engineer) (Assistant City Manager)

Mr. Quintanilla stated this plat was presented at the June 17th Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting and received unanimous recommendation for approval. Representatives from Judson ISD were present and stated the plans for this school were progressing as expected. Staff recommends approval.

A motion to approve preliminary plat #134 was made by Councilwoman Richel. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pannell. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve the Acceptance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant # EMW-2012-FO-00932 in the amount of \$217,600.00 and Authorizing the Required Ten Percent Cash (10%) Match in the Amount of \$21,760.00. (City Manager)

Ms. Burkhart thanked Chief Wendt and Ms. Burns for their work on writing this grant. The grant is from FEMA in a total amount of \$217,600.00 with a cost share of 90% federal funds and 10% cash match. There will not be a budget amendment until it is clear in what budget year the revenue and expense will hit.

Chief Wendt stated they will be replacing their self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Of the units currently owned and utilized by the Converse Fire Department, 95% were donated by Randolph AFB and were built in 1991 meeting those standards; there are now 2013 NFPA standards to be met. There are 32 units to be replaced and the Fire Department was planning to replace those on a rotating schedule of 2-3 units per year depending on available funds. The new NFPA 2013 compliant units will be available in September of this year so we are planning to wait and obtain the latest technology. The new units will be slightly more expensive than what we applied for a year ago, but will last longer and better protect our firemen. One breathing apparatus with a spare bottle costs approximately \$7,000.

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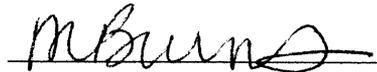
A motion to approve the acceptance of FEMA Grant #EMW-2012-FO-00932 was made by Councilwoman Richel. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pannell. Motion passed unanimously.

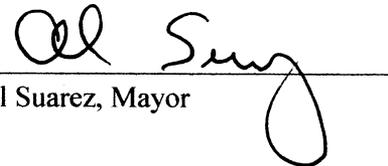
5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Suarez adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF JULY, 2013.

ATTEST:


Michelle Burns, Recording Secretary


Al Suarez, Mayor