

**TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL
MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2011**

The Town Council met in special session on Thursday, July 28, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at 372 Town Place, Fairview, Texas. Those present were Mayor Sim Israeloff, Council Members Carolyn Sommers Erickson, Ron Kasian, Jim Cunningham, Henry Lessner, Darion Culbertson, and Mary Price. Town Manager John Godwin and Budget and Management Analyst, Adam Wilbourn.

Mayor Israeloff called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

TXDOT PLANS FOR FM 1378: Consider and take action regarding TXDOT's plans for FM 1378.

The council undertook a lengthy, detailed discussion of the TXDOT design for FM 1378 between Lucas and Farmstead reconstruction that calls for acquisition of right-of-way wide enough to make the roadway six lanes at some time in the future, even though current plans only call for building four lanes.

Councilwoman Sommers Erickson discussed how the project got started, who is paying for it, the town's and others' master thoroughfare plans, and the TXDOT desire for a roadway cross-section of six future lanes.

Carl Cowley of 450 Country Club noted that the proposed cross-section would push traffic way too close to his front porch.

Elliott Short, a member of Emanuel Lutheran, added that the western and center options would move the road to within 30 to 50 feet of the church building.

[Miss June] suggested relocating eastbound Stacy to the county ROW behind the Baptist church, and only improving FM 1378 as far north as its intersection with Stacy.

Kurt Schmitt, 470 Country Club Road, asked about the ROW the town and TXDOT currently have along FM 1378. He also added water lines were in the way of a future road, discussed previous drainage issues at the middle school site, and asked where the money for the widening project would come from.

[Female citizen] asked why the plan would widen the road to four lanes to the middle school.

Lyle Croft asked how citizens can keep up with major construction projects.

Councilwoman Sommers Erickson suggested the town should evaluate taking over the various state highways in Fairview as town owned streets.

Mayor Pro Tem Kasian moved to approve the resolution presented by Mr. Godwin, with minor revisions. Seconded by Councilman Culbertson. The motion passed 6-1.

THE MEADOWS PARK: Consider and take action regarding landscaping for The Meadows Park.

Mr. Godwin told the council that the park board had voted 5-1 to recommend raising the berms at The Meadows high enough to screen the park from view on SH 5.

Councilman Lessner moved to approve the park board's recommendation. Seconded by Councilwoman Price, with all in favor.

BUDGET 2011-12: Discuss budget calendar for 2011-12.

Mr. Godwin made a brief budget presentation, noting highlights that included filling vacancies in the police and fire departments, adding a fulltime engineer in the fire department, and a recommended ½ cent reduction in the ad valorem tax rate.

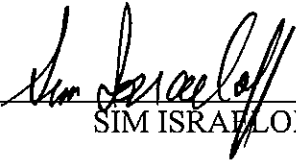
Councilwoman Price questioned the tax rate reduction due to the desire to add in-house EMS in the future. She also inquired about the police barn, the old water tower, and various road projects.

Councilman Culbertson asked about long-term planning and forecasting.

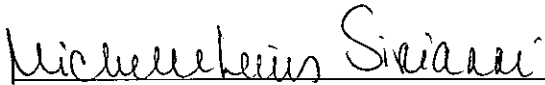
Councilwoman Sommers Erickson talked about possibly using 4B sales tax money to help market retail in Fairview.

Mayor Pro Tem Kasian discussed EMS. Councilman Cunningham discussed long-term costs associated with in-house EMS. Councilwoman Price discussed the use of third party ambulance provider.

Mayor Israeloff adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.


SIM ISRAELOFF, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, Town Secretary

