

DECEMBER 6, 2007

A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD WITH THE KLEBERG COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007 AT THE KLEBERG 1ST NATIONAL BANK – COMMUNITY ROOM 100 EAST KLEBERG AT 3:00 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Sam R Fugate, Mayor
 Charles E Wilson, Mayor Pro-tem
 Al Garcia, Commissioner
 Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner
 Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
 Edna S Lopez, City Secretary
 Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
 Yolanda Cadena, Health Director
 Robert Rodriguez, Library Director
 Frank Garcia, Wastewater Supervisor
 Joe Casillas, Water Production Supervisor
 Bill Donnell, Public Works Director
 Mark Rushing, Finance Director
 Armando Gutierrez, City Engineer
 Diana Gonzalez, Human Resource Director
 Ricardo Torres, Police Chief

I. Preliminary Proceedings.**OPEN MEETING**

The meeting was opened at 3:00 P.M. by both the Mayor Fugate and County Judge DeLaGarza.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

The invocation was delivered by County Commissioner David Rosse, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – Required by Law

There were no minutes to consider.

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items³

1. Comments on all agenda and non-agenda items.

Mayor Fugate called for comments on all agenda and non-agenda items. There were no comments made.

III. Consent Agenda

NONE

REGULAR AGENDA**CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:****IV. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴**

1. Discussion in joint session with the Kleberg County Commissioners' Court regarding the management, operations and budgeting of the following: (Mayor Fugate).
 - Health department
 - Library department
 - Parks department

- Emergency Management department
- Jail Contract

Mayor Fugate announced the agenda item. County Commissioner Norma Alvarez made a motion to table the item on the Jail Contract because the Sheriff was out of town. Mayor Fugate explained that if this item is tabled the City would have to table the whole thing. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Fugate stated the City is satisfied with the way Emergency Management is being run and explained the item was here just in case other departments are divided. County Judge DeLaGarza stated his intention is not to divide any department. He stated that his only concern is that the City and County agreed that the joint departments be split evenly. He then explained the County's financial situation.

County Commissioner Lomas explained that for many years it has always been a 50/50 shared fund. He stated that in his opinion, the County owes the City \$54,000 for the salary increases for the employees in the joint departments.

Upon a question from County Commissioner Lomas, Commissioner Laskowski replied that it would take about 6 months to divide the library.

Finance Director Mark Rushing stated the correct amount owed to the City for the cost of living raises for the employees from the joint departments is \$37,497.00.

Mayor Fugate explained it is hard to single out the Library and Health departments when raises are given. He stated City staff does not believe it is in the best interest of the citizens to divide these departments.

County Commissioner Lomas commented that there was a lack of communication or miscommunication on the amount owed to the City.

Mayor Fugate suggested that both entities meet to discuss these issues from now on.

Commissioner Laskowski stated that two years ago joint department employees did not receive a raise when the regular County employees received raises. He stated the Emergency Management Coordinator received a pay raise and the City reimbursed the County for half his salary which included the increase.

Commissioner Wilson provided an explanation in reference to salary increases in the agreements. County Judge DeLaGarza thanked Commissioner Wilson stating he had a better understanding.

County Commissioner Alvarez made a motion to pay the City, \$37,497 (total for both depts.) to come from the Southwest Border, seconded by County Commissioner Lomas. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Wilson stated there is no built in mechanism that drives both entities back to the table. He suggested finding a mechanism to meet before the adoption of each budget.

County Judge DeLaGarza suggested the County Attorney and City Attorney work together on the Interlocal Agreements.

For clarification, Commissioner Garcia explained that when talking about employees these are employees that are nonunion which excluded Fire and Police.

Mayor Fugate suggested discussing the jail contract which was signed in 1996. He stated that the only item to negotiate is the price for beds, which the City is guaranteed ten beds and the price is up to the Commissions. City Attorney Alvarez stated an amendment was approved that the City would pay \$45.00 per bed. County Commissioner Lomas stated the County is supplementing the City in this case. Commissioner Laskowski stated the County has not agreed to the amendment which was adopted by the City in October 2007. County Commissioner Alvarez suggested raising the cost per bed since the City is not paying for security and medical bills for the prisoners. Mayor Fugate asked about the cost for providing a City prisoner medical attention. Lt Woodrow, Kleberg County Sheriff Department provided information on a City prisoner who is pregnant stating the City prisoner was released.


Comments were made that the County could not lock in the amount of \$45.00 per bed for the next ten (10) years.

Police Chief Torres explained City pays for 300 beds and usually uses only 208 beds per month. Chief Deputy Willie Vera stated the main focus of the contract should be dealt with between the Police Chief and the Sheriff. Chief Deputy Vera stated that the amount owed to the County for overages is \$7,700.

Commissioner Laskowski stated that there was a contract that was signed by the former Sheriff and Police Chief which is still in effect. County Commissioner Lomas stated this contract is not binding because the individuals are no longer in position.

IV. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM



Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:



Edna S Lopez, City Secretary