

**CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**DECEMBER 9, 2008**

**12:00 p.m. (NOON)**

Acting Mayor Freddie Taylor called the special meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 12:07 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Councilman Clay Walker  
Councilman Freddie Taylor  
Councilman Chris Brown  
Councilman Charles Oxford

Absent: Mayor Oscar Aguilar  
Mayor Pro Tem Gary Spraggins  
Council Garry Jordan

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager  
Gale Roberts, City Secretary  
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney  
Johnny Vance, Director of Community Development  
Peter Karstens, Director of Finance  
Gordon Frazier, Human Resources Director

**PLEDGE AND INVOCATION**

Acting Mayor Taylor led in the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION NO. 969**

The new administration and congress are showing the intention of funding for infrastructure projects that are designed and ready to go to bid. The intention is to have this bill ready to sign on the first day in office for the new president (January 20). Airports were listed in the first sentence of targeted projects as were streets and utility projects. With this in mind staff suggests getting several of our projects which we have intended to build, in the near future once we secure funding, designed, engineered, and ready to bid. This may be a long shot but it's worth a try. Peter Karstens, Director of Finance, presented the staff report. There was a general discussion between staff and the

City Council. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Brown moved to approve Resolution No. 969 as presented. Councilman Walker seconded motion and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH TCB, INC. FOR DESIGN AND ENGINEERING OF CONNALLY STREET STREETScape AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT**

Peter Karstens, Director of Finance, presented the staff report. Moving the schedule up four months on the design of Connally Street streetscape will give the City a chance to possibly compete for new Federal Infrastructure Bailout, Stimulus, etc. funds targeted at projects ready for construction. There was a general discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Oxford moved to approve the contract changing the “if” to “of” in the third line of Item No. 2.13. Councilman Walker seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**The motion carried.**

**VISITORS AND PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**ADJOURN**

With all business complete the meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.