

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2007 — 1:00 P.M.
STAR BRAND RANCH
1182 STAR BRAND DRIVE
KAUFMAN, TEXAS 75142**

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

MAYOR	WILLIAM FORTNER
MAYOR PRO-TEM	LONNIE BOUNDS
COUNCILMEMBER	GIL ALTOM JR.
COUNCILMEMBER	JEFF COUNCIL
COUNCILMEMBER	CHARLES GILLENWATER
COUNCILMEMBER	BARRY RATCLIFFE
COUNCILMEMBER	VACANT

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Fortner called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m. Councilmembers present were Mayor Fortner, Mayor Pro-Tem Bounds, Councilmember Ratcliffe, Councilmember Council, and Councilmember Gillenwater. Mayor Fortner declared a quorum present. Councilmember Altom arrived at 2:40 p.m. Also present were City Manager Curtis Snow and City Secretary Jo Ann Talbot.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Ratcliffe moved and seconded by Councilmember Gillenwater to go into Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. Mayor Fortner called for a vote with all voting AYE, the motion carried. Councilmember Altom was absent.

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, GOVERNMENT CODE V.T.C.A. (OPEN MEETINGS LAW), IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL - APPOINTMENTS.

1. PERSONNEL - Under TEX. GOV'T. CODE Sec. 551.074
 - a. To discuss the appointment of a City Council Board member to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term through May 2008.

ANY FINAL ACTION, DECISION, OR VOTE ON A MATTER DELIBERATED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING OR ON INFORMATION RECEIVED IN A CONFERENCE WITH EMPLOYEES WILL ONLY BE TAKEN IN AN OPEN MEETING THAT IS HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH TEX. GOV'T CODE CH. 551. THE CITY COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY TEX. GOV'T CODE SEC. 551.001, ET SEQ. (TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT) ON ANY ITEM ON ITS

OPEN MEETING AGENDA OR TO RECONVENE IN A CONTINUATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING ITEMS NOTED ABOVE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, SECTIONS 551.071-551.086 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

The City Council adjourned out of Executive Session at 1:38 p.m.

END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. CONSIDER ANY OFFICIAL ACTION ON THE EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSED MEETING ITEMS:

a. PERSONNEL – Under TEX. GOV'T CODE Sec. 551-074.

To discuss and consider the appointment of a City Council Board member to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term through May 2008.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bounds nominated Von Carl Thomas to be appointed as Councilmember. Councilmember Council seconded the nomination. Councilmember Ratcliffe recommended Kenny Campbell to serve. He said that Mr. Campbell worked for the Kaufman Independent School District. He is involved with the KISD future planning committee. Councilmember Ratcliffe commented that he thought Mr. Campbell would serve as a good Councilmember. With no other nominations, Mayor Fortner called for a vote to appoint Von Carl Thomas as City Councilmember to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term through May 2008. All Councilmembers voted AYE, the motion carried. Councilmember Altom was absent.

The Council took a break at 1:45 p.m. Mayor Fortner called Von Carl Thomas to invite him to the Council Retreat. Mr. Thomas declined due to other commitments and reported he would be at the next regular meeting June 18, 2007.

Councilmember Gillenwater moved and seconded by Councilmember Council to adjourn the Special Meeting at 1:47 p.m. Mayor Fortner called for a vote and all voted AYE, the motion carried.

Before the Council Retreat began Mayor Fortner informed the Council that in 1985 and 1986 he was accused of medical fraud. He hired a private investigator in order to find out how this rumor started. If he had a felony record his medical licenses would have been revoked. He explained that 34 people were removed from the voter's registration list because they were listed as a convicted felon. His name was one of the 34 people. This was a huge error at the county clerks

office. It was corrected, but the damage had been done. He said this subject resurfaced again during this election and he wanted the Council to know the truth of why this rumor started.

**CITY COUNCIL RETREAT WORK SESSION
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The City Council Retreat began at 2:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Mayor Fortner, Mayor Pro-Tem Bounds, Councilmember Ratcliffe, Councilmember Council, and Councilmember Gillenwater. A quorum was declared present. Councilmember Altom arrived at 2:40 p.m. Also present were City Manager Curtis Snow and City Secretary Jo Ann Talbot.

1. The Kaufman City Council will hold a Strategic Planning Work Session for the City of Kaufman.

City Manager Curtis Snow gave the City Council an overview of events that would be covered over the next two days.

The first item covered for the day was to identify the definition of a Strategic Plan, who are we, what is your vision, and what are the issues.

The City Council will identify five items to accomplish for next year.

Councilmembers were asked to identify what was important to Kaufman. Some of the items identified were as follows: Quality of life for the citizens of Kaufman, cleaner town, better streets, more green space; places to walk, more jobs in Kaufman, no tax increase, safer Kaufman, police visibility, more housing, lower sewer rate, viable plan for the Sports Complex, attract builders to build homes, need more thoroughfares, make city ordinances important and define them in the future, educate citizens on city codes and code enforcement, preservation, beautification, public safety, have no cruising zones, enforce codes on parking vehicles in front yard, to invest back into the community, community meetings to talk about code enforcement, development standards, more police patrol, develop police accreditation standards, merit raises, Highway 34 by-pass, growth and be a proactive city.

The Council took a break at 3:35 p.m. The Council reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

The Council discussed values for Kaufman. Items discussed were: no tax increase, least cost to operate, small town flavor, need quality in life and a safe environment.

The Council discussed City buildings. No new City Hall, but remodel inside foyer and re-budget for monument in front of City Hall. Move Public Works away from City Hall. Future City Hall (Government Center) to be placed downtown, provide incentives for parking downtown. Light up street with period street lighting in front of City Hall.

The Council discussed Streets. Review Development Standards, Thoroughfare Plan, Street Program, cut street overlay save for one large item (concrete street), Highway 34 By-Pass, need Highway 175 and Highway 34 ramp, concrete streets in new developments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER.

No announcements from City Manager.

REQUEST/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL.

Mayor Fortner reminded City Manager Curtis Snow to call owners of Qualitex to discuss thoroughfare between Highway 34 and Old Kemp Highway.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council retreat meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m. Social time with the Council was from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**WILLIAM FORTNER
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**JO ANN TALBOT
CITY SECRETARY**

A TAPE RECORDING OF THIS MEETING IS ON FILE AT CITY HALL. THESE MINUTES ARE CONDENSED THEREFORM.