

**CITY OF CLEWISTON  
Special Commission Meeting  
August 29, 2011**

The City of Clewiston City Commission held a special Commission meeting in the City Hall Commission Chambers Monday, August 29, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Miller. Police Chief Don Gutshall gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance:**

**Commissioners Present:** Mayor Richard Miller, Commissioner Mali Gardner, Commissioner Joseph Miller, Commissioner James Pittman and Commissioner Julio Rodriguez.

**Personnel Present:** City Manager Steve McKown, Finance Director Ted Byrd, Police Chief Don Gutshall, City Clerk Marilyn McCorvey, Public Works Director Sean Scheffler, Utilities Director Kevin McCarthy, Golf Course Director Adolfo Pena, Recreation Director Lance Ramer, Library Director Eric Tommerdahl, and City Engineer Tommy Perry.

**Visitors Present:** Scott Jones

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – None**

**Public Comments – None**

- 1. Paving Bid Award** – The City received several bids for the 2011 Paving Project ranging from \$95,058.74 to \$180,134.00 with Weekley Asphalt being the low bidder at \$95,958.74. City Engineer Tommy Perry Spoke on this issue. Mr. Perry stated there had been a problem with the bid opening dates and we had extended the bid period and gave the bidders who submitted a bid on the first opening date a chance to stand on their bid or change it. Ajax was the low bidder on the first opening date, but they submitted a higher bid on the extension date. Weekley Asphalt was the low bidder for the project and City Engineer Perry recommends the paving project be awarded to them.

**Commissioner Pittman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Miller, to award the 2011 Paving Project bid to Weekley Asphalt in an amount not to exceed \$95,958.74. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.**

- 2. US Teks IT Contract** – The City's IT Administrator has resigned his employment with the City. In order to maintain the continuity of our systems, Utilities Director McCarthy has negotiated and signed a one year contract with US Teks to provide IT monitoring and backup services to the City. Utilities Director McCarthy stated that US Teks is the company that our former IT Administrator went to work for and they do contract work for three cities in Alabama. We need to have access to him during our transition period as we have very diversified systems. Commissioner Rodriguez stated that this is an important decision and he would like to see the contract with a company closer to Florida. He stated we need to formulate a plan for the future. Mr. McCarthy stated this contract is a short term solution while we try to hire and train someone for the position.

**Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Miller, to ratify the Contract with US Teks for the contract amount of \$14,669 for the first month and \$3,669 for the following eleven months, contingent upon the City Attorney's final approval. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.**

City Manager McKown stated that we have received paperwork regarding unionization of the Police Department.

City Attorney Schoech informed the Commission that he has prepared a draft lease agreement with the City and Hato Potrero Farms. He stated the lease/purchase option, first right of refusal on two adjoining parcels, financing, and erecting a building are complex issues and the agreement needs further work. Mr. Schoech stated there are other issues regarding the tax exempt financing and he suggested that the City should consider the taxable financing option. City Manager McKown stated this was an issue we could work through.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Richard Miller, Mayor

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Marilyn McCorvey, City Clerk