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The first item of new business at the regular meeting of the Grant City Council Tuesday, Dec. 14 was to swear in two new council members and the incumbent mayor after the seats were filled during the November election.

Mayor Mike Wyatt retained his position and was sworn in along with new council members Bob Tatum and Kirk York who took the seats of Darrell Pierce and Dennis Hansen.

Rounding out the council are Tim Pofahl and Wayne Pick.

Following the swear-in procedure, the newly elected members took their seat behind the bench and proceeded to act on other items of new business—the first being selection of a new council

president.

Members of council unanimously voted in Tim Pofahl as council president.

The new council members were appointed by Mayor Wyatt to serve on two of the city's committees. York will serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee; Tatum was appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Tree Advisory Board.

Other appointments by the mayor to fill positions of the city during 2010-11 will be forthcoming in the future.

#### In Other Business

- As a formality, council unanimously approved a temporary liquor license for the Cactus Palace who requests permission from the state to serve alcohol at a wedding in January at the fairgrounds.
- Waiving three readings, council unanimously adopted an ordinance for emergency spending for well repair up to an amount of \$34,000.
- Discussion was held on future funding for necessary water projects within city limits.

#### Water/Lotto/Sheriff Report

Council released figures for water usage and lotto sales during the month of November, along with the Perkins County Sheriff's Office report for the month of October.

- Water: A 5.3 million gallon decrease in water usage was seen in November compared to the previous month of October.

During November, 4,848,000 gallons of water were used compared to 10,160,500 gallons in October.

A previous year comparison found usage in November 2010 to be a 651,500 gallon increase over November 2009 usage.

- Lotto: Sales during November at DJ's Bar and Grill totaled \$7,915 with a payout of \$4,917 which leaves a net of \$2,999. There remains \$37.50 in unclaimed prize money.

- Sheriff's Report: Police service hours during the month of October totaled 292 which includes several types of calls such as accidents, animals, warrants, paper service, traffic citations, arrests, ordinance enforcement, and other services.