

# Council

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Stripling saw the natural gas wells as prohibiting growth and development on valuable property located within the city.

Other concerns included a decline in property value, pipeline configuration, the use of horizontal drilling, whether any of the proposed wells produce sour gas or if mercaptan would be added to the gas due to its proximity to the school and hospital.

No questions regarding an increase in well site locations were raised during the public hearing by citizens or by Fairfield Industrial Development Corporation president David Zuber who was present for the proceedings.

Questions regarding a fifth well located on FIDC property were initiated during a city council meeting held earlier this month.

In that meeting Zuber informed council members that the energy company had staked a well site on FIDC property along the west service road of I-45.

XTO's initial presentation to council members included only four wells and none of them at the location mentioned by Zuber.

After hearing comments, Mayor Hill addressed residents and representatives of XTO.

"The city council can decline permits for any of the wells and XTO doesn't have to accept it."

"We want you to develop your properties without



**FAIRFIELD RESIDENTS** Lane Stripling and Donna Tyus look over documents pertaining to a proposal by XTO Energy to drill five natural gas wells within city limits.

jeopardizing our community but I will fight it to the death before permits are issued at these locations," stated Hill.

As he continued to speak, the mayor's opposition to the current parameters of XTO's proposal escalated.

Mayor Hill's threat to "file a lawsuit if needed" evoked an offending facial response from an XTO representative and the mayor

in turn threatened him with expulsion from the building aided by Fairfield's chief of police.

Response from XTO was limited as the mayor had instructed company representatives to write down questions and concerns and after further communication with the him and city council members they would collectively decide the best way to respond to residents.

And indeed throughout the proceedings, XTO employees busily scribed the questions of citizens only to be answered at a later date in a yet unknown form.

Unfortunately no one explained this to agitated citizens who questioned the company's lack of

answers and information which was done unbeknownst to them at the request of their city officials.

Representatives from XTO included Bobby Stark, Trey Carlile, Gene Young and Dr. Daniel Johns of Titanium Environmental

Services in Longview, a company retained by XTO to conduct a noise assessment and provide information regarding environmental noise emission.

In the city council meeting that followed, action on XTO's drilling applications was tabled until further communication.



## Fairfield Police Report Police Chief Kenny Bulger

(A summary of recent activity of Fairfield Police Department.)

January 26  
3:01 a.m.—Officer Foree assisted deputies with a combative subject.  
7:44 a.m.—Officer Keithley dispatched to I-45 in reference to a reckless driver.  
11:15 a.m.—Cpl. Green takes care of traffic problems at Love's Travel Center.  
2:05 p.m.—Cpl. Green dispatched to 436 McDonald Street in reference to a possible disturbance.  
8:20 p.m.—Officer Gasaway dispatched to 411 Anderson Lane in reference to a 9-1-1 hang-up.

January 27  
3:30 p.m.—Officer Keithley dispatched to Love's in reference to traffic problems.  
7:10 p.m.—Officer Kindon on traffic jam.

10:04 p.m.—Officers Kindon and Gasaway on report of someone trying to get into a building. Unable to locate.  
10:36 p.m.—Officer Kindon and Sgt. Warren on

reported fight at McDonald's restaurant.

January 28  
2:37 a.m.—Officer Kindon on 9-1-1 hang-up.  
4 a.m.—Officer Gasaway assisted a deputy at the East Texas Medical Center emergency room with an unruly subject.  
5:22 a.m.—Officer Kindon assisted a Department of Public Safety trooper at a wreck.  
6:05 a.m.—Officer Kindon assisted a DPS trooper at a wreck.

7:53 a.m.—Officer Foree assisted a DPS trooper at a wreck.  
9:33 a.m.—Officer Foree assisted DPS with rerouting traffic.

10 a.m.—Sgt. Utsey to a minor wreck.  
10:05 a.m.—Officer Foree to grand jury.  
7:10 p.m.—Cpl. Bass and Sgt. Warren on report of a suspicious vehicle.  
8:46 p.m.—Cpl. Bass to a traffic jam at Love's.

11:01 p.m.—Cpl. Bass on report of shots heard.  
January 29  
8:12 a.m.—Officer Foree

on report of alarm sounding.

9:41 a.m.—Officer Foree on report of minor wreck.  
10:40 a.m.—Officer Foree on report of power line down.  
5 p.m.—Officer Foree to minor wreck.

9:30 p.m.—Cpl. Bass on report of a suspicious person.

9:31 p.m.—Cpl. Bass to police department to speak to a complainant.

10:22 p.m.—Cpl. Bass to police department to speak to a complainant.

10:52 p.m.—Cpl. Bass on report of a reckless driver.  
11:47 p.m.—Cpl. Bass on open gate.

January 30  
10:30 a.m.—Officer Kindon dispatched to ETMC in reference to a possible combative subject.

2:43 p.m.—Cpl. Bass on alarm call.

4 p.m.—Officer Kindon took a statement from a complainant in reference to threats.

7:15 p.m.—Officer Keithley dispatched to Chevron station in reference to a civil matter.

January 31  
1:10 a.m.—Officer Keithley out with three subjects at Bragg's Car Wash on suspicious activities. One subject arrested on outstanding warrants.

10:45 a.m.—Officer Kindon dispatched to Texaco station in reference to a suspicious person.

12:15 p.m.—Officer Kindon assisted with a funeral escort.

2:45 p.m.—Officer Kindon met complainant at police department in reference to a civil matter.

5:57 p.m.—Officer Keithley dispatched to Peachtree Street in reference to loose horses.

9:35 p.m.—Cpl. Green, while on a traffic stop, was informed that a subject had outstanding warrants out of Dallas county. Subject arrested and taken to jail.

February 1  
6:17 a.m.—Officer Kindon on report of loud music.

11:38 a.m.—Officer Kindon on report of pit bull dog running at large.

7:20 p.m.—Cpl. Green and Officer Keithley to livestock on a roadway.

9 p.m.—Officer Keithley assisted with a car fire.

11:47 p.m.—Cpl. Green on report of subject getting loud with waitress.



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