

City of Mertzon

City Council Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2018

Regular Meeting

Those Present:

Mayor:

Lisa Hight

Mayor Pro-Tem:

Melissa Matthews

Council Members:

Charlene Holland
Celica Belcher

Danny Crutchfield
Bill Taylor

Employees:

Sheri Benson, City Administrator

Steve Thompson, Operations Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hight, with quorum present. Opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Texas Flag were recited by everyone present.

Public Comments: Commissioner Paxton requested City Council add to the agenda for next Regular Meeting the consideration of selling the City Park to Irion County so they may review grant options on existing buildings and improvements. Representative from Texas Disposal Service (TDS), Jamar Prince, addressed the Council regarding his commitment to keeping Mertzon as a customer of TDS and the positivity he adds to this relationship.

Irion County Contract for Assessing and Collection of Taxes. Joyce Gray, Irion County Tax Assessor-Collector, provided council the 2018 contract for approval. Councilman Taylor made a motion to accept contract as written. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Proposed Tax Rate for 2018: Joyce Gray, Irion County Tax Assessor-Collector, provided council the 2018 certified values for property tax rates. Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate .0537830/\$100 value resulting in a revenue of \$177,734.00 for the 2018 year. Councilman Matthews seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Wastewater System Improvements and Robertson Well Infrastructure: (a) Scott Hay, Representative of Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. (EHT) presented updated estimates of the project in need of repair at the wastewater treatment facility. Discussion only. (b) Scott Hay presented an updated estimate to rehab the Robertson Well. Discussion only.

Debt Service for Infrastructure Improvements: Discussion only.

2018-2019 General and Water/Sewer Budget: Item tabled.

Executive Session: No executive session held.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve July 23, 2018, minutes as written. Councilman Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion passed. Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve July 31, 2018, minutes as written. Councilman Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Financial Documents: Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve all financial documents. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

City Administrator's Report: Information presented by Administrator Benson.

1. Accounts payable were submitted for review and initialed by each council member.
2. Bank account balances were presented.
3. Current budgets were presented.
4. Continued education classes have been scheduled for employees Thompson and Bermea. Both employees will have their Class C license for Groundwater and Wastewater by the end of this year.
5. New employee James will begin on August 20, 2018.
6. Original Services are waiting on TCEQ approval.
7. Trash Disposal surveys are being worked on.
8. Reminder of upcoming Budget meeting on August 15, 2018.

Daily Operations Update: Information presented by Operations Supervisor Steve Thompson.

1. Replaced multiple meters.
2. Moved brush pile to pit and burned.
3. Working with Irion County employees to find possible water leaks and reliability of existing meters.
4. Repaired water leaks on Railroad and Commerce street.
5. Hauled sludge to land application site.

Items from the Council: Add Irion County's proposal of selling the City Park. Margaret and 4th Street stop sign on North and South sides of streets

Adjournment: Councilman Holland made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Matthews seconded. All in favor; motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Lisa Hight

Signed: _____
City Administrator

Sheri Benson