

City of Mertzon

City Council Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2020

Regular City Council Meeting

Those Present:

Mayor:

Lisa Hight

Mayor Pro-Tem:

Melissa Matthews

Council Members:

Bill Taylor
Charlene Holland
Celica Belcher
Danny Crutchfield

Employees:

Sheri Benson, City Administrator
Steve Thompson, Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Hight, with quorum present.

Opening prayer was led by Pastor Mark Krause. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Texas Flag were recited by everyone present.

Public Comments: Public comments addressing items on agenda were made by Becky Lange, Kirby Mitchell, Joe Harper, Harvey Flores, Ray Montez, Jack Northcutt, Steve Lewis and Adrie McCravey.

Easement for Sewer Line Across Gray Avenue: Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve presented easement between the City of Mertzon and resident Todd Merchant allowing for placement of sewer line across Gray Avenue from Block 83; Lot: 15 to Block 90; Lot: 5. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Wastewater Effluent Pond Project: Councilman Belcher made a motion to table. Councilman Holland seconded. No Councilmembers in favor; motion failed. Councilman Taylor made a motion to proceed into executive session. Councilman Matthews seconded. Councilman Crutchfield in favor, motion passed.

Executive Session: Council adjourned into executive session at 7:31 p.m. to deliberate regarding Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding real property. Review property deed restrictions for Lots 22-26.

Return to Open Session: Council reconvened from executive session at 7:58 p.m. No actions made from executive session.

Ordinance #17.02 Regulation of Recreational Vehicle Parks and Recreational Vehicle Parking: Councilman Matthews made a motion to table item. Councilman Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Purchase of Equipment: Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve purchase of the presented quote from Concho Valley Bike Shop for a Ferris Zero Turn mower for \$12,899.00. Councilman Holland seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Resignation of City Administrator Sheri Benson: Councilman Matthews made a motion to accept Administrator Benson's resignation. Councilman Holland seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve January 20, 2020, minutes as written. Councilman Belcher 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 payables presented for review and initialed by each council member.
2. Bank account balances presented for review.
3. General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund budgets presented for review.
4. Update on Robertson well and effluent pond projects.
5. Pump tests on all City wells will be performed by Abel Water Well Systems after completion of the Robertson well.
6. TCEQ's inspection of the sludge transportation permit resulted in 2 (two) violations that have been resolved.
7. Received the Texas Lemon Law requirements from the City Attorney and have begun the process.
8. Employee James has returned as part time.

Daily Operations Update: Information presented by Supervisor Thompson

1. Repaired one (1) sewer main.
2. Performed monthly water main flushing and meter readings.
3. Repaired HMO mixer at water plant and repaired irrigation lines at irrigation field.
4. Moved effluent water to Originals tank while repairs were made.
5. Participated in TCEQ's sludge transportation permit inspection and prepared land application site for permit requirements.
6. Assisted contractors with fencing to relocate effluent pond spoils.
7. Installed street signs and trimmed trees.
8. Watered roads and repaired roads on Garden Avenue, First Street and Duncan Avenue.

Items from the Council: Request evaluation of a four-way stop located by the ICISD High School parking lot at Third Street and Fayette Avenue.

Adjournment: Councilman Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Matthews seconded. All in favor; motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Signed: *Sheri Benson*
City Administrator