

# City of Mertzon

City Council Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2019

Regular Meeting

**Those Present:**

**Mayor:**

Lisa Hight

**Council Members:**

Charlene Holland

Bill Taylor

**Employees:**

Sheri Benson, City Administrator

Steve Thompson, Supervisor

**Mayor Pro-Tem:**

Danny Crutchfield

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:** None.

**Account #420:** Councilman Taylor made a motion to accept weekly payments of \$100.00 until account is paid in full. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

**110 Fleming Water Meter:** Discussion only.

**Road Repair:** Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve a 12" culvert be installed on Spring Street. Councilman Holland seconded. All in favor; motion passed. Culvert on North West Railroad was tabled till next meeting. Councilman Holland made a motion to purchase cobble rock to repair Margaret Ave by arena. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. Councilman Belcher abstained. Motion passed.

**Truck and Equipment Purchase:** Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the estimate from the Goodbuy Program. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed. Estimates for truck tires was reviewed. Discussion only.

**Storage Tank Maintenance:** Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve Texas Tank Service estimate. Councilman Belcher approved. All in favor; motion passed.

**Repeal Ordinance #00-08-01-Franchise Fee for Universal Cable:** First reading to repeal Ordinance #00-08-01.

**Executive Session:** Council went into executive session at 7:48pm with no minutes kept. Subject to Section 557-074 of the Texas Government Code; any personnel matters that Council has and Subject to Section 551-073 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation over possible contract negotiation.

**Return to Open Session:** Council returned from executive session at 8:46 pm. Councilman Belcher made a motion to approve past employee Farmer's employee file redaction request as presented. Councilman Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion passed. Councilman Taylor made a motion to implement a Franchise fee of 5%. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** Councilman Belcher made a motion to approve January 21, 2019, minutes as written. Councilman Holland seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

**Financial Documents:** Councilman Holland 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 were submitted for review and initialed by each council member.
2. Bank account balances were presented.
3. Up to \$48.00 per day is charged for housing inmates in Tom Green County jail.
4. RV ordinances and permits have been requested from the City Attorney
5. Gaming ordinances have been received from multiple cities and are available for review. Business owners have requested city council review possible ordinance options.
6. TXDOT has temporarily fixed 6<sup>th</sup> street and Hwy 2469.
7. TCEQ has approved an "Out of Service" status on the north effluent pond instead of a full closure allowing less costly procedures to be done.
8. City Council applications for a place on the ballot are available for pickup until February 15, 2019, at 5:00pm.

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

1. Three water leaks have been repaired.
2. Two water meters were replaced.
3. Repaired four sewer lines.
4. Worked on pot holes.
5. Worked on Broom and Signs.

**Items from the Council:** None

**Adjournment:** Councilman Holland made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. All in favor; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Signed: Melissa Matthews  
Mayor Pro-Tem

Signed: Sheri Benson  
City Administrator