

City of Mertzon

City Council Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2020

Regular City Council Meeting

Those Present:

Mayor: Bill Taylor

Mayor Pro-Tem:

Melissa Matthews

Council Members:

Jayton Lindley

Charlene Holland

Aubrey Stewart

Employees:

Michele Wardlaw, City Administrator

Steve Thompson, Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bill Taylor, with quorum present.

Opening prayer was giving by Councilman Crutchfield.

Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Texas Flag were recited by all in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: George Noelke opposed the closing of Fourth Street and stated he believes the process of closing said street is unlawful. Mr Valencia asked to speak with the council about his bill. He was put on the January 18, 2021 agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT: Councilman Lindley made a motion to appoint Aubrey Stewart as a council member to replace Councilman Belcher. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed

OZONA CABLE: Councilman Matthews made a motion to table item until city attorney can be contacted for advice. Councilman Lindley seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

WATER RATE INCREASE: Discussion of possibly raising base rate. Council asked for City Hall to put out public notices on bills, web site and Facebook page to let the public know rates will go up \$5.00 on each water and sewer base rate per month starting March 1, 2021. Council also decided to change payment plan to 6 months.

PERSONNEL POLICY: Council proofread new personnel policy and had administrator take notes on changes that needed to be made.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Information presented by City Administrator Michele Wardlaw

1. Fourth Street abandonment has been filed with the County Clerk's Office
2. Auditors here for 3 days and did more information gathering virtually.
3. Hinojosa bill is back to normal
4. ACT sent out last registered letters to accounts that have been turned over to them
5. AEP trimmed the tree at Regina Sorrels house in the alley
6. Left message for internet café about donation list

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve December 7, 2020 minutes with 2 corrections. Councilman Lindley seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS: Councilman Holland made a motion to approve all financial documents. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

DAILY OPERATIONS UPDATE: Information presented by Supervisor Steve Thompson

1. Lab samples to town
2. Located water & sewer lines for AEP
3. Located water valves
4. Work on water and WWTP
5. Fixed 4 Water leaks
6. Worked winterizing vehicles and equipment

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL:

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Matthews made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Stewart seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Signed:
Mayor



Signed:
City Administrator

