

# City of Mertzon

City Council Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2020

## Regular City Council Meeting

### Those Present:

**Mayor:** Bill Taylor

### Mayor Pro-Tem:

Melissa Matthews

### Council Members:

Jayton Lindley  
Danny Crutchfield  
Charlene Holland  
Celica Belcher

### Employees:

Michele Wardlaw, City Administrator  
, Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bill Taylor, 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:** No Comments

**Taxation Authorization:** Councilman Matthews made a motion to allow Joyce Gray to do the calculations for the Truth in Taxation process. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Address Abandonment of Fourth Street:** Mr. Noelke presented the council and audience with a packet. He then presented his current argument and reasons for not wanting the school to place the new gym on Fourth street. He reiterated his concerns of flooding. Discussion only

**Executive Session:** Council adjourned into executive session at 7:22 pm deliberation regarding Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; personnel matters and Subject to Section 551.071; consultation with an attorney.

**Return to Open Session:** Council reconvened from executive session at 8:29p.m

**Presentation/Request for Closure of Fourth Street Between Fayette and Juanita and Alley:** Dr Despain presented the council with a packet. He then advised council he would be rescinding his request to close Fourth street at this time. Dr Despain then went forward with the presentation as to why the school feels it is a good idea to build the new gym on Fourth street. Discussion only.

**Administrator Probationary Period Review:** Councilman Lindley made a motion to offer administrator a 3% raise after 90 day review. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Estimate from Scott Hay:** Councilman Crutchfield made a motion to accept proposal from Scott Hay to research and file all necessary paperwork with TCEQ for current GPM flow violation. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor. Motion passed

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve June 15, 2020 minutes as with corrections. Councilman Belcher 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

**City Administrator's Report:** Information presented by City Administrator Michele Wardlaw

1. Working on security cameras for City Hall, sewer plant, water plant, standpipe
2. 2 major water leaks that were fixed, water was shut off for 17 hours on July 3, 2020
3. Standpipe was cut off at the valves, filed a report with Sheriff's Office and chained valves open
4. We will be facing a fine from TCEQ deadline on July 14, 2020 will not be met
5. Conference is still being held in Abilene and has been paid for
6. Regina Sorrells is wanting to let her friend set up a food truck at her house
7. Administrator went down to the creek 4-5 times a day over July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend to pick up trash and hand out trash bags.

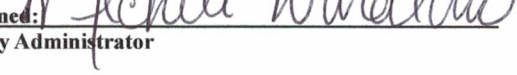
**Daily Operations Update:** Information presented by Supervisor Steve Thompson

1. Water leaks Main & Rico's alley, 415 W. Garden, 403 N. Broadway
2. Replaced water line at 403 N. Broadway
3. Put asphalt around manhole at Main & Rico's alley
4. Valve caps at Water plant, Rico's alley, Duncan & Railroad
5. Mowed at the creek, islands, Commerce, Duncan & Hwy 67
6. Hauled cobble stone to 403 N. Broadway
7. Made more trash bins for the creek
8. Read meters
9. BODs to lab

**Items from the Council:**

**Adjournment:** Councilman Matthews made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Signed:   
Mayor

Signed:   
City Administrator