

# City of Mertzon

City Council Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2019

## Regular Meeting

### **Those Present:**

#### **Mayor:**

Lisa Hight

#### **Mayor Pro-Tem:**

Melissa Matthews

#### **Council Members:**

Celica Belcher  
Bill Taylor

Charlene Holland  
Danny Crutchfield

#### **Employees:**

Sheri Benson, City Administrator  
Steve Thompson, Supervisor

#### **Attorney:**

Jeff Betty

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:** (a) Business owner Chris Lee addressed the council to review extension of hours of operation and allotted parking spots per the new Ordinance #15-02. (b) Resident Johnny Wales expressed his support for council to consider and allow the new Irion County Volunteer Fire Department building be built on City of Mertzon property.

**Irion County Volunteer Fire Department Board's proposed site for new Volunteer Fire Department on City of Mertzon's property of Block 105, Lot 1-8:** Discussion only.

**Texas General Warranty Deed for sale of parcel of land within the City of Mertzon Park:** Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the Texas General Warranty as written. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

**Irion County Public Swimming Pool water source:** (a) Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the use of the well located at the Irion County ISD's football field for the remaining 2019 summer. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. All in favor; motion passed. (b) Councilman Matthews made a motion to table discussion of long-term use of the Irion County ISD football field well and the applicable water fees. Councilman Holland seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

**Executive Session:** Council went into executive session at 7:33 p.m. No minutes were kept during session. (a) Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding real property, consideration to purchase property located around the Robertson well. (b) Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; any personnel matters that council has, consideration of employment positions for both full and part time.

**Return to Open Session:** Council returned from executive session at 8:50 p.m. Councilman Taylor made a motion to move employee Forigus from a part time position to a full-time position with no pay increase. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

**Enprotec, Hibbs & Todd, Inc.'s Standard General Contractors Construction contract.** Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve the contract as written. Councilman Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

**Partial closing of Gray Avenue:** Councilman Taylor made a motion to close a section of Gray Avenue due to excessive road damage from flooding. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

**Temporary street closure of North East Fleming Ave Block 156:** Councilman Matthews made a motion to allow the temporary closing of North East Fleming Ave. on June 29, 2019, from hours of 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Councilman Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

**Inventory items not sold during public auction:** (a) Councilman Taylor made a motion to advertise publicly for two weeks Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 23 items are free to the public and then will be disposed of for scrap metal at the end of the two weeks. Councilman Holland seconded. All in favor; motion passed. (b) Councilman Taylor made a motion to dispose of Lots 22 and 32 items. Councilman Matthews seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve May 20, 2019, 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 were submitted for review and initialed by each council member.
2. Bank account balances were presented.
3. Updated council regarding employee James.
4. Spoke with a representative of Irion Land and Cattle regarding possible water purchase, awaiting a follow up call.
5. Enprotec, Hibbs & Todd, Inc's full bid packages will be available in the next two weeks.
6. The parking lot at the football field is in need of extensive repairs.

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

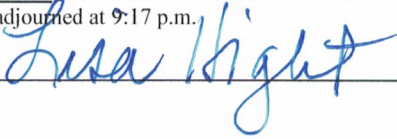
1. Replaced a water line at 413 Garden Avenue.
2. Read meters for billing.
3. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is having a large increase in dumping.
4. Repaired Valley View Drive, Spring Avenue, Gray Avenue and Third Street from recent flooding.
5. Mowed at baseball field, creek, island, irrigation field and walking park.
6. Trash pickup at parks and creek.

**Items from the Council:**

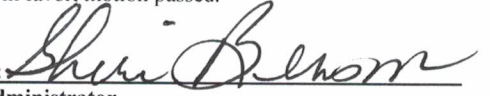
- (a) Locate original Deed that includes Block 105; Lots 1-8 and submit to City Attorney, Jeff Betty.
- (b) Request the electric bill from Irion County ISD for the pump house that includes the use of electricity to fill the Irion County Swimming Pool.
- (c) Review options used to determine appraisal of water rights to purchase.

**Adjournment:** Councilman Matthews made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Signed:  
Mayor

  
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Signed:  
City Administrator

  
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