

# City of Mertzon

City Council Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2021

## Regular City Council Meeting

### Those Present:

**Mayor:** Bill Taylor

### Mayor Pro-Tem:

Melissa Matthews

### Council Members:

Jayton Lindley

Charlene Holland

Aubrey Stewart

Danny Crutchfield

### Employees:

Michele Wardlaw, City Administrator

Natalio Padilla, Administrative Asst

Steve Thompson, Supervisor

Daniel Bermea

Rusty Sughrue

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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:** Mayor Taylor spoke during public comments to thank all city employees for their work during the winter storm.

**COMPENSATION FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Mayor Taylor asked the council if they would like to keep payments to council the same or possibly change the amount. Mayor Taylor stated the reason for possibly lowering the amount is due to the changes in the economy and the City's income dropping. No motion was made.

**COUNCIL APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM:** Councilman Matthews made a motion to allow City Administrator and Mayor to apply for membership. Councilman Holland seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT'S PROTOCOL FOR THE CITY OF MERTZON:** Discussion only. No motion made

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO WINTER STORM FEBRUARY 2021:** Discussion only. No motion made

**END OF STATE OF MAYORAL DISASTER DECLARATION ISSUED FEBRUARY 17, 2021:** No action needed.

**RECESS:** Recess began at 7 p.m. Return to session 7:04 George Noelke was allowed to make a public comment. Mr. Noelke voiced his concerns about ICISD not complying with any building codes per his finding from a public information act request to the school.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Information presented by City Administrator Michele Wardlaw & Natalio Padilla

1. We had a dog in quarantine for rabies and Dr Waldrop said it was OK for dog to be transferred to a vet in San Angelo
2. We have a few residents with higher water bills due to winter storm
3. We are going to try to get state relief funds for winter storm to possibly cover high water bills due to pipes bursting
4. We had a few people call and sign up for blackboard
5. Our Energy contacted us to let the City know our energy bill rates will stay the same and not be affected by ERCOT rates
6. End of the island has been damaged by a snowplow and we will be checking into how it will be prepared
7. Emergency water haulers paperwork is being filed to help during emergency situations
8. March 4, 2021 Covid 19 mobile shot clinic

**PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:** Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve minutes as written for January 18, 2021 and February 1, 2021. Councilman Lindley seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

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

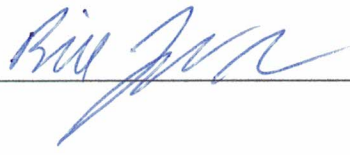
**DAILY OPERATIONS UPDATE:** Information presented by Supervisor Steve Thompson

1. Work on lift station
2. Worked on water system due to winter storm
3. Fixed leaks on 5<sup>th</sup> street, 700 blk of Broadway, 2 leaks at 404 E. Duncan, 207 E. Fleming and Cravens #1 & #2
4. Replaced water line at 207 E. Fleming and 903 N. Fourth Street
5. Read & reread meters
6. Located utilities at 4<sup>th</sup> Street for new gym
7. Changed oil in generator at water plant and truck #8
8. Trash at creek
9. Caught dog for quarantine
10. Took soil samples, water samples and BOD to lab
11. Fixed skid steer tires
12. Flushed lines
13. Worked on aerators
14. Cleaned drying beds
15. Rigged up water meter for water hauling

**ITEMS FROM COUNCIL:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilman Matthews made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Stewart seconded. All in favor; motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Signed:  
Mayor



Signed:  
City Administrator

