

City of Mertzson

City Council Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2020

Regular City Council Meeting

Those Present:

Mayor:

Mayor Pro-Tem:

Melissa Matthews

Council Members:

Bill Taylor
Charlene Holland
Celica Belcher
Danny Crutchfield

Employees:

, City Administrator
, Supervisor
Nate Padilla, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Melissa Matthews, 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: None

Repair to WWTP wet well pump: Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve Odessa pumps for repair of pump and TALAJAK for removal of pump. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Consideration to waive late fees for W/S due to COVID 19: Councilman Taylor made a motion waive late fees for the month of April. Councilman Holland seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Executive Session: Council adjourned into executive session at 7:11p.m regarding, Subject to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding personnel matters. City Administrator position, Mayor resignation and full and part time employee positions

Return to Open Session: Council reconvened from executive session at 7:52p.m Councilman Crutchfield made a motion to accept resignation of Mayor Hight. Councilman Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion passed. Councilman Taylor made a motion to offer pay for City Administrator for \$38,000.00 yearly with 3% raise after 90 days reevaluation and a signed declaration of insurance denial. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. Councilmen Taylor, Crutchfield and Holland voted for; Councilmen Matthews and Belcher voted against. Motion passed. Councilman Taylor made motion for start date effective immediately. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. Councilmen Taylor, Crutchfield, Matthews and Holland voted for; Councilman Belcher voted against. Motion Passed.

Consideration of Consultant Agreement from Sheri Benson: Councilman Holland made a motion to retain Sheri Benson as a consultant from 3/30/20 to 5/31/2020. Councilman Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Consideration to appoint of Mayor for remainder of the term: Councilman Taylor asked for consideration as Mayor. Councilman Crutchfield made a motion to accept Councilman Taylor as Mayor. Councilman Holland seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve March 2, 2020, 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 City Administrative Assistant Padilla

1. Accounts payables presented for review and initialed by each council member.
2. Bank account balances presented for review.
3. General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund budgets presented for review.
4. Trees have been replanted on Hwy 67 median.
5. Ivey Motors Ford hasn't been able to recreate truck problems and cannot send to Ford till problem can be recreated.
6. City Wide Cleanup will be held on April 25, 2020.
7. SCADA has been budgeted for already.
8. Possible cooking oil had been poured around Robertson Well, Sheriffs Office put up a camera to monitor
9. WTP well has a fuse short. Kari Bynum was contacted to ask for possibly changing the operational status

Daily Operations Update: Information presented by City Administrative Assistant Padilla

1. Patched roads SE Railroad, Main, Fleming, Parkview, Fayette, 2nd, 1st, Duncan, Broadway & 5th.
2. Mowed.
3. Tested BOD
4. Worked on John Deere tractor
5. Sprayed at the sewer plant
6. Installed sprinklers near baseball field
7. Repaired broken pipe at Tankersley #1
8. Read meters
9. Tilled land application field
10. Hauled and burned brush
11. Installed water regulator
12. Repaired 3 water leaks

Items from the Council:

1. Update on the Robertson well

Adjournment: Councilman Belcher made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. All in favor; motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Signed: Nichele Wardlaw
City Administrator