

City of Mertzton

City Council Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2019

Regular City Council Meeting

Those Present:

Mayor:

Mayor Pro-Tem:

Melissa Matthews

Council Members:

Bill Taylor
Danny Crutchfield
Celica Belcher
Charlene Holland

Employees:

Sheri Benson, City Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Matthews, with quorum present. Opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Texas Flag were recited by everyone present.

Public comments: None.

Irion County ISD Geotechnical and Stormwater Evaluation: Discussion only.

Code Enforcement Officer Employment: Tabled.

Executive Session: Council adjourned into executive session at 7:39p.m. to deliberate regarding Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding real property. Consideration to abandon unimproved or unused alley. No minutes were kept during session.

Return to Open Session: Council returned from executive session at 8:12p.m.

Abandonment and Abatement of Alley at Block 143: Lots 1-6: Councilman Crutchfield made a motion to approve the Abandonment and Abatement of alley located at Block 143; Lots 1-6. Councilman Matthews seconded. Councilman Taylor, Councilman Belcher and Councilman Holland Nay. Motion failed.

Irion County Appraisal District Board of Directors Ballot: Councilman Holland made a motion to approve an equal split of the allowed forty five (45) votes to be shared between each Irion County Appraisal District candidate, James Furr, T.J. Hill, Joyce Gray, Cody Sawyer and William R. Scott, thus allowing for nine (9) votes each. Councilman Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Draft Ordinance #20-01 Water and Sewer Services: Discussion only.

Prior meeting minutes: Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve October 7, 2019, minutes as written. Councilman Taylor 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 submitted for review.
3. General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund Budgets presented for review.
4. Robertson Well bid documents deadline is Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 3:30p.m.
5. Currently waiting on confirmation from testing center on M.I.C. Gaming software.
6. Administrator Benson attended Animal Control Officer and Local Rabies Control Authority training.
7. Ordinances needing reviewed are Regulation of Trash and Junk, Furniture and Appliances, RV Parks and Animal Control.
8. Employee James will be on temporary leave due to a health procedure.

Daily Operations Update: Information presented by Administrator Benson

1. Repaired two (2) water leaks and replaced one (1) meter box.
2. Read meters and took lab samples to SKG Engineering.
3. Completed installation of chlorination pump, repaired electrical lines and built a containment at irrigation field.
4. Met with contractors for the Robertson Well project.
5. Placed panels around Tankersley Well #3 per TCEQ requirement.
6. Used sewer camera on Duncan to look for blockage.
7. Repaired maintainer and installed new seat on the tractor.
8. Mowed along Commerce Street, Main Avenue and creek.
9. Cleaned brush from alley on Block 200, trimmed trees on West Railroad Street.
10. Hauled road base to Block 300 and cobblestone and asphalt to Garden Avenue.
11. Took two (2) dogs to Big Lake kennel for adoption and cleaned kennels.

Items from the Council: Councilman Taylor asked to look for a possible manhole located at the old post office and make sure an RV moved onto Angelo Avenue meets current ordinances.

Adjournment: Councilman Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Signed: _____
Mayor

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Signed: _____
City Administrator

Sheri Benson