

# City of Mertzon

## Council Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2016

Those Present:

Mayor-  
Carol Shaw

Council Members-  
Michael Kahlig  
Jim Tharp  
Terry Criner  
Elodia Hinojosa

Regular Meeting

Employees-  
Ginny Rhymes  
LeeAnna Cavness  
Jim Rose  
Norman Rhymes

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Carol Shaw with quorum present.

Opening prayer led by Michael Kahlig.

Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Texas Flag were recited by everyone present.

**Open Forum:** Ms. Charlene Holland addressed the council requesting to have meeting minutes published to the Irion County Newsletter. Mr. Steve Lewis addressed his concerns of suspending his water and sewer services, until a later date, due to vacancies.

**City Minutes:** Council meeting minutes will be posted in the Irion County newsletter beginning with the April 2016 addition, minutes are also available online at [www.mertzontexas.com](http://www.mertzontexas.com)

**City Charter:** Mr. Bill Taylor expressed his concerns regarding the City of Mertzon operating under a City Charter and had questions regarding where a copy of this charter could be obtained. Mayor Shaw explained to Mr. Taylor that the City of Mertzon does not operate under a City Charter, that in fact, the City of Mertzon is a Type A General Law City. Mayor Shaw explained that a Type A General Law City follows the Local Government Code, not a City Charter. Mayor Shaw gave the qualifications of a city whom follows a City Charter; the city's population must be 5,000 or greater to qualify as a Chartered City.

**Ranch Rodeo:** The Annual Ranch Rodeo will be held April 22, 23, and 24, 2016. Motion made by Mr. Jim Tharp, motion seconded by Mr. Terry Criner, motion passed with all in favor.

**Variance:** Motion to ratify the resolution granting variance to Donald Watson for property located at 110 N. Third Street made by Mr. Michael Kahlig, motion seconded by Mr. Jim Tharp, motion passed with all in favor.

**Auditor Update:** Due to the audit report not being available yet, this matter was tabled for the next council meeting.

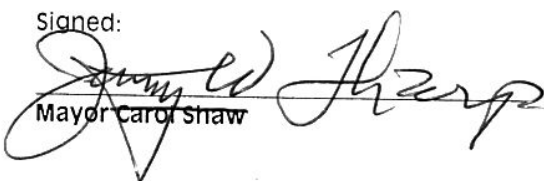
**City Secretary's Report:** Motion made by Mr. Michael Kahlig to approve minutes from the previous council meeting, motion seconded by Mr. Jim Tharp, motion passed with all in favor.

**Operation Manager Report:** Council members were updated on daily operations of the water and sewer plants. Announcement made, The City of Mertzon won second place in the state in a water tasting contest. Mr. Jim Rose told the council about damages done to the Spring Creek Park and estimated the damages at \$750.

**Items from the Council:** Mr. Jim Tharp requested clarification pertaining to the stipend the council will receive. Mr. Jim Tharp also requested clarification regarding the laws of amending the budget.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Mr. Michael Kahlig, seconded by Mr. Jim Tharp, motion passed with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Signed:

  
Mayor Carol Shaw

  
City Secretary Ginny Rhymes