

City of Mertzon

Council Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2016

Regular Meeting

Those Present:

Council Members-
Michael Kahlig
Jim Tharp
Terry Criner
Elodia Hinojosa
Celica Belcher

Employees-
Ginny Rhymes
LeeAnna Cavness
Sean Williamson
Norman Rhymes
Steve Thompson
Anthony Shank

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Criner with quorum present.

Opening prayer led by Michael Kahlig.

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

Public Comment On Any Agenda Item: Natalie Harris addressed the Council regarding the upkeep of the little league fields during baseball season. Ms. Harris requested that the fields be mowed once a week. Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Criner assured Ms. Harris that the city would continue to maintain the fields. Valerie Lewis addressed the Council about the upcoming elections.

Elections: The Council members appointed an election judge for the May 7, 2016 Alderman Elections. Motion made by Ms. Elodia Hinojosa to appoint the Irion County Museum as the Polling Place for the City Alderman Elections, motion seconded by Mrs. Celica Belcher, motion passed with all in favor. Motion made by Mr. Jim Tharp to hold both Early Voting and Elections at the Irion County Museum, motion seconded by Mr. Michael Kahlig, motion passed with all in favor.

Property Located On Third and Sherwood: Council discussed flooding issues occurring at this residence.

Property Located On Sixth Street: Charlene Holland addressed the Council about rain backing up on her property ever since Sixth Street was redone. Ms. Holland informed the Council that all water West and North pools on her property and presented Council with pictures. Consideration of getting bids to help correct issue. Tabled for later meeting.

Mayor Resignation: Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Criner announced the resignation of Carol Shaw received via email. Motion made by Mr. Michael Kahlig to accept the resignation, motion seconded by Mrs. Celica Belcher, motion passed with all in favor.

Executive Session: Council went into executive session at 7:18 PM.

Return To Open Session: Council came back into open session at 8:05 PM. Motion made by Mr. Jim Tharp to terminate Mr. Jim Rose, motion seconded by Mrs. Celica Belcher, motion failed. Motion made to appoint LeeAnna Cavness as Assistant City Secretary was made by Mr. Jim Tharp, motion seconded by Mrs. Celica Belcher, motion passed with 4-5 votes.

Appointment Of Office: Motion made by Ms. Elodia Hinojosa to appoint Jim Tharp as Mayor,

motion seconded by Mrs. Celica Belcher, motion passed with 3-2 vote. Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Criner swore in Jim Tharp. Motion to postpone appointment of Council Member until the May elections made by Mr. Terry Criner, motion seconded by Mrs. Celica Belcher, motion passed with all in favor.

City Secretary's Report: Motion made by Mr. Michael Kahlig to approve minutes, motion seconded by Mrs. Celica Belcher, motion passed with all in favor. Financial reports were given to each Council Member, as well as current bills, and expenses.

Items from the Council: None.

Adjournment: Motion made by Mr. Terry Criner, seconded by Mr. Michael Kahlig, motion passed with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Signed:



Mayor Jim Tharp



City Secretary Ginny Rhymes