

City of Mertzon

City Council Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2019

Regular Meeting

Those Present:

Mayor:

Lisa Hight

Mayor Pro-Tem:

Council Members:

Bill Taylor

Celica Belcher

Danny Crutchfield

Employees:

Sheri Benson, City Administrator
Steve Thompson, Supervisor

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

Public Comments: None.

Trion County T-Ball League Lease Agreement: Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve new contract with redaction of the monthly water and sewer fees during the season of the contract. Councilman Belcher seconded. Mayor Hight approved. Councilman Crutchfield abstained. Motion passed.

Workers Compensation Policy: Councilman Belcher made a motion to table. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Gaming Ordinance: Discussion only.

Junked Vehicle Ordinance: Discussion only.

Animal Control Ordinance #98-05-01: Councilman Taylor made a motion to combine Section 5 and 15 - Redemption, change Section 16 - Fees from flat rate impounding/boarding fees to increased fees per offence up to three offenses and remove Section 9 - Animals Barking or Howling. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

RV Ordinance #13-07-07: Discussion only.

Executive Session: Council went into executive session at 8:32p.m. with no minutes kept. Subject to Section 551.071; consultation with an attorney and Subject to Section 551.074; any personnel matters that council has.

Return to Open Session: Council returned from executive session at 8:55p.m. Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve an emergency temporary position for a maximum of 30 hours a week effective immediately. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve March 18, 2019, minutes as written. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Financial Documents: Councilman Belcher made a motion to approve all financial documents. Councilman Taylor 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 presented.
3. Deed of Sale for the Park will be presented at the next Commissioner's Court.
4. Scott Hays with EHT, Hibbs & Todd, Inc. said the sewer plant will be sufficient for a new apartment.
5. The city's online auction items began today through Rene Bates Auctioneers and will end on Friday, April 15th at 2:00p.m.

Daily Operations Update: Information presented by Supervisor Thompson.

1. Mowing baseball fields, park and irrigation fields.
2. Read meters.
3. John Deer tractor is not cutting grass and may need to be taken in for repair.
4. Patched holes by creek and wool house.
5. Fixed sewer line at the baseball fields and replaced benches.
6. Picked up trash at creek.
7. Waiting for road to dry out on N. Rail Road before we can repair roads.

Items from the Council: None

Adjournment: Councilman Crutchfield made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Lisa Hight

Signed: _____
City Administrator

Sheri Benson