

City of Mertzon

City Council Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2022

Regular City Council Meeting

Those Present:

Mayor: Bill Taylor

Mayor Pro-Tem:

Aubrey Stewart

Council Members:

Randy Councilman

Danny Crutchfield

Jayton Lindley

Charlene Holland

Employees:

Michele Wardlaw, City Administrator

Steve Thompson, Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Bill Taylor, with quorum present.

Opening prayer was given by Councilman Crutchfield.

Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Texas Flag were recited by all in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: George Noelke addressed council about his concerns with flooding and public safety. He asked the council to pass ordinances for the purpose of public safety. Hand out was given to all in attendance.

PROPOSAL OF 2022 TAX RATE: Joyce Gray, Irion County Tax Assessor-Collector, provided council the 2022 certified property tax rates. Councilman Lindley made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate .764135 resulting in a revenue of \$292,058.00 for the 2022 year. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed

WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT: Diana Thomas and Ashley Masters were here to discuss permitting water wells every 5 years. Diana suggested that the city should relinquish 5 wells back to landowners, for the purpose of the City not being responsible for them if they deteriorate since we no longer use them for PWS purposes. They also asked for permission to use 2 of the City's wells that are no longer on the PWS system as monitor wells for ICWCD. Councilman Stewart made a motion to allow ICWCD to use the 2 City water wells for monitor wells. Councilman Councilman seconded. All In Favor. Motion Passed

2022-2023 BUDGET DISCUSSION AND PLANNING: Council and Administrator Wardlaw discussed line items on the 2022-2023 General and Water/Sewer Budgets. Administrator Wardlaw presented the council with 2 options for the 2022-2023 Water/Sewer & General Fund Budgets. Council decided to have Administrator Wardlaw draw up budget using option 2. Option 2 includes a 3% raise for employees and a salary raise to \$49,000.00 with health insurance benefits for Administrator Wardlaw. Discussion Only.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Councilman Lindley made a motion to approve August 1, 2022 minutes with 1 typo error correction. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS: Councilman Stewart made a motion to approve all financial documents. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

DAILY OPERATIONS UPDATE: Information presented by Supervisor Steve Thompson

1. Fix water leak on Hwy 67
2. Took water samples and BOD to the lab
3. Pulled 3 drying beds of sludge, hauled and incorporated
4. Installed stop signs on 3rd and Fayette
5. Weed eat and mowed at the Water plant, Baseball fields and Sprinkler fields.
6. Road work on 3rd Steet, 4th Street, 2nd and James.
7. Worked on equipment
8. Worked on WWTP
9. Sprayed weeds and trees around town and at City Hall.
10. Hauled trash from the creek
11. Cut brush around 5th Street Well
12. Dumped 2 beds of sludge
13. Removal of dead animals

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL: Call Clark Abel about benzonite, call school about cement on meters.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Crutchfield made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Lindley seconded. All in favor; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Signed:
Mayor



Signed:
City Administrator

