

City of Mertzon

City Council Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2018

Regular Meeting

Those Present:

Mayor:

Lisa Hight

Mayor Pro-Tem:

Melissa Matthews

Council Members:

Charlene Holland
Celica Belcher

Danny Crutchfield
Bill Taylor

Employees:

Sheri Benson, City Administrator

Steve Thompson, Operations Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 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: Resident Atchinson requested to be added to the agenda held on September 10, 2018, to review options regarding the alley along his property.

Proposed Tax Rate for 2018: Discussion only.

Trash Disposal Service: Councilman Taylor made a motion to have the City return to open-market for trash disposal after the current contract with Texas Disposal Inc. expires on December 31, 2018. Councilman Holland seconded. Councilman Crutchfield opposed. Councilman Belcher and Councilman Matthews approved, motion passed.

City Park: Irion County Commissioner Paxton asked the Council for approval to move forward with getting an appraisal of value of the City Park. Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve Irion County's request to have an appraisal done. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Executive Session: Subject to Section 550-072 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding real property. Council went into executive session at 7:53p.m. to deliberate on Irion County's request of ownership of City Park. No minutes were kept.

Return to Open Session: Council returned from executive session at 8:02p.m. Discussion only, no action taken.

18-2019 General and Water/Sewer Budget: Administrator Benson provided proposed budgets for approval.

- (a) Councilman Holland made a motion to approve the proposed 2018/2019 General Fund Budget. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.
- (b) Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve the proposed 2018/2019 Water/Sewer Fund Budget. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. Estimates and Contract for Projects: Councilman Belcher made a motion to table. Councilman Matthews seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Prosperity Bank Debt Service Agreements: Discussion only.

Residential Account #383: Resident requested a reduction in excess water charges. Councilmember Belcher made a motion to table until new meter has been installed. Councilman Matthews seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Resolution #18-09-07-R, Parade Route: Resolution #18-09-07-R was available for public review. Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve Resolution #18-09-07-R as written. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Prior Meeting Minutes:

- (a) Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve August 6, 2018, minutes with corrections. Councilman Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion passed.
- (b) Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve August 15, 2018, minutes as written. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Financial Documents: Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve all financial documents. Councilman Holland seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

City Administrator's Report: Information presented by Administrator Benson.

1. Accounts payable were submitted for review and initialed by each council member.
2. Bank account balances were presented.
3. Current budgets were presented.
4. New employee James began work today.
5. TXDOT stated the corner of 6th and Hwy 2469 will be repaired this week.
6. TXDOT will deliver signs to the office on Thursday of this week.
7. Corner of Garden and 6th will be repaired this week.
8. Currently waiting on TXDOT's engineer to set up an appointment to discuss water runoff.
9. Reminder of Budget hearings on August 23rd at 7:00p.m. and Council meeting to adopt budgets and tax rate is scheduled for August 27th at 7:00.
10. Approval for stop signs at Margaret and 4th Street will be added to the agenda during the next Regular City Council meeting.

Daily Operations Update: Information presented by Operations Supervisor Steve Thompson.

1. Replaced meters at Irion County Museum and the Sheriff's Department.
2. Repaired 4 water leaks.
3. Repairing screens at the Cravens Wells.
4. SCADA is not working and waiting for electrician to repair.
5. Repaired pressure valve on Commerce Street.
6. Working on mowing island, weed eating and picking up trash.

Items from the Council: None

Adjournment: Councilman Holland made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Lisa Knight

Signed: _____
City Administrator

Sherrill Benson