

City of Mertzson

City Council Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2020

Regular City Council Meeting

Those Present:

Mayor: Bill Taylor

Mayor Pro-Tem:

Melissa Matthews

Council Members:

Jayton Lindley

Charlene Holland

Employees:

Michele Wardlaw, City Administrator

Steve Thompson, Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Bill Taylor, with quorum present.

Opening prayer was giving by Pastor Mark Krause.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Aubrey Stewart introduced himself to the public and council. He also expressed his interest in filling the open councilman seat that is available. George Noelke opposed the closing of Fourth Street and stated he believes the process of closing said street is unlawful; as well as voiced his opinion in the city revisiting the lease agreement with Irion County ISD for the football field and possible tree removal at the field. Becky Tankersley voiced her concerns about the drainage plan and removal of trees at the football field.

COUNCIL MEMBER RESIGNATION: Councilman Matthews made a motion to accept the resignation of Councilman Belcher. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council adjourned into executive session at 7:11p.m. to deliberate Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding real property.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Council reconvened from executive session at 7:32p.m.

PROPERTY LEASE: Councilman Matthews made a motion to table item until city attorney can be contacted for advice. Councilman Lindley seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed.

ACCOUNT #206 & 515: Councilman Lindley made a motion to do a 3 month average for Acct # 206. Councilman Holland seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Councilman Matthews made a motion to do a 3 month average for Acct # 515. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

ACT ACCOUNTS: Council asked for more information. No action taken

PEDDLERS PERMIT/ORDINANCE 1050: Discussion only. Council wants administrator to start amendment on Ordinance 1050 to match the current peddlers permit the city is using. No action taken.

PERSONNEL POLICY: Council made proof read new personnel policy and had administrator take notes on changes that needed to be made.

WATER ORDINANCE: First Public Reading of the Water Ordinance. Discussion of possibly raising base rate, changing hourly rate for employees to install lines. Council will take home copies to read over for later discussion and changes to be made for second reading. Discussion only. No action taken.

BUDGET AMENDMENT: Councilman Lindley made a motion to adopt Ordinance 11.07 Final Budget Amendment for Fiscal year 2019-2020 on Water/Sewer Fund and General Fund. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

RV ORDINANCE: First reading and changes suggested. Discussion only

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Information presented by City Administrator Michele Wardlaw

1. Spoke with Jeff Betty, we are still waiting on the school to send legal description to finish abandonment of Fourth Street
2. Sent a list and copies of receipts the Judge Criner for Covid expenses for possible reimbursement.
3. Updated council how things are going with guys taking off a day for their on call weekend
4. Update on tree in alleyway by Regina Sorrells house, will have her call AEP
5. TML Insurance policy will go up by \$48.00 for Cyber security
6. Internet Café renewed permit

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve November 16, 2020 minutes as written. Councilman Lindley seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

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

DAILY OPERATIONS UPDATE: Information presented by Supervisor Steve Thompson

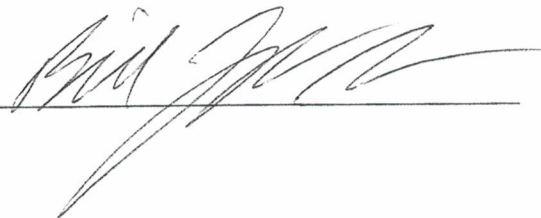
1. Lab samples to town
2. Haul sludge to application field
3. Clean aerators
4. Built meter box for concession stand
5. Read meters
6. Located water & sewer lines for AEP
7. Got tags for 7 vehicles

8. Dug line and install conduit for new copper phone lines
9. Patched holes on 6th Street
10. Located water valves
11. Work on water and WWTP
12. Water leaks at Lake and Davidson's alley

EMS FROM COUNCIL:

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Matthews made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Lindley seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Signed:
Mayor



Signed:

City Administrator

