City of Mertzon

City Council Meeting Minutes November 18, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting

Those Present:

Mayor: Lisa Hight

Mayor Pro-Tem:

Council Members:

Bill Taylor Celica Belcher Charlene Holland **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 was led by Pastor Mark Krause.

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

Public comments: None.

Approval of Ordinance #20-01 Water and Sewer Services: Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve Ordinance #20.01 Water and Sewer Services with changes. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

First Reading of Ordinance #20-01 Water and Sewer Services: First reading held.

<u>Fees for Extension of 8" Sewer Main:</u> Councilman Taylor made a motion to use a certified contractor and present estimates during next council meeting. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

2019/2020 Employee Health Benefits: Councilman Taylor made a motion to continue with the same employee benefits with no changes. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Burn Ban: Councilman Taylor made a motion to lift the city's burn ban. Councilman Holland seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

<u>Prior Meeting Minutes:</u> Councilman Holland made a motion to approve November 04, 2019, minutes as written. Councilman Taylor 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 presented for review and initialed by each council member.
- 2. Bank account balances presented for review.
- 3. General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund budgets presented for review.
- 4. Texas State Comptroller's Sales Tax Report presented for review.
- 5. City Attorney Jeff Betty submitted an email regarding additional obligations required before an ally may be abandoned and was presented for review.
- A resolution for naming Administrator Benson as the Local Rabies Control Authority for the City of Mertzon will be presented during the next council meeting.
- 7. Calls have been received asking about the franchise fee added to recent refuse pickup invoices.
- 8. NextLink presented an agreement requesting use of the stand pipe to affix antennas for cellular services that will be reviewed.

<u>Daily Operations Update:</u> Information presented by Supervisor Thompson

- 1. Repaired two (2) water leaks.
- 2. Worked on aerators and clarifiers at wastewater plant.
- 3. Installed heaters at wastewater plant.
- 4. Maintenance work on equipment.
- 5. Patched holes on Fayette and Juanita Avenue.
- 6. Cut and hauled brush.
- 7. Replaced sign at Fourth Street and Fayette Avenue.
- 8. Assisted on three (3) animal impoundments.
- 9. Removed deer from Highway 67.

Items from the Council:

Trim tree at corner of James Avenue and Highway 67. Repair holes on Fifth Street.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Signed: Mayor

City Administrator