

# City of Mertzton

City Council Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2018

Regular Meeting

**Those Present:**

**Mayor:**

Lisa Hight

**Mayor Pro-Tem:**

Melissa Matthews

**Council Members:**

Charlene Holland  
Bill Taylor

Celica Belcher  
Danny Crutchfield

**Employees:**

Sheri Benson, City Administrator  
Steve Thompson, Operations 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.

**City Park:** Commissioner Paxton presented Stribling-Probandt Appraisals' completed City Park appraisal stating estimated value is \$74,000.00. Councilman Crutchfield made a motion to accept the appraisal and to move forward with the sale of property. Councilman Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

**Auto Purchase:** Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the Texas Buy Board estimate for a new truck with utility bed. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. Councilman Belcher and Matthews approved. Councilman Holland opposed. Motion passed.

**Dangerous Buildings/Public Nuisance Ordinances:**

1. **(a) Repeal Ordinance #83-36-02 for Dangerous Buildings:** Councilman Matthews made a motion to repeal Ordinance #83-36-02. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. All in favor; motion passed. Ordinance will be reviewed for final repeal during next City Council meeting.
2. **(b) Repeal Amendment #97-08-03 to Ordinance #83-86-02 for Dangerous Buildings:** Councilman Taylor made a motion to repeal Amendment #97-08-03. Councilman Matthews seconded. All in favor; motion passed. Ordinance will be reviewed for final repeal during next City Council meeting.
3. **(c) New Ordinance for Dangerous Buildings:** Councilman Taylor made a motion to table item to next City Council meeting. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

**Repeal Ordinance #14-05-05 for Establishing a Police Department:** Councilman Matthews made a motion to repeal Ordinance #14-05-05. Councilman Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion passed. Ordinance will be reviewed for final repeal during next City Council meeting.

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve October 22, 2018, minutes as written. Councilman Holland seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

**Financial Documents:** Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve all financial documents. Councilman Belcher 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. City Attorney, Jeff Betty has been notified to provide a contract for sale of the Flemming property.
4. Clay samples were taken at multiple locations that would provide for the sealing of the south effluent pond.
5. Prosperity Bank has submitted the loan funds to First National Bank of Mertzton and placed in our account.
6. Speed Bumps for the school have been ordered.
7. RES requested the roads be swept where work has been completed and RES will reimburse the city for time spent.
8. Letters regarding Texas Disposal contract and Blackboard message system will be mailed to Mertzton residents this week.
9. Dolin Rushing has finished his Eagle Scout project at the river.
10. Employee Bermea is in Waco attending wastewater training.

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

1. Repaired two water leaks.
2. Continue to sweep streets due to the rain.
3. Repairing pot holes
4. Employee Bermea's truck is still in the shop getting the radiator repaired.
5. The culvert has been delivered to Sixth street for TXDOT to install.
6. Texas Water Development Association's water leak detector has been received and will be used to locate the water leak at the Community Center parking lot.
7. Working on gear box at the WWTP.
8. New EMR unit for the water treatment plant's HMO system will be received this week and will be installed.
9. Completed meter readings.
10. TCEQ requested a tour of the water plant for training. Employees Thompson and Bermea will be available next week for tour.
11. Two dogs are currently in the kennel and waiting on advice from the family before adoptions proceed.

**Items from the Council:** Councilman Taylor is waiting on the trade-in value for the chipper to trade in the grappling bucket. Councilman Taylor suggested Yellow House may have a motor grader that we may be interested in at a later date.

**Adjournment:** Councilman Belcher made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Holland seconded. All in favor; motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Signed: Don Hight  
Mayor

Signed: Sheri Benson  
City Administrator