

City of Mertzon

City Council Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2019

Regular City Council Meeting

Those Present:

Mayor:

Lisa Hight

Mayor Pro-Tem:

Melissa Matthews

Council Members:

Bill Taylor

Danny Crutchfield

Celica Belcher

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.

2019 Tax Roll: Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve the 2019 Tax Roll as presented. Councilman Taylor seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Jeff Betty, Attorney at Law, Rate Increase: Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve Mr. Betty's hourly rate increase from \$150.00 to \$200.00. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Executive Session: Council adjourned into executive session at 7:20p.m. to deliberate regarding Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding real property. Consideration to close unimproved or unused alley. No minutes were kept during session.

Return to Open Session: Council returned from executive session at 7:50p.m.

Closure of Alley at Block 143; Lots 1-16: Councilman Matthews made a motion to close alley at Block 143; Lots 1-16. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. Councilman Taylor Nay and Councilman Belcher abstained. Motion passed.

Resolution #10-07-19 Designation of Official Newspaper for the City of Mertzon for Fiscal Year 2019/2020: Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve Resolution #10-07-19 delegating the Big Lake Wildcat newspaper as City of Mertzon's official paper for public notifications. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Draft Ordinance #20-01 Water and Sewer Services: No discussion.

Prior meeting minutes: Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve September 23, 2019, minutes as written. Councilman Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Financial documents: Councilman Taylor 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 submitted for review.
3. Resident account #970 has been paid in full.
4. M.I.C. Gaming submitted additional testing that was performed in 2013; waiting on confirmation from testing center.
5. Received a check from State Farm to replace damaged trees along the islands caused by a recent auto accident.
6. Options for new council members chairs and seat for the John Deer tractor were presented for approval.
7. Updates on animal control: Duke has been in kennel for 19 days waiting for adoption, one dog is in rabies quarantine due to a bite and Administrator Benson will attend Animal Control Officer and Local Rabies Control Authority training next week.
8. City Wide Cleanup was well attended.
9. Employee uniforms have been delivered.
10. Next meeting will be held on October 28, 2019.

Daily Operations Update: Information presented by Supervisor Thompson.

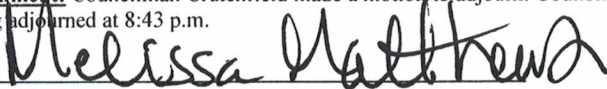
1. Repaired five (5) water leaks.
2. Read meters.
3. Worked on the aerators and various items at the wastewater plant.
4. Worked on the HMO system at the water plant.
5. Mowed along Highways 67 and 2469, the water and wastewater plants and islands.
6. Installed tires on the backhoe and replaced a cylinder on the maintainer.
7. Hauled off brush, rocks and trash.

Items from the Council: Mayor Hight stated she attended a presentation from Congressional candidate J. Ross Lacy at the Irion County Courthouse and encouraged each council member to attend the next meeting that is called.

Adjournment: Councilman Crutchfield made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Matthews seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Signed:
Mayor



Signed:
City Administrator

