

MINUTES
FRITCH CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 21, 2020
LIVE-STREAMED VIA CITY OF FRITCH – OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE
6:30 P.M.

Pursuant to the National and State Declarations of Public Health Emergencies, and in accordance with the official opinions and recommendations of the Texas Office of the Attorney General and the Texas Office of the Governor, the City of Fritch City Council is closing this meeting to face-to-face interactions with the public. However, every effort is being made to maintain transparency while working to accomplish the public health goals.

All agenda items are subject to action. The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

1. Call to order. Welcome Citizens and Visitors.

- **Mayor Kirksey called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Members present: Mayor Dwight Kirksey, Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins, Alderman Jonas Welch, Alderman Tom Ray, Alderman Chris Pierce and Alderman Jim Story. Employees present: City Manager Drew Brassfield, City Secretary Christina Athey, Public Works Director Roger Pense, Police Chief Bobby Chapmon, Fire Chief Rodney Kerbo and Municipal Judge Shelby Deatherage. Also Present: EDC President Kim Lindley and Suzanne Bellsnyder.**

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

- **Due to Live-Stream meeting this was passed over.**

3. Open forum – Comments/Concerns from Citizens

Citizens who would like to publicly address the City Council during this meeting are to call 1-253-215-8782 or 1-301-715-8592. *Each individual will have a total of 3 minutes to make their statement. All other Open Meeting Act requirements remain (i.e. Council's response is still limited to referring the matter to staff, recitation of existing policy or statement of fact, or proposing the topic be placed on a future agenda, etc.).*

- **No comments or questions presented to the City Council. Meeting continued at 6:40pm.**

4. Consent Items:

This section shall provide for items that require action by the council, but where little or no discussion is anticipated. By a single motion, second and affirmative majority vote, items under this section are approved without further discussion or action. Any council member desiring more discussion on an item may request an item be withdrawn for separate discussion and action.

- A. Approve minutes of the following meetings: 03-10-20 Regular Session, 03-26-20 Called Session and 03-31-20 Called Session
 - B. Approve Tax Deed R8806 (Levy for \$90) and Tax Deed R98675 (Nath for \$50)
 - C. Approve Resolution 2020-4, ratifying Council's decision to postpone the City election from the May uniform election date to the November uniform election date.
- **Mayor Pro Tem Robbins made a motion to accept the consent items as presented, seconded by Alderman Story. Vote: 5/0, Motion Passed.**

5. City Staff & Affiliated Entities reports

- A. Report from Chief of Police – *March Report*
- B. Report from Public Works Director – *March Report*
- C. Report from Fire Chief – *March Report*
- D. Court Report – *March Report*
- E. E.D.C. Report – *Report from Board Representative*
- F. City Secretary Report – *Updates on financials*
- G. City Manager Report – *Updates on on-going projects*

6. New business:

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of releasing \$35,000 of EDC funds for possible COVID-19 Business Support Program.
 - **Alderman Chris Pierce made a motion to release the \$35, 000 in funds to the EDC for COVID-19 Business Support Program with the request that the EDC let the council know how the money was spent. Seconded by Alderman Story. Vote: 5/0, Motion Passed.**
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding ending or continuing temporary changes to City processes connected to utility bills, such as: late fees, disconnects, and reconnect fees.
 - **Aldermen Story made a motion to extend temporary changes to City processes to waive late fees, disconnect and reconnect fees on utility bills for the month of May. Mayor Pro Tem Robbins seconded. Vote: 5/0, Motion Passed.**

7. Mayoral/councilmember announcements.

- **None**

8. Future agenda items.

- **None**

9. Adjournment.

- **Mayor Kirksey adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm.**

READ, PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor Dwight Kirksey

Christina Athey, City Secretary