

MINUTES
FRITCH CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 17, 2020
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6:30PM

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 Public Hearings. Welcome Citizens and Visitors.

- Mayor Dwight Kirksey called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. Members present: Mayor Dwight Kirksey, Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins, 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 Zeb Smith, Animal Control/Code Enforcement Dylan Pense and Municipal Judge Shelby Deatherage. Also Present: EDC President Kim Lindley, Jeremy Rice & Richard Hein. Absent: Alderman Jonas Welch.

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

- Pledge of Allegiance was not administered due to no flag present. Moment of silence led by Mayor Dwight Kirksey.

3. Canvass of the General Election of November 3, 2020 by Resolution 2020-6.

- Alderman Chris Pierce made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-6. Seconded by Alderman Jim Story. Vote: 4/0. Motion Passed.

4. Presentation of Certificates of Election, Statement and Oath of Office by City Secretary.

- City Secretary Christina Athey administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Officers for the City of Fritch.

5. Election of Mayor Pro Tem.

- Alderman Jim Story nominated Alderman Billy Robbins as Mayor Pro Tem. Alderman Chris Pierce seconded.
- Alderman Tom Ray made a motion to close nominations.
- Vote for Alderman Billy Robbins as Mayor Pro Tem. Vote: 4/0/1. Motion Passed. Alderman Billy Robbins abstained from the vote.

6. Open forum – Comments/Concerns from Citizens.

Individual citizen comments are normally limited to five (5) minutes (time limits can be adjusted by the Mayor). The purpose of this item is to allow citizens an opportunity to address the City Council regarding any topic not on the agenda. By State law, the City Council is not allowed to respond to comments and questions asked of them by an open forum speaker. Any response by a member of the City Council must be limited to referring the matter to staff, a statement of specific factual information/recitation of existing policy, or a proposal to place the subject on a future agenda for a future City Council meeting.

- No comments or discussion from citizens.

7. 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.

- Approve minutes of the following meetings: 10/27/2020 Regular Session and 10/27/2020 Crime Board
- Approve Tax Deeds R8507 (Gerstberger for \$32,500 with Tax Lien) and R8803 (West Texas Frac Sand Logistics for \$400)

- a. Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins made a motion to approved the consent items as presented. Alderman Jim Story seconded. Vote: 5/0. Motion Passed.

8. City Staff & Affiliated Entities Reports

- A. **Public Works Report** – Director Roger Pense
- General October Report (Work Orders/ Leak Report)
 - Park Improvements/Update
 - Street repairs/Improvements
 - Water Tower project and Water Improvements
- B. **Volunteer Fire Dept Report** – Chief Zeb Smith
- General October Report (Call logs)
 - Staffing/Training
- C. **Animal Control/Code** – Dylan Pense
- September Report (Animal Control and Code Activities)
 - Tall grass/Trash/Other Code Compliance Efforts
 - Shelter Improvements
- D. **Court Report** – Judge Shelby Deatherage
- October Report (Standard Court report)
 - Update on Court Security Construction
 - Future Dockets
- E. **E.D.C. Report** – President Kim Lindley and/or Director Suzanne Bellsnyder
- October Meeting report
 - Business Activity Updates
 - Building Status Update
- F. **City Secretary Report** – Christina Athey
- Financial Updates (Budget reports, Bank, Fund Balance, Debt Service, etc.)
 - Trainings, certificates, and financial development
- G. **City Manager Report** – Drew Brassfield
- Update on On-going Projects
 - Update on Billing Concerns

9. New business:

- **Discussion and possible approval of an \$8000.00 incentive agreement grant for a 30X30 carport between Cook's Feed Shack and the Fritch EDC.**
 - a. Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins made a motion to approve an \$8000.00 incentive agreement grant between Fritch EDC and Cook's Feed Shack. Alderman Chris Pierce seconded. Vote: 5/0. Motion Passed.
- **Discussion and possible approval of an \$8000.00 5-year interest-free loan to be repaid monthly for a 16X32 enclosed building between Cook's Feed Shack and the Fritch EDC.**
 - a. Alderman Jeremy Rice made a motion to approve the Fritch EDC's 5-year interest-free loan to Cook's Feed Shack for \$8000.00. Alderman Jim Story seconded. Vote: 5/0. Motion Passed.
- **Discussion and possible action regarding Change Order #3 (deadline extension request) on Elevated Water Storage Tank project.**
 - a. Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins made a motion to accept the change order. Alderman Jeremy Rice seconded. Vote: 5/0. Motion Passed.

10. Mayoral/council member announcements.

- Mayor Richard Hein speaks of restructuring future council meetings
- Mayor Richard Hein speaks of the continuation of Zoom council meetings
- Mayor Richard Hein speaks of future workshops that will be held
 - a. Water rates discussion – March 2021
 - b. 5 year planning of projects – March 2021
 - c. Training on the role as council members and mayor – Next month

11. Future agenda items.

- None at this time.

12. Adjournment.

- Mayor Richard Hein adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

Mayor Richard Hein

Christina Athey, City Secretary