

MINUTES
WORKSHOP AND REGULAR SESSION
JULY 20, 2021
CITY ANNEX BUILDING 509 W. BROADWAY FRITCH, TEXAS
6:00PM

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 Workshop. Welcome Citizens and Visitors.

- Mayor Richard Hein called the workshop to order at 6:01pm. Members present: Mayor Richard Hein, Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins, Alderman Jeremy Rice, Alderman Tom Ray, Alderman Rob Hendrick and Alderman Jim Story. Employees present: City Manager Drew Brassfield, City Secretary Christina Athey, Public Works Director Brent Sheets, and Police Chief Bobby Chapmon.

2. Workshop on Water Rates and Related Information.

- Mayor Richard Hein presented the Water Improvement and Street Plan. He requested that the plan be posted on the website as soon as possible.
- Mayor Richard Hein presented the water rate spreadsheet. After discussion the council proposed changing the Base Rates to \$40 for inside city limits and \$45 for outside city limits. The 2021-2022 budget planning will reflect this change going into budget workshops.
 - Research needs to be done for notifying the public of water rate changes.

3. Adjourn Workshop.

- Mayor Richard Hein adjourned the workshop at 6:51pm.

4. Call to Order Regular Session.

- Mayor Richard Hein called the regular session to order at 6:51pm.

5. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

- Mayor Richard Hein led the Pledge of Allegiance, Don Rice gave the invocation.

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.

- Susan B. spoke about roads and standing water in the city. Mayor asked that she contact City Hall to address issues.

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.

A. Approve minutes of the following meetings: 06/15/21 Regular Session

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

8. City Staff & Affiliated Entities Reports

- A. **E.D.C. Report** – President Kim Lindley and/or Director Suzanne Bellsnyder
 - Financial Report
 - Business Activities
 - EDC Committees
- B. **City Secretary Report** – Christina Athey
 - Financial Updates (Budget reports, Bank, Fund Balance, Debt Service, etc.)
- C. **City Manager Report** – Drew Brassfield
 - Updates on Activities within City Departments
 - Updates on On-going Projects

9. New business:

- A. **Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Fire Department Gear Grant.**
 - Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins made a motion to approve the Fire Department Gear Grant in the amount of \$15,000. Alderman Jeremy Rice seconded. Vote: 5/0. Motion Passed.
- B. **Discussion and possible action regarding Solid Waste issues.**
 - Discussion Only. Check on alternative Solid Waste options.
- C. **Discussion and possible action regarding new EDC Board Member application.**
 - Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins made a motion to approve LaTrina Gerstberger appointment to the EDC Board. Alderman Jim Story seconded. Vote: 5/0. Motion Passed.
- D. **Discussion and possible action regarding funding options on purchase of water rights.**
 - Research needed: Is there a time limit on the reimbursement Resolution 2021-8? Can you pay bond off early on a 10-year note?
 - Council advised to complete testing on the Sewer Plant with a possible budget amendment at a later meeting. Drew will contact Brandt Engineers to get this completed.

10. Executive Session

The City Council will convene into closed session in accordance with Texas Government Code Subchapter D: Section 551.074 (personnel matters) - to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal or to hear a complaint or charge regarding:

- A. City Manager.
 - Council convened into Executive Session at 7:46pm.

11. Reconvene into Open Session to take action, if necessary, regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.

- Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:15pm. No Action taken.

12. Mayoral/council member announcements.

- Tara with the Eagle Press would like to take a picture of the Council to put in the paper at the next Council meeting.
- Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins made a request that increase our efforts in notifying the public about what is going on in the city.

13. Future agenda items.

- Test on the Sewer Plant
- Trash Solution update
- City Secretary Evaluation

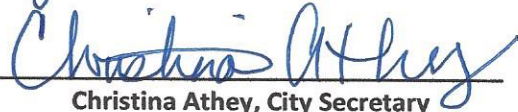
14. Adjournment.

- Mayor Richard Hein adjourned the meeting at 8:19pm.

READ, PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th day of August, 2021.



Mayor Richard Hein



Christina Athey, City Secretary