

MINUTES
FRITCH CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 23, 2021
CONDUCTED REMOTELY VIA ZOOM AND
LIVE-STREAMED VIA CITY OF FRITCH – OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE
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 meeting. Welcome Citizens and Visitors.

- Mayor Richard Hein called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members present: Mayor Richard Hein, Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins, Alderman Jeremy Rice, Alderman Tom Ray, Alderman Martin Church and Alderman Jim Story. Employees present: City Manager Drew Brassfield, City Secretary Christina Athey. Also Present: EDC President Kim Lindley.

2. Invocation.

- Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins led the invocation.

3. 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.

*****Please note: Due to the remote platform on which this meeting is being conducted, those who wish to speak during the open forum need to email the Mayor by 5pm the day of the meeting at mayor@fritchcityhall.com. The email must contain your name and the topic you wish to discuss. The Mayor will then email you with directions for participation.***

- No emails were received by Mayor Richard Hein, no discussion.

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 Any council member desiring more discussion on an item may request an item be withdrawn for separate discussion and action.

- Approve minutes of the following meetings: 01/19/2021 Regular Session, 02/02/2021 Called 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.

2. 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.)
- Election

- C. **City Manager Report** – Drew Brassfield
 - Updates on Activities within City Departments
 - Updates on On-going Projects

3. **New business:**

- A. **Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 2021-2 concerning XCEL Energy (SPS) application to implement a surcharge.**
 - Alderman Jim Story made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-2. Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins seconded. Vote: 5/0. Motion Passed.
- B. **Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 2021-5 concerning XCEL Energy (SPS) application to increase base rates.**
 - Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-5. Alderman Tom Ray seconded. Vote: 5/0. Motion Passed.
- C. **Discussion and possible action regarding bid to purchase 2002 Chevrolet 2500 pickup.**
 - Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins made a motion to approve the fair-price bid for \$200 from Lacey Buttermore to purchase the 2002 Chevrolet 2500 pickup. Alderman Tom Ray seconded. Vote: 5/0. Motion Passed.
- D. **Discussion and possible action regarding City Manager recommendation for Municipal Judge.**
 - City Manager Drew Brassfield recommended that the City Council appoint Yadi Rodriguez as the new Municipal Judge.
 - Alderman Jeremy Rice made a motion to appoint Yadi Rodriguez as Fritch Municipal Judge. Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins seconded. Vote: 5/0. Motion Passed.
- E. **Discussion and possible action regarding Cancellation of May 1, 2021 Election.**
 - Alderman Jim Story made a motion to cancel the May 1, 2021 Election. Alderman Tom Ray seconded. Vote: 5/0. Motion Passed.
- F. **Discussion regarding refinancing 2011 Bond Series.**
 - City Manager Drew Brassfield presented documentation on refunding the 2003 and 2011 Bonds. Drew discussed with the council the savings over the life of the bonds, pros and cons of refunding and the possibility of Hilltop Securities presenting at the March Council Meeting.
- G. **Discussion regarding water system construction projects.**
 - City Manager Drew Brassfield presented recent changes in the status of future water system construction projects. He also updated the council on TML's offer to pay half of the overall cost of the water tower project.
- H. **Discussion regarding City's application for Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Funding from TxDOT.**
 - City Manager Drew Brassfield presented more information on grant funds from TxDot for a sidewalk project from the school to Hwy 136. The council was enthusiastic about this opportunity. Drew will pursue the application process for this grant.

4. **Mayoral/council member announcements.**

- Mayor Richard Hein announced that beginning next month in March, the Council will resume meeting in person.
- Alderman Jeremy Rice thanked the public works department on their hard work during the winter storm.
- Mayor Richard Hein thanked City Manager Drew Brassfield for his work on the Operating Permit from the ground water authority and the public works department on work during the winter storm.

5. Future agenda items.

- Mayor Richard Hein would like to address the ordinance concerning appointment of Municipal Judge on a future agenda.

6. Adjournment.

- Mayor Richard Hein adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

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

Mayor Richard Hein

Christina Athey, City Secretary