

MINUTES
FRITCH CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 16, 2020
CITY ANNEX BUILDING 509 W. BROADWAY FRITCH, TEXAS
6:30 P.M.

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 Dwight Kirksey called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. 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 Rep Gary Leatherman and Municipal Judge Shelby Deatherage. Also Present: EDC President Kim Lindley.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

- Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a word of prayer from Arlin Audrain.

3. Public Hearing regarding proposed change to Highway Business District.

- City Manager Drew Brassfield read Ordinance 583, Highway Business District with the proposed change. Mayor Dwight Kirksey spoke to give additional explanations of the ordinance.

4. Open forum – Comments/Concerns from Citizens regarding proposed change to Highway Business District.

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 this specific item 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.

- Many citizens addressed their concerns and/or commented regarding the change to Ordinance 583, Highway Business District.

5. Adjourn Public Hearing.

- Mayor Dwight Kirksey adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:59pm.

6. Call to Order Regular Session.

- Mayor Dwight Kirksey called the regular session to order at 8:07pm.

7. 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.).*

- Arlin Audrain spoke about safety issues on Lakeview Dr. due to high traffic and speeding. He suggested speed humps and more police presence.
- Cindy Crowder spoke about homeless people camping near her property, leaving junk and starting fires. She wants them to be moved. Mayor Dwight Kirksey asked City Manager Drew Brassfield and Chief of Police Bobby Chapmon to follow up and to let him know the outcome.

8. 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: 05/19/20 Crime Board, 05/19/20 Regular Session.

- Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins made a motion to accept consent items as presented. Alderman Jim Story seconded. Motion passed 5/0

9. City Staff & Affiliated Entities reports

- A. Report from Chief of Police – *April Report*
- B. Report from Public Works Director – *April Report*
- C. Report from Fire Chief – *April Report*
- D. Court Report – *April 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*

10. New business:

A. Request from Fritch Area Chamber of Commerce to change Section 12.01.002 of the Fritch Code of Ordinances regarding Howdy Neighbor Day.

- Jennifer Johnson, Fritch Area Chamber of Commerce Treasurer, requested that the council change the date for Howdy Neighbor Day, Ordinance 565, from the third Saturday of the month of August to the first Saturday in the month of October. Requested due to the heat in August and Covid-19 pandemic this year.
- Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins made a motion to amend ordinance 565 to state, instead of the third Saturday of the month of August to state, the first Saturday in the month of October. Seconded by Alderman Jonas Welch. Vote: 5/0 Motion Passed.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding releasing payment to DACO Fire Equipment in connection to Fire Department grant.

- City Manager Drew Brassfield explained that this is a Fire Association invoice that was billed in October 2019 and was never paid. Daco reached out to the city, and due to them being a valued vendor of the city he would like to stay in good standing with them.
- Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins made a motion that the City of Fritch cover the invoice from Daco Fire in the amount of \$17,325.59 to be taken out of Capital Expenditures line item of the Fire budget and then invoice the Fire Association for the same amount. Seconded by Alderman Chris Pierce. Vote 5/0 Motion Passed.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance 583 excluding residential use from Highway Business District.

- Alderman Chris Pierce made a motion that we move forward with Ordinance 583, excluding residential use of the B-1 Highway District. Seconded by Alderman Jim Story. Vote 5/0 Motion Passed.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding new quote for glass installation in connection to Court Security improvements.

- Alderman Jim Story made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$5907.64 to Royal Glass. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins. Vote 5/0 Motion Passed.

11. Mayoral/councilmember announcements.

- Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins thanked the public for attending the meeting for the Public Hearing and encouraged future attendance to share ideas and concerns in the Public Open Forum portion of the City Council Monthly Meetings.
- Mayor Dwight Kirksey reminded attendees of budget season starting next month.

12. Future agenda items.

- Alderman Chris Pierce suggested that Lakeview Drive's safety concerns be put on the agenda next month to discuss possible solutions.

13. Adjournment.

- Mayor Dwight Kirksey adjourned the meeting at 9:22pm.

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

Mayor Dwight Kirksey

Christina Athey, City Secretary