

MINUTES
FRITCH CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY JULY 19, 2016
CITY ANNEX 509 W. BROADWAY FRITCH, TEXAS
7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to order.** Meeting called to order by Mayor Henderson at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Dwight Kirksey, McKay, Monte Leggett, Cody Benge, Abby White, Cindy Cook and Ed Adamson. Special guest present: Dwight Brandt.
2. **Invocation – pledge of allegiance.** Prayer led by Council member Audrain. Pledge led by City Manager McKay.
3. **Recognize visitors – Mayor Kelly Henderson.**
4. **Open forum.**

Museum Director Abby White gave information concerning the Red River War Summit. This was a meeting that links the area museums together to help with tourism. It is a three to five year project. Ms. White was nominated to the Texas Plains Trail Region board. This organization is a division of the Texas Historical Commission and represents the top 52 counties of Texas. Hutchinson County has not had representation on this board in several years.
5. **New business:**
 - A. **Approve minutes of the following meetings: June 21, 2016.** Motion made by Council member Kirksey to approve the minutes of June 21, 2016. Second made by Council member Gutierrez. Vote 4/0.
 - B. **Discuss and take action on accounts payable.** Motion made by Council member Audrain to accept the accounts payable as presented. Second made by Council member Campbell. Vote 4/0.
 - C. **Discuss and take action to accept donation of funds from Fritch EDC to build a disc golf course in City Park.**

EDC President Kendal Glover told the Council that at the last meeting, the EDC voted to build a disc golf course in the City Park. They are in the process of obtaining bids. There may be some duties that the City employees can do to help offset the costs. There is an association that regulates the rules and standards for disc golf. There are some dead trees that will need to be moved from the park. If the City wishes to host tournaments, then this project will need to be done as a turnkey project in conformity with the rules. Motion made by Council member Kirksey to accept the EDC donation to build the disc golf course in the City Park. Second made by Council member Gutierrez. Vote 4.0.
 - D. **Discuss and take action on contract with Foster and Lambert for audit of year ending September 30, 2016.**

Council member Campbell made the motion to approve the contract with Foster and Lambert for audit of year ending September 30, 2016. Second made by Council member Audrain. Vote 4/0.
 - E. **Discuss and take action on accepting fire truck from Hutchinson County.** Commissioner Jerry Hefner told the Council that several years ago Southwestern Public Service donated the two and a half ton truck to Hutchinson County. The County made it into a fire truck. It has an 800 gallon water tank. It is four wheel drive and ready to fight fires. The County will retain ownership, but the City will be responsible to house, repair and insure the vehicle. The truck has new batteries and nearly new tires. Council member Kirksey made a motion to accept the contract from Hutchinson County giving the City use of the fire truck. Second made by Council member Gutierrez. Vote 4/0.
6. **City officers' reports.**
 - A. **Report from City Manager.** City Manager McKay said that he has started on the budget and that it looks good. He encouraged the Mayor and Council to consider going to the TML conference sometime in the future. First Monday in August, we will be making the bond payments and paying the promissory note to Branch Brinson. Darla Harriman asked if the budget was using current rates or would we consider using lower rates? Manager McKay said no, especially since we are looking at possibly spending four million to come into compliance with TCEQ on the water system.
 - B. **Report from Chief of Police.** Chief Monte Leggett reported that the fourth of July went well. There were lots of people and lots of traffic. No major incidents. One of the Council members asked about racial profiling. Chief Leggett said profiling is legal but racial is not. You can't stop someone because of race. If an officer can tell what race a person is before they are pulled over, then they must put yes on the form. The Charger door had to be repaired. The timing chain is on recall. Currently, the police department has five officers driving one vehicle. The

door panel is coming apart on the Explorer.

- C. Report from Public Works Director.** Engineer Dwight Brandt presented a preliminary report on the water distribution system in reference to an “outstanding alleged violation associated to a notice of violation” on January 12, 2016. Track number 593107 of this document cited the following: “The facility failed to provide two or more wells have a total capacity of 0.6 GPM per connection.” City well #2 currently produces 400 gallons per minute and Hi-Texas well #6 produces 600 gallons per minute. The City has 2880 connections and at current rates with both wells running we are averaging .35 GPM per connection. If the Hi-Texas well is down, we only average .14 GPM per connection. The other three city wells have been tested and if they were put into production, it is estimated the total production would be 2000 GPM or .69 GPM per connection. To take care of the violation adequately, it would be a three step process: 1) Get the well production up. 2) Take care of existing infrastructure and 3) Bring in the water supply. The cost of this project is approximately 4 million. TCEQ gives three months for the deadline. Director Benge will send in an updated report showing that we are working on the situation.
- D. Report from Fire Chief.** The number of fire runs is up this month from previous month. Most of the runs were in county not city. There were 57,000 visitors reported to Lake Meredith over the three day July 4th weekend. Could possibly have been more as some areas did not have counters. All in all, things went real. There was cooperation between the entities. The vegetation is getting dry real fast. It will become a powder keg if we do not have moisture. There was a meeting held today to prepare for the “big one”. Please remember to keep the grass cut and trimmed away from your house.
- E. E.D.C. Report.** Minutes provided in council packets.
- F. Crime Control Report.** Council member Dwight Kirksey reported that the Crime Control met Thursday July 14, 2016. The board voted to buy a PA system to put into the annex building. This system will be available for use by anyone that uses the annex building. It will have a recording system. There will be a mike on the podium and a lapel mike for the mayor and mikes for the other council members. Once the PA system is installed, by law it must be used. If it is legal, the crime board would like to forgive the city of its debt and move forward. It would help take \$34,000 of debt off of the city.
- 7. Mayoral/councilmember announcements.** Next council meeting will be August 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- 8. Future agenda items.** There will be a budget workshop before the regular council meeting.
- 9. Adjourn.** Motion to adjourn made by Council member Kirksey and second made by Council member Gutierrez. Vote 4/0. Dismiss at 8:12 p.m.

READ, PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor W. Kelly Henderson

Cindy Cook, City Secretary