

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

1. **Call to order.** Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor W. Kelly Henderson. Council members present: Richard Hein, Denise Campbell, Arlin Audrain and Arturo Gutierrez. City employees present: Steve McKay, Monte Leggett, Ed Adamson, Cindy Cook, Abby White. Special Guests: Joe Price with PRPC.
2. **Invocation – pledge of allegiance.** Prayer given by Mayor Pro Tem Audrain. Pledge led by City Manager Steve McKay.
3. **Presentation of certificates of election, statement and oath of officer.** This item was mistakenly put on this month's agenda. It will be on the May agenda.
4. **Recognize new council members and visitors – Mayor Kelly Henderson.** This item was mistakenly put on this month's agenda. It will be on the May agenda.
5. **Open forum.** Barbara Vaughn – I continue to pray for the finances for the City so that we might give relief to some of our citizens. I know of at least one individual who has gone to our pastor seeking help for their water bill. My question: What is the progress on the water issues? What has happened since the last time I was here? Mayor Henderson replied we have made bond payments and replaced three booster pumps. Ms. Vaughn also asked about the future plans? City Manager Steve McKay told her that we have had some wells inspected and that the engineer is working on tying the two water systems together with a large pipeline. We are also looking at generators to keep the system running in case of electrical outage.
6. **New business:**
 - A. **Approve minutes of the following meetings: March 22, 2016.** Council member Hein made a motion to approve the minutes of March 22, 2016. Second was made by Council member Gutierrez. Vote 4/0.
 - B. **Discuss and take action on accounts payable.** Council member Campbell made the motion to approve the accounts payable as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Audrain seconded the motion. Vote 4/0.
 - C. **Final Public Hearing – City of Fritch CDBG Disaster Relief Project No. 7215027** Joe Price, with the PRPC, informed the audience that the Disaster Relief Project for the City of Fritch was finished. The fire which caused the need for the grant happened two years ago in May. The Hutchinson County project is also finished. The cleanup area has also been seeded for new vegetation. He reviewed the costs for the infrastructure repair which included nine meters and cans and three new booster pumps. There will be a final verification of wage rates before the Texas Agriculture Department will completely close the project. Mr. Price explained that the CDBG cycle is shared among 63 locations. He informed the council that the City of Fritch has a good change for receiving another grant for infrastructure and fire hydrants. This grant has a 15% match on the city's part.
 - D. **Discuss and take action on the appointment of Joey Williams to the Crime Control and Prevention District. (Under Local Government Code Title 11. Chapter 363 in accordance with Sec. 363.1015 (a) ___ motion to appoint Joey Williams to serve on the Crime Control and Prevention District Board for a two year term effective May 1,2016.)** Director Dwight Kirksey said the Crime Control and Prevention District Board has already voted yes on Joey Williams becoming the director but the Council has the right to vote no. This change is necessary because Director Kirksey will become a council member at the meeting in May. Mr. Williams is a former police officer for the City of Pampa and a former deputy for Hutchinson County. Motion made by Council member Campbell to approve the appointment of Joey Williams to the Crime Control and Prevention District board for a two year term effective May 1, 2016. Second made by Council member Gutierrez. Vote 4/0.
 - E. **Discuss and take action on purchase of Code Red services.** Chief Leggett explained to the Council that Code Red is an emergency communication tool. It is a very quick way to get reliable information to the public. We control the information not the social media. It could be used for water boil notices, water outages, emergencies. City Manager McKay said the hardest part is getting people to fill out the forms with the correct contact numbers. The cost is an annual fee of \$2,000 which will be split between the departments under communications. Mayor asked if it would be completely controlled by the City. Chief Leggett said yes. Council member Hein asked who will originate the message? Chief Leggett said it could be him or the Fire Chief or the

City Manager. Chief Leggett said Code Red is the oldest communication network. Council member Campbell asked if our data base was strong enough to support the service. Chief said the City will not be responsible for storing the information, only in supplying the data. Mayor inquired if there was room in the budget for this service. City Manager said yes we should have and we will make amendments toward the end of the budget year if need be. Council member Hein said he was totally for it. He said the school has been very successful with their message system and he did not feel that getting people to opt in for the service will be a problem. City Manager said a generic form will be drawn up for people to list their phone numbers. Mayor Pro Tem Audrain asked if it would be cumbersome in the set up process as for as time was concerned. City Manager said it would not be done all at once and that Andrew Zink was one of the fastest typing human he had ever seen. Chief Leggett said most people will be able to sign up for the service from their smart phones. Motion to approve the purchase of Code Red Services made by Council member Hein. Second made by Mayor Pro Tem Audrain. Vote 4/0.

7. City officers' reports.

- A. Report from City Manager.** City Manager McKay reported that the maintenance crew had been working on drainage areas. Ronnie Morrison had been cleaning culverts. We are doing what we can. The engineer had quoted 2.5 million in order to correct the drainage problems for the city. Dirt road near the school has been reshaped and the ditches cleaned out. He hoped that the 4-wheelers would stay off of it. He also reported that the crew had a nasty 2' mainline break. Because of all the water, the backhoe got stuck and a nearby landowner was complaining. They were just finishing right before Council meeting. He hoped that next year we could hire a professional road crew for these repairs.
 - B. Report from Chief of Police.** Mayor Pro Tem requested that a street sign be put up on road leading to Double Diamond. Council also asked about the minimum standard of living ordinance that was enacted at a previous meeting if it had helped with code enforcement. Chief said they would be working more in this area in the next few months. He also mentioned that he had some families that would come and tear down old buildings and homes for free for the recycled wood. Chief said they would sign a "hold harmless" statement. Chief was asked how it was determined when a property needed the City's attention. Chief said once the vegetation becomes 12" then a letter is sent out beginning the process.
 - C. Report from Public Works Director.** Director Cody Bengé absent because of training.
 - D. Report from Fire Chief.** Chief Ed Adamson reviewed the fire report as given to the Council. He stated there were 26 runs within the area. Hutchinson County had the largest number of runs. There were seven in the city. Most of the runs were service to EMS and checking smoke detectors. One person was found burning trash within the City. He didn't know about the burn ban. The rain is helping. The new command unit is here tonight if anyone would like to see it. The Fire Department members have been doing a very good job in keeping the fire station cleaned and making repairs to the vehicles. A full-fledged maintenance schedule has been set up with reports available. Hutchinson, Carson, Moore and Potter counties are still in burn ban.
 - E. E.D.C. Report.** No EDC report.
 - F. Crime Control Report.** Council received a copy of the minutes from the last meeting of the Crime Control and Prevention District Board. Neighborhood watch group recently met at Celebration Family Church. Deputy James Quall's is over this group. Thirty-five people showed up for the meeting. The next meeting will be June 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Celebration Family Church.
- 8. Mayoral/councilmember announcements.** Next regular session of the Council will be May 17, 2016.
- 9. Future agenda items.** Election items skipped tonight will be on the May agenda.
- 10. Adjourn.** Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tem Audrain. Seconded by Council member Gutierrez. Vote 4/0. Time 7:54 p.m.

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

Mayor W. Kelly Henderson

Cindy Cook, City Secretary