

MINUTES
FRITCH CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY JUNE 21, 2016
CITY ANNEX 509 W. BROADWAY FRITCH, TEXAS
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to order. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor W. Kelly Henderson. Council members present: Denise Campbell, Richard Hein, Arturo Gutierrez, Arlin Audrain and Dwight Kirksey. City Employees present: City Manager Steve McKay, City Secretary Cindy Cook, Chief of Police Monte Leggett, Fire Chief Ed Adamson, and Public Works Director Cody Bengé.

2. Invocation – pledge of allegiance. Prayer given by Council member Audrain and Pledge led by City Manager Steve McKay.

3. Recognize visitors – Mayor Kelly Henderson. Mayor Henderson thanked everyone for coming.

4. Open forum.

5. New business:

A. Approve minutes of the following meetings: May 17, 2016. Council member Kirksey made the motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2016. Second made by Council member Audrain. Vote 5/0.

B. Discuss and take action on accounts payable. Council member Hein made the motion to approve the accounts payable as presented. Second made by Council member Campbell. Vote 5/0.

C. Discuss and take action to allow Prosecutor Misty Walker to handle legal affairs for the City. Council member Kirksey made the motion to allow Prosecutor Misty Walker to be one of the city prosecutors to handle city affairs. Second made by Mayor Pro Tem Hein. Vote 5/0.

D. Discuss and take action on proposals for roof repair. This item was tabled waiting on more information.

E. Discuss and take action on contract with Republic trash service. Republic trash service offered two options for the contract for trash service beginning October 1, 2016. One is for three years and one is for five. City Manager McKay recommended the five year contract. He told the Council that our Republic Representative, Lance Hasbrouck, has been the best guy to deal with. Mr. Hasbrouck has even offered to help the city start its own trash service should we decide to do so in the future. If we wanted out in year three of the five year contract, Mr. McKay did not think there would be any problem or penalty. Mayor Henderson said we need to figure out another way to generate revenue that would be a benefit to the city and when it would be feasible to make the conversion. The water system needs to be handled first. Council member Campbell made the motion to take approve the five year plan with Republic trash services. Second made by Mayor Pro Tem Hein. Vote 5/0.

F. Discuss and take action on authorizing credit card for Crime Control and Prevention Board. Council member Kirksey informed the Council that one of the vendors the Crime Control and Prevention Board wished to order from did not take checks or money orders. Council had previously voted to disallow any credit card to be acquired on a city account. Our hands are tied as far as purchasing online. We would like to get a check Visa card. The card would not stay on a person but at City Hall. This item was tabled waiting on more information.

G. Discuss and take action on removing Bob Layton from TexStar accounts and adding City Manager Steve McKay. Motion was made by Council member Kirksey to remove Bob Layton and add City Manager Steve McKay to the TexSTAR accounts. Second made by Council member Audrain. Vote 5/0.

6. City officers' reports.

A. Report from City Manager. Budget retreat, tying water systems together, tower leases. City Manager McKay asked the Council to think about having a budget retreat on August 5th and 6th. Friday evening we would meet for a meal and then Saturday we would work on the budget. On July 28th and 29th, Council members Gutierrez, Hein and Kirksey and Manager McKay will attend a newly elected official's class in Granbury, Texas. On Sunday night, June 19th, a tornado hit the Brinson well. The maintenance crew was able to get it going. Later that evening, a second storm came through and knocked out several of Xcel transformers and lines which caused a power surge to the well control box. The well was down for about sixteen hours. It appears that we have a gigantic leak that the maintenance crew has been unable to locate. Public Works Director even went up in helicopter to see if he could locate it. 500,000 gallons is the average daily usage. We had approximately 800,000 used in twenty-four hours. Well ran nonstop for twenty-four hours but did not fill the tank. A leak this size should surface. Engineer Dwight Brandt should be here Thursday to discuss the line tie in. The engineer is working on the costs of tying the

systems together. Once they are together, if the pressure drops, a valve will open automatically so one is without water. Manager McKay discussed the subject of tower leases. He recommended that no one else be allowed to be on the towers. He also commended Cody, Cindy and the city hall staff for working with the attorney general and the PUC case answering questions feverishly.

- B. Report from Chief of Police.** Council reviewed police report in their packet.
 - C. Report from Public Works Director.** Most of the Public Works report was given with City Manager's report. We plan to have hot mix and fill pot holes tomorrow.
 - D. Report from Fire Chief.** The calls were down from last month. Hoping 4th of July stays green. "Fuel load" is getting extensive. The Fire Department is going to Borger Fire Department to refill the air bottles. They used Phillips Petroleum before but they have changed the rules so we are no longer able to fill there. Borger Fire doesn't appreciate filling air bottles in the middle of the night for us. A two bottle cascade system costs around \$25,000. The ones at the refinery cost \$650,000 to \$750,000. The Fire Department has not had their own compressor in 38 years. Several ranchers are all for the community wide protection plan. Some are cautious. Some have not received the correct information. We can't start cutting or burning firebreaks until it dries out.
 - E. E.D.C. Report.** Council reviewed E.D.C. reports in their packet.
 - F. Crime Control Report.** No report this month.
- 7. Executive Session.** Began at 8:23 p.m.
The City Council will convene into closed session in accordance with Texas Government Code Subchapter D, Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters.
- 1. Discuss and take action on personnel.**
- 8. Reconvene into open session. Any action taken.** Reconvened at 8:38 p.m. No action taken.
- 9. Mayoral/councilmember announcements.** Fireworks at Lake Meredith July 2, 2016 at 9:45 p.m. Open house for First Southern Baptist Church Life Center will be Saturday, July 2, 2016.
- 10. Future agenda items.** Next Council meeting will be July 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- 11. Adjourn.** Council member Hein made the motion to adjourn. Second made by Council member Campbell. Vote 5/0. 8:45 p.m.

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

Mayor W. Kelly Henderson

Cindy Cook, City Secretary