

**MINUTES**  
**FRITCH CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**  
**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2015**  
**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: Richard Hein, Denise Campbell, Yvonne Blackwell and Arturo Gutierrez. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Arlin Audrain. City employees present: Monte Leggett, Steve McKay, Cindy Cook, Abby White, Ed Adamson and Chris Moneymaker.
- 2. Invocation – pledge of allegiance.** Prayer led by Council member Campbell. Pledge led by Council member Blackwell.
- 3. Recognize visitors – Mayor Kelly Henderson.** Mayor thanked the visitors for coming. (Darla Harriman, Barbara Vaughn, Cheryl Blackwell and Tara Huff.) It is sad when the number of council members outnumber the number of visitors.
- 4. Open forum.** Darla Harriman – Ms. Harriman wanted to know how many meters were inside and outside of city. Barbara Vaughn – Ms. Vaughn quoted a Scripture which said with God all things are possible. She wanted to know about the new well. Mayor said we are not digging a new well. We are going to repair two of our current wells and will be going out for bids. We had the wells looked at and they thought the wells could be repaired. Ms. Vaughn asked how many wells are there. Mayor told her there are five or six on the Hi Texas water sided and five on the City side.
- 5. New business:**
  - A. Approve minutes of the following meetings: October 28, 2015.** Councilmember Blackwell made the motion to approve the minutes of October 28, 2015. Second made by Councilmember Hein. Vote 4/0.
  - B. Discuss and take action on accounts payable.** Councilmember Campbell made the motion to approve the accounts payable as presented. Second made by Councilmember Gutierrez. Vote 4/0.
  - C. Discuss and take action on public funds investment policy for the City of Fritch by resolution.** Councilmember Hein made the motion to approve Resolution 15-1117-1, adopting the public funds investment policy for the City of Fritch. Second made by Councilmember Campbell. Vote 4/0.
  - D. Discuss and take action to approve out-of-city depository by resolution.** This item was tabled.
  - E. Discuss and take action to award depository bid by resolution.** This item was tabled.
  - F. Discuss and take action to award grazing lease bid by resolution.** Mayor Henderson received the three bids from City Manager Steve McKay. The bids for the grazing lease are as follows: Beverly Creacy - \$1,100 per year, Cody Benge/James Murley - \$3,000 per year, Kim Harder - \$750 per year. Councilmember Campbell made the motion to pass resolution 15-1117-4 awarding the grazing lease bid to Cody Benge/James Murley. Second made by Councilmember Blackwell. Vote 4/0.
  - G. Discuss and take action to close 100 block of N. Robey for Christmas parade.** Councilmember Campbell made the motion to close 100 block of N. Robey on December 5, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. for as long as is needed for the Christmas parade and festivities. Second made by Councilmember Blackwell. Vote 5/0.
  - H. Discuss and take action to approve the appointment of Fire Department officers.** Fire Chief Ed Adamson said the following officers had been appointed: Deputy Chief – Chris Moneymaker, Assistant Chief Rodney Kerbo, Chief Engineer – Will Lozier and Training Officer – Aaron Zink. City Manager McKay recommended that these officers be appointed. Councilmember Hein made the motion to approve the Fire Department officers as presented. Second made by Councilmember Blackwell. Vote 4/0.
  - I. Discuss and take action to amend water tap and maintenance rates by resolution.** This item was tabled.
  - J. Discuss and take action to amend animal control fees by resolution. (ordinance).** Councilmember Campbell made the motion to amend Article 2.04, Section 2.04.005(d) (e) adopting and approving fees for reclaiming an impounded cat and an impounded dog by Ordinance Number 543. Second made by Councilmember Blackwell. Vote 4/0.
  - K. Discuss and take action to adopt City fee schedule by resolution.** This item was tabled.
- 6. City officers' reports.**
  - A. Report from City Manager.** City Manager McKay said the first billing on the new software had some glitches. The voluntary park fee was only to print on a few customers' bills and it printed on all of them. Some old accounts were turned on when converted to the new system. Paid by draft did not print on the bills. We have in the budget to buy a new copier and that may have to be done sooner to accommodate the new billing paper.

He also spoke about the need to mow abandoned properties and the cost involved. He reported that the fund for the 2011 bond has \$25,000 and the fund for the 2003 bond has about \$60,000 once the Ad Valorem I & S has been moved. Mayor asked when a payment would be made toward the delinquent bond payments. City Manager said maybe February.

- B. Report from Chief of Police.** Mayor asked about the time frame on the new software for the Police Dept. Chief Leggett said Crime Board had paid for the Surface Pros. We are about six weeks out. Eight hours of training will be needed for the new software. Dispatch will still handle the 911 calls. Hutchinson County jail is partially closed at this time and will be closed January to April for renovation to meet requirements of Texas Jail Standards Commission. We are not planning to renew the jail contract. We are guaranteed a bed on a daily basis with the contract but we have been turned away some now. At this time, we are not arresting Class C Misdemeanors. If we have to arrest a lot of people it is better to have a contract. If we can keep them in our Court, it is better for the City.
  - C. Report from Public Works Director.** Public Works Director Bengé was absent. City Manager McKay reported that the maintenance crew had been working a lot of leaks. He had helped on one of the leaks Friday. One of the leaks had busted open and had to be repaired again. They were watching it close.
  - D. E.D.C. Report.** No report.
  - E. Crime Control Report.** No report.
- 7. Mayoral/councilmember announcements.** Next Council meeting will be December 15, 2015.
  - 8. Future agenda items.** Tabled items should be on December 15, 2015 meeting.
  - 9. Adjourn.** Councilmember Hein made the motion to adjourn and the second was made by Councilmember Blackwell. Vote 4/0.

**READ, PASSED AND APPROVED on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.**

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**Mayor W. Kelly Henderson**

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**Cindy Cook, City Secretary**