

MINUTES
FRITCH CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
JULY 17, 2018

CITY BOARD ROOM 340 EAGLE DRIVE 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.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. 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

item may request an item be withdrawn for separate discussion and action.

A. Approve minutes of the following meetings: 06-19-2018 Regular Session and 06-25-2018

B. Approve accounts payable.

C. Approve Tax Deeds. Parcels R10045, 10047, & 10049 in the amount of \$250 each (\$750 total) by

4. City Staff & Affiliated Entities reports

C. E.D.C. Report – July 2018 Financial Report review

F. Report from Public Works Director-

5. New Business:

BE: Updating that had been done in the latter part of 2016. Explanation of violation issued from

authorization to start accepting bids on this project. Bid date has been set for next week. #1

divers it was found that there was only 5' of water in it. And that the fittings were inoperable.

painted on the outside. The ground tank and lift station need more work done and perhaps that

is BE's #2 priority. #3 priority is to build another pipeline from the Diehl field. We need a larger line but a lot of research will need to be done regarding size. Also if High Texas Wells can tie into that line, then all your wells will be part of the system because if one system goes down then we'll always have the other. BE can't take the Diehl tank offline until the Elevated Tank is fixed, then the Diehl Tank will be taken off line and fixed. Bypass is in the first project. It has to be done in fall or early part of spring. This project will go a lot quicker than the pump project. Bids on wells is where we're at and decision on budget. Mayor expresses concern over setting money back but not getting anywhere. BE Wells had to be drilled. Pumps needed to be replaced. Bids were taken then nothing was heard then later he found pumps had been put there. Power is not quite right as well as many other things. BE curious about fire hydrants the VFD Chief had reported did not work. Phase 1 is get the wells in service. Phase 1 was broken into pieces and some of them have already been carried out. Now we need to get them up to current standards. Brandt and VFD Chief discuss fire hydrants. BE needs pressure rate. Denise Campbell tried to clarify what needs to be done next. BE explained what had been done and what needs done next. She would like ball park figures for Phase 1 and Phase 2. BE wants budget for first 2 of 3 Phases. Probably could be done in 180 days. Discussion continues with concerns for project not getting started.

Mayor stops discussion from getting off track.

No Action Taken

B. Discuss and take action concerning budget amendment and expenditure by Fire Department related to new grants.

CM: Ed got lucky and got more money and has created more work for the rest of us. National Forest Service usually only awards one grant per city, per year. We were notified that we received an additional grant for a skid unit for a grant amount is 90% of up to \$20,000.00. Ed would need us to spend \$22,000.00. We were then notified a third time that we had received another grant for a small chassis brush truck 90% of \$45,000.00 Chief is asking for budget to be upgraded to show the new grant monies and our contributions. We would spend \$71,500.00 to get the maximum amount of grants. Mayor clarifies that we need to spend more money than we planned in order to get the grants. Fire Chief explains that the money has to be spent first and then we will be reimbursed. We have to spend \$26,000.00 to get full grant money. When we send in receipts we get check. Line item for grants so that we don't have to revise budget every time we get a grant. Denise and Dwight are unsure that we need to spend more and would like to explore adding this to next years budget. Currently he would be under budget even spending those amounts. We do have good prices for now and would rather buy now before prices go up. Chief and City Manager checked and he would be able to stay under budget. Donations would help take some of the bite out of line item for vehicle. We would benefit greatly from an \$85,000.00 vehicle for less than \$10,000.00. City Manager clarifies that although the budget will show an increase we are not increasing his budget. As it's over \$10,000.00 it has to come to Council for Approval.

Richard Hein motion. Arlin 2nd. 4/0 passed.

C. Discuss and take action concerning amending Ordinance 13.06.051 Blocking Access to Containers.

City Manager quotes our Ordinance that references not parking or blocking dumpster. We are finding that people are moving dumpsters without permission. We can only shake our finger at these people. I am proposing an Ordinance that will change the language. Council wants to know how it will change. The Ordinance would make it unlawful to move and or change access.

Denise Campbell motioned, Billy Robbins 2nd. 4/0 passed.

D. Discuss and take action concerning awarding bid for building maintenance and repairs of Museum/Police Department building.

3 Bids have been submitted, one from Eagle Homes which has been resubmitted and is the highest bid. Eagle bid is for: \$ 24,462.81. Cornerstone Synergy bid is for: \$12,390.00. Gonzalez Roofing bid is for: \$22,800.00..There are notes attached stating that they power wash, scrape and power wash again. Is that standard or just from Gonzalez. This is budgeted. If we go with Cornerstone Synergy bid it will put the line item over by 2,2052.66 but we had originally only budgeted for only police department. We will now be splitting it between police and museum. The police department is under budget and this will not change that. Mayor wants to know what the bid process looks like. CM explains that anything over \$50,000.00 we have to advertise but for these smaller jobs we call around and try to get as many bids as possible. Arlin Audrain motion, Tom Ray 2nd. 4/0 passed.

E. Discuss and take action concerning authorization for the City Manager to enter into long-term agreement with Cable One for easement of tower property on Eagle Blvd.

CableOne is going to a key card entry and we will not be issued keys. Our City building for \$25,000.00. CM went to Hardy Sales with 8X12 metal building with steel door and would frame out a window for under \$4,000.00. Cable One's attorneys don't want to fool with Texas so Sam is looking into finding a local one. Atmos Energy is wanting to move equipment in now! Sam feels a \$1/yr would be reasonable. I would like to wrap this deal up before next Council Meeting. This tower can generate passive revenue for the City. Arlin is concerned about having an agreement that Cable One could back out on. CM wants that as part of the contract. As well as giving the City first refusal if they want to back out. Arlin is still concerned CM points out that they could pull the plug on us right now. Council wonders about using the Water Tower but this causes security concerns. CM wants the contract to keep this tower and our interest in that tower more protected. All we have now is a Bill of Sale. Part of Cable One's infrastructure is in that building which is why they want to secure the building. Fire Chief has run across a situation with someone trying to install on that tower without permission. Attorney said that Cable One has to initiate the easement. We are looking at a 6'X6'X8'. Billy Robbin motion, Tom Ray 2nd. 4/0/1abstain. Passed with Mayor as Quorum vote.

F. Discuss and take action concerning site lease agreement between City of Fritch and CommTech, LLC for permitted use of City of Fritch tower.

Atmos is ready to move forward and we can only authorize the use of the tower not the building. We can get a building for about \$4,000.00 with a slab it would be an extra \$1,500.00. CM would like for Atmos to pay for the building in exchange for 5 years free rent. Council wonders if we could get a maintenance charge out of them. Would also like the building on skids so that it could be moved if necessary. Should we ask Atmos for more money? CM feels we can ask them for a larger sum up front to buy building and slab. Everything in Cable One building that is ours will have to be moved. CM plans on reaching out to others to find more people to put things on tower, but until we have an agreement CM doesn't want to commit. We could charge a larger amount monthly but that would send us over budget in line items. CM states Council can do counter offer. First Cable One then worry about Atmos. We do have other entities interested such as the school and the county. Tabled.

6. Convene into Executive Session.

8:41p

7. Reconvene from Executive Session.

9:05p

The subject of the Executive session was to decide on the appointment of our municipal court Judge. City Manager recommended Shelby Deatherage. Richard motion, Tom Ray 2nd. 4/0/1 abstain. Mayors vote is used for Quorum.

8. Open forum – Comments/Concerns from Citizens

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 any topic not 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.

- No one spoke in Open Forum.

9. Mayoral/councilmember announcements.

A. Councilmen Robbins and Mayor Kirksey attendance to TML Training July 25-28th in Waco Texas.

10. Future Agenda Items.

Budget Workshop schedule is set for Tuesday, August 14th at 5:30

11. Adjourn.

Richard Hein motion, Tom Ray 2nd. 4/0 adjourned.

READ, PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor Dwight T. Kirksey

Tammy Schmidt, City Secretary