**MINUTES**

**FRITCH CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED SESSION/WORKSHOP**

**AUGUST 27, 2018**

**FRITCH ANNEX BUILDING, N Broadway, 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.**

**6:30p**

1. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Invocation led by Arlin Audrain, Pledge Led by Billy Robbins**

1. **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.*

**Darla Harriman spoke regarding the use of funds Transferred into the General Fund. Currently the City is doing the General Fund Budget then the Transfer In is used to cover any shortfall. She feels it should be the other way around, so that we are not using the Transfer In as a way to use monies without explanation. In past money was budgeted then any Transfer In was Earmarked. Not enough clarity on the Franchise Fees or planning how the money is used when transferred into the Budget. She is also concerned that the roads should not be considered Capital Improvement and so Public Works funds should not be used for this. She also feels that a member of staff should go to Texas Water Board to see if there are grant funds available.**

1. **Update, deliberate and/or take action regarding possible New Double Diamond Agreement.**

**The Double Diamond agreement is an illegal agreement under the state Constitution. Double Diamond has been notified in person and by certified mail. Door is left open to write a new agreement. The end date is Sept. 30, 2018.**

**2011-2015 was a rough time with information not being available. More research is needed. Ruth DeRosa asked why the legality of this agreement wasn’t explored beforehand. Mayor explained that we are fixing these problems as we find them. Sales taxes for Double Diamond are obscured because they are not separated from the total bill. Arlin Audrain feels that the sales tax should have been paid by Republic. We need to clarify how to leave this agreement paid in full.**

1. **Deliberate and review proposed 2018-19 City Budgets.**

**Break into Workshop 6:48p. CM, CS and Council went through line items of both General and Public Works Budgets. Drew Brassfield ran through the list of changes that the Council had requested at the first Budget Workshop. He further explains that a vote must be taken on this Budget tonight. There is also the question of the MO funds that need to be higher.**

1. **Adopt a Proposed 2018-19 City Budget for filing.** 
   1. Send notice on August 28, 2018.

Motion to Adopt Proposed Budget Motion by Tom Ray, 2nd by Richard Hein. 5/0 passed

1. **Adopt a Proposed Tax Rate**
   1. Send notice by August 28, 2018

Richard Hein help with the creation of a spreadsheet regarding potential revenue. Choices are to keep the current tax rate or discuss a raise in taxes. Rollback is the highest that we can raise a tax but they require public hearing. Carrie Kimmel needs the dates for the proposed tax this evening. Tax can go lower than the proposed tax but cannot go higher. Caps on Municipalities are looming, so this is the time to get the needed revenue, because when you’re capped it’s over. Our revenue dropped over 1 million. Billy Robbins proposed going higher so we have room to come down. Motion to accept the proposed tax rate at the INS rate of .0343077 and M&O rate .401366. Richard Hein makes a motion, Billy Robbins seconded. 5/0 passed. Dates set for Public Hearing are set for Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30p and Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30p. We will have a called meeting on September 25th at 6:30p.

1. **Future agenda items.**
   1. Next Budget Workshop
   2. Adopting Budget
   3. Adopting Tax Rate
   4. City Secretary’s 6 Month Evaluation and Review (Executive Session)
2. **Adjournment.**

**Tom Ray motioned for adjournment, Richard Hein seconded. 5/0 passed. Meeting ended 8:50p.**

**READ, PASSED AND APPROVED on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2018.**

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**Mayor Dwight Kirksey Trish Burris, Acting City Secretary**