**MINUTES**

**FRITCH CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

**JUNE 19, 2018**

**SFISD BOARD ROOM 540 EAGLE DRIVE FRITCH, TEXAS**

**After Workshop**

**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. **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.*

1. **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 approved without further discussion or action. Any council member desiring more discussion on an item may request an item be withdrawn for separate discussion and action.*

* 1. Approve minutes of the following meetings: 04/05/18 Called Session, 05/15/18 Regular Session, and 06/05/18 Called Session
  2. Approve accounts payable.
  3. Approve Tax Deeds.

**5. New business:**

1. **Discuss and take action concerning election of Mayor Pro Tem.**

Mayor opens for nominations. Mayor Pro-Tem is elected for 1 year, RH suggested making it for

11 months to bring in-line with May Elections Denise Campbell nominated Richard Hein for

Mayor Pro-Tem, 2nd by Tom Ray, 5-0.

1. **Discuss and take action concerning citizen request to lower speed limits in City Limits.**

CM explains that citizen request is that speed limits on HWY 136 be lowered to 30 MPH and

speed limits in the City be lowered to 20 MPH. CM explained that Section 545 of the Texas

Transportation Code says that the lowest any municipality can set speed limits is 25 MPH

without any oversight. If the Council wants to lower the speed limit any further then

City Engineer was contacted to find out the cost of one of these studies.

The cost can be anywhere between $2,500.00 - $10,000.00 depending on many factors such as

length of street and number of intersections. The process will be lengthy and involved process.

Should speed limit be reduced to 20? Discussion regarding most people’s reluctance to change

Unmarked streets are 30 MPH and most people will not notice or abide by change. Also entire

area should be done to prevent confusion. Also have incidents happened in the area? CM said

Chief Gass pulled records as far as he could go back and found only a few incidents had happened

Council was also concerned about the sign cost. Mayor asked Council to vote regarding making

no change.

Motion by Arlin Audrain, 2nd by Billy Robbins, 5-0 For Making No Change.

1. **Discuss and take action on Ordinance 571 concerning Fire Department response to medical-only calls.**

CM brought before the board that Borger was changing their dispatch policy with Fritch to add calls to the Fire Dept. every time a medical call comes through. Fire Chief and council are concerned this will lead to burnout on the part of our volunteers. CM is concerned about costs per dispatch spiraling out of control. Council feels that Borger is trying to upcharge us and wondered if the contract allowed for such a change without notice. CM felt that there should have been a 30 day notice. Council decided to further explore other options for dispatch.

1. **Discuss and take action concerning amending the budget to reflect payment by SBA Communications for lease buyout.**

CM informed council of receipt of additional $120,000.00 due to buy out of monthly rental contract for Transmission fee’s. Budget in Section 400-410 Franchise Fees has been raised. Denise brought up amending budget to $139,000.00. Vote to amend budget to account for revenue.

Motion by Richard Hein, 2nd by Arlin, passed 5-0.

1. **Discuss and take action concerning Fire Department grant expenditures.**

Fire Chief listed purchased that could be made with grant money: “Jaws of Life” and hoses for purchases totaling $11,500.00. CM explained that Grant would reimburse 75% up to $20,000.00. Chief had $5,00.00 already, will receive a $20,000.00 grant and had a budget of $15,000.00 Would like budget amended to reflect $41,000.00. Mayor concerned about amending when $ isn’t here yet. CM assured that he won’t authorize expenditures until monies are received. Richard Hein stated that we should use Standard Grant Protocol. Council wanted to know if Fire Chief has necessary funds for matching and CM assured that there were ample funds. Vote on grant amendment.

Motion by Richard Hein, 2nd by Denise Campbell, passed 5-0.

1. **Discuss and take action concerning Resolution 2018-4 for support of the National Park System.**

Mayor read Resolution in open meeting. Vote on adopting Resolution.

Motion by Richard, 2nd by Billy Robbins, passed 5-0.

1. **Discuss and take action concerning Resolution 2018-6 to change administrators of the TexPool account of the Fritch EDC.**

Mayor brought before the council need to change administrators due to personnel changes. Vote to list Dwight Kirksey, Drew Brassfield and Tammy Schmidt as administrators.

Motion Denise Camplbell, 2nd by Richard Hein, passed 5-0.

1. **Discuss and take action concerning Resolution 2018-7 to change administrator of the Prosperity Bank Credit Card Account.**

Mayor brought before the council need to change administrator on Prosperity Bank Card due to personnel changes. Vote to list Tammy Schmidt as administrator on account.

Motion by Richard Hein, 2nd by Tom Ray, passed 5-0.

1. **Discuss and take action concerning approval of Municipal Judge job description and any unfinished business concerning this position.**

Council discussed need for hiring committee to fill vacated position of Municipal Judge. Tom Ray and Richard Hein volunteered to be on committee.

1. **Open sealed bids on sale of property on Plains Dr. Discuss and possible acceptance of a bid.**

Mayor opened a sealed bid in open meeting for $3005.00 bid for 3 lots by Keith Brown. Deposit check was included with bid. Council discussed value of property vs. lower bid for property. Property had been off tax rolls for a long time. Vote to accept bid.

Motion by Denise Campbell, 2nd by Richard Hein, passed 5-0.

**6. City Staff & Affiliated Entities reports**

A. Report from City Manager – general status update for various projects

B. Report from Chief of Police – May Report

* 1. Report from Public Works Director – May Report
  2. Report from Fire Chief – May Report
  3. Museum Report – May Report, on-going events/activities
  4. Court Report – May Report
  5. E.D.C. Report – Review of Minutes and Financial from monthly meeting. Adjustment to Advertising portion on budget report from $500 to $1500.

**7. Mayoral/councilmember announcements.**

**8. Future agenda items.**

**9. Adjournment.**

**READ, PASSED AND APPROVED on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2017.**

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**Mayor, Dwight Kirksey City Secretary, Tammy Schmidt**