**MINUTES**

**FRITCH CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

**SFISD BOARD ROOM 540 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.**

- Mayor Kirksey called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Councilmembers present were: Mayor Dwight Kirksey, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hein, Alderman Tom Ray, Alderman Ruth DeRosa, and Alderman Billy Robbins. Alderman Arlin Audrain was absent. City Employees present were: Interim Police Chief Bobby Chapmon, Fire Chief Ed Adamson, Director of Public Works Roger Pense, and Museum Director Stephanie Davidson.

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

- Mayor Kirksey led the invocation and Pledge.

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 about her repeated concerns over the City not having a savings account. Mr. and Mrs. Savage stated that they would like to know more about the tax increases and where that money will be invested.

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 Any council member desiring more discussion on an item may request an item be withdrawn for separate discussion and action.*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: 08-21-18 Regular Session, 08-27-18 Called Session, and 09-11-18 Called Session
  2. Approve accounts payable.
  3. Approve Tax Deeds. Deeds 9342, 9348, 9351, and 9354 all to Michael Karlin for $200.00 each (total of $800.00) Deed 9208, also to Michael Karlin for $400.00. Deed 8765 to James and Leah McClelland for $100.00.

**-** Alderman DeRosa requested that the August 27th minutes be moved into new business. Alderman Robbins moved that the remaining consent items be approved and Mayor Pro Tem Hein seconded this motion. Vote: 4/0. Motion passed.

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

A. Report from Chief of Police – *Updates on calls, building/vehicle improvements, and personnel*

B. Report from Public Works Director – *Updates on projects in all Public Works Departments*

* 1. Report from Fire Chief – *August Report*
  2. Museum Report – *3rd-Quarter Report*
  3. Court Report – *August Report*
  4. E.D.C. Report – *No report received*
  5. Crime Control Report – *No report received*
  6. Report from City Secretary – *Financial update*
  7. Report from City Manager – *Updates on budget, on-going projects, Police Chief search update*

**6. New business:**

Concerning the August 27, 2018 Minutes from Consent Items, Alderman DeRosa spoke to her concerns regard the loss of revenue discussed in that meeting. With no changes needed to the minutes as presented, Mayor Pro Tem Hein motioned to approve the minutes and Alderman Ray seconded. Vote 4/0. Motion passed.

1. **Public Hearing #2 on 2018 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate for City of Fritch.**

- Mayor Kirksey called the second property tax rate hearing to order at 7:09pm. The Mayor opened this hearing with a statement pertaining to the incorrect information that the City had been operating on regarding a decrease in property values. Property values had actually increased in spite of the estimates showing that they were going to decrease. Citizen Gerald Purdy commented that he did not see a reason to raise the taxes and further commented regarding City property in Moore County. Many Council members commented on their change of mind about raising the tax rate once they learned about the property values. The Public Hearing closed at 7:28pm.

1. **Resolution 2018-9: Authorizing Submission of FY 2019 Regional Solid Waste Grant Application.**

- City Manager Brassfield explained that he has applied for a grant that would cover the entire cost of purchasing a skid loader with grapple attachment for Public Works and that this resolution was a requirement of the grant process. Mayor Pro Tem Hein motioned to pass this resolution in support of the grant and Alderman Robbins seconded this motion. Vote 4/0. Motion passed.

1. **Resolution 2018-10: Recognizing September 2018 as National Preparedness Month**

- City Manager Brassfield explained that this resolution supports the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission’s emergency preparedness efforts and reminds citizens to take steps to prepare for natural disasters. It also helps lay the groundwork in the event the City ever applies for funding to recover from disasters. Alderman Ray motioned to pass this resolution which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hein. Vote 4/0. Motion passed.

1. **Resolution 2018-11: Approving Atmos Energy Rate Reduction.**

- City Manager Brassfield explained that this resolution was the annual rate review resolution conducted every year for Atmos Energy. Alderman Robbins motioned to pass the resolution and Alderman Ray seconded this motion. Vote 4/0. Motion passed.

1. **Discuss and take action concerning Fritch EDC movement of funds from checking account to TexPool account.**

- Fritch EDC Board President Kendall Glover informed the Council that the EDC wished to move funds from their general checking account to the TexPool investment account. Mayor Pro Tem Hein motioned to permit the EDC to transfer funds as requested. This motion was seconded by Alderman Ray. Vote 4/0. Motion passed.

1. **Review and deliberate on proposed 2018-2019 Crime Control and Prevention District Budget.**

- After a short deliberation, no action was taken.

**7. Mayoral/councilmember announcements.**

- Mayor Kirksey announced that the Council will be holding a Special Called Session on September 25, 2018 to adopt the tax rate and budgets. He also announced that 4 Council members and the City Manager will be attending the TML Conference in October.

**8. Executive Session –The City Council will convene into closed session in accordance with Texas Government Code Subchapter D: Section 551.074 (personnel matters) - to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal or to hear a complaint or charge regarding the City Secretary.**

- The Fritch City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:41.

**9. Reconvene from Executive Session. Take action as necessary on any agenda action item that was**

**discussed in closed session.**

**-** Open Session reconvened at 9:44pm. Mayor Pro Tem Hein motioned to extend the City Secretary’s probationary status by three (3) months. This motion was seconded by Alderman Ray. Vote 4/0. Motion passed.

**10. Future agenda items.**

- No additional items were brought before the Council.

**11. Adjournment.**

- Mayor Pro Tem Hein motioned to adjourn. Alderman Robbins seconded. Vote 4/0. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

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

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