

## **MINUTES OF WORKSHOP: SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

Mayor Muska called the workshop to order at 5:33 pm. Brian Muska, David Pratka, Joe Pustejovsky, and Steve Vanek were present. Karla Dulock was not present.

Mayor Muska went over the agenda items. For item #9 tax increase and agenda item #10 adoption of budget, Mayor said to be sure to read the agenda items as is and make the motion accordingly. Agenda item #13 – since the city council election was uncontested there is no election cost and we must approve notice of election cancellation for November 5, 2019. Joe Mashek and Diane Friend will be present to speak in regard to the city hall marquee that the Chamber and Kiwanis Club own. Steve Vanek said he looked at the marquee and said there is structural damage to the sign and he reminded the city council about the \$6,000 that the car show gave to Kiwanis Club.

Agenda item #12 – in order to sell the property at Peach and Reagan Street, the council must approve the final plat. We will post the property for sell for two weeks in the West News and put a minimum bid of \$35,000 on it.

Agenda item #16 – currently we give all full-time employees 4 hours of sick time per month. Mayor would like the council to consider giving 8 hours of sick time per month.

Agenda item #15 – Zoning Board – Mayor informed us that Barbara Talley will no longer be serving on the Zoning Committee. He said that Mike Sulak and Emanuel Mitchell will continue to serve on the board. He said that we really need to change this board to 5 members instead of three. He has vetted the following people: Al Vanek, Katie Miller, and Cheryl Marak. He also said we would be doing away with the two-year term.

Workshop adjourned at 5:43 pm.

## **MINUTES OF MEETING: September 3, 2019**

1. Call to order: Mayor Muska called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Steve Vanek gave the invocation and the pledge.
3. Roll Call: present council members – Brian Muska, Tommy Muska, David Pratka, Joe Pustejovsky, and Steve Vanek were all present. Karla Dulock was absent.
4. On a motion by Steve Vanek, seconded by Joe Pustejovsky; approve August 6, and August 19, 2019 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
5. On a motion by David Pratka, seconded by Steve Vanek; approve bills for August 2019 - excluding check #'s 20207 & 296861. All in favor, motion carried.
6. On a motion by David Pratka, seconded by Joe Pustejovsky; approve bills for True Value Hardware – check #'s 20207 & 296861. Brian Muska abstained, all others in favor, motion carried.
7. On a motion by Steve Vanek, seconded by David Pratka; approve Monthly departmental reports. All in favor, motion carried.

8. Citizen Comments – David Perkins was present and said he is working with UT Arlington on a noise cancellation study regarding our train situation. He said they are currently developing technology to cancel the wave form and if this worked it would reduce noise inside buildings. He said this would be great for the downtown business area. He said that he will need a place to collect data and Mayor Muska mentioned the possibility of using the Depot.

9. On a motion by Steve Vanek, seconded by Brian Muska; approve ordinance #190903 for approving the property tax rate for the 2019 – 2020 budget to be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.604272, which is effectively a 5.91 percent increase in the tax rate. All in favor, motion carried.

10. On a motion by David Pratka; seconded by Joe Pustejovsky; approve adoption of the 2019 – 2020 budget. THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$75,705 OR 6.81%, AND OF THAT AMOUNT \$10,294 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR. All in favor, motion carried.

11. Diane Friend and Joe Mashek from the Kiwanis Club spoke regarding the repair work that needs to be done on the marquee on the city hall lawn. Diane said that the sign has several missing letter's and they can't buy new letters to fit the slants since the back of the sign is damaged. Mayor said that the Kiwanis Club and Chamber own the sign, but the Chamber does not have the funds to help. Diane said they are blessed to have received the \$6,000 donation from the car show and they would like to fix the marquee with that money but they would prefer not to use the whole amount since they pay for scholarships for kids and sponsor other community events. She said the sign people came to quote it and at first they were only looking to paint the post and around the sign as well as give it a new backplash, and a new set of letters, but then they discovered about a foot from the ground the bottom of the pole is rusted through. Joe Mashek suggested that the city guys weld the rusted places and replace with new steel plate so we do not have to break up the concrete which is expensive and would take up the entire \$6,000 of the donated car show money. He is asking the city to help with the cost or even to do the welding work since the sign is on city property. Mayor Muska said that we have never done maintenance for the sign and asked if Steve Vanek and Joe Pustejovsky would work with CJ to see how we could fix it. On a motion by Steve Vanek, seconded by Brian Muska; table this item until Steve, Joe, and CJ could come up with a plan to help fix this issue. All in favor, motion carried.

12. On a motion by David Pratka, seconded by Steve Vanek; approve the final plat for sale of Peach/Reagan Street lot. All in favor, motion carried. Mayor Muska made mention to get with the city attorney on the wording to publish this in the paper and to put on the city website. He stated that the council previously voted to have the minimum bid set at \$35,000.

13. Mayor Muska spoke regarding the city council elections which were to be held on November 5, 2019. Karla Dulock, David Pratka, and Mayor Muska were all up for election, but Karla Dulock decided not to run. Jimmy Doherty signed up to run, so therefore no election is needed. On a motion by Steve Vanek, seconded by Brian Muska; approve notice of cancellation of joint elections for November 5, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.

14. Mayor Muska asked for confirmation from council in regard to attendance for the TML convention which will be held in San Antonio during the dates of October 9 – October 11, 2019. There is no need to act on this item, but council needs to let Shelly know by this Friday if you can attend or not.

15. Barbara Talley will no longer be serving on the Zoning Board. Mayor Muska said currently Mike Sulak and Emanuel Mitchell serve on the board, but he would like to have a 5-member board instead of three members. He would also like to remove the term limit and allow no limit on the number of years to serve. Mayor Muska has vetted the following people to serve on the board: Katie Miller, Al Vanek, and Cheryl Marak. On a motion by Joe Pustejovsky, seconded by Steve Vanek; approve to move the zoning board to five members to include Mike Sulak, Emanuel Mitchell, Katie Nors, Al Vanek, and Cheryl Marak and to remove the term limit served. All in favor, motion carried.

16. Shannon Cox said right now full-time employees get 4 hours of sick time per month and full-time police officers that work 12-hour shifts earn 6 hours of sick time per month. We would like to offer all full-time employees one day of sick time per month (6 hours or 12 hours for PD). Joe Pustejovsky had some questions and asked what other cities do. Mayor Muska asked for Joe, Shelly, and Shannon to work on obtaining more information. On a motion by Steve Vanek, seconded by Brian Muska; table this item under further research can be done. All in favor, motion carried.

17. Council member comments and requests for items to be placed on future agendas. Marquee costs – Steve Vanek, Joe Pustejovsky, and C.J. Gillaspie. Joe Pustejovsky, Shannon Cox, and Shelly Nors will research what other cities do regarding sick time for their full time employees.

18. Executive Session: Under the provisions of Government Code 551, the Council will meet in Executive


Session to discuss:

*1). Executive Session: A closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.) to address Police Chief Darryl Barton.*

*\*Council went into executive session at 6:32 pm and adjourned out of executive session at 7:02 pm.*

19. Council adjourned at 7:04 pm.

  
Shelly Nors, City Secretary

  
Tommy Muska, Mayor