

MINUTES OF MEETING: OCTOBER 1, 2019

1. Call to order: Mayor Muska called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.
2. The new police department Chaplin, Dr. Ed. Smith gave the prayer and Mayor Muska gave 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 David Pratka; approve September 3, 2019 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
5. On a motion by Brian Muska, seconded by David Pratka; approve bills for September 2019 - excluding check #'s 20252 & 297036. All in favor, motion carried.
6. On a motion by David Pratka, seconded by Steve Vanek; approve bills for True Value Hardware – check #'s 20252 & 297036. Brian Muska abstained, all others in favor, motion carried.
7. On a motion by Joe Pustejovsky, seconded by Steve Vanek; approve Monthly departmental reports. All in favor, motion carried.
8. There were no citizen comments.
9. Nicholas Allnut is a member of the West Scout Troop and he is working on obtaining his Eagle Scout rank. He said that due to the explosion, tourism in West has increased and he would like his Eagle Scout project to help support tourism. His plan is to construct an exterior interpretive sign that would be ADA compliant and all weatherproof. He said that he would like to put the sign on the city hall grounds or near the city hall sign that is currently on the property. He researched pricing and for a 48x48 sign it would be around \$4,000 and for a 24x36 sign it would be \$3,000. The interpretive sign would show points of interest with a brief description and a main map of the city. Nick would like permission to proceed with researching this project. On a motion by Steve Vanek, seconded by Brian Muska; support Nicholas Allnut's Eagle Scout project of exterior interpretive signage and proceed with research on it. All in favor, motion carried.
10. David Truitt from West ISD was present and spoke about the West Elementary School bond election. He said that the reason he was at the meeting was for transparency and communication about the upcoming bond election. The main reasons that the district is holding a bond election is to reduce overcrowding at WES, to improve safety and security at WES, and to enhance the learning environment for WES students. The proposed location would be on the Matus property off Cottonwood Road (2114). The reasons for that location is that particular property would add 200 more parking spaces, there would be more drop off/pick up lanes which would keep cars off the city streets, as well as more bus lanes. There would also be an Agricultural facility and an outdoor learning center. The elementary building would connect to the middle/high school. There would be two playgrounds: one for early childhood (younger pre-K and kinder children), and a playground suited for older children. The total bond proposal is set for \$21,485,000. The total tax rate proposed would be \$1.37 rather than the maximum allowed of \$1.50. He said that the old football field and track field are being cleared off and they are working on moving forward on the sale of that land (13 acres) and has a potential for many new homes to be built on those sites. No action was taken on this item.
11. David Perkins was present, and he video conferenced Yawen Wang from UT Arlington to introduce him to the city council. Yawen is with the computer science department at UT Arlington and he is working with

David on the active train noise cancellation research and data. He said he has spoken with scientists and this is something that hasn't been done before. He said the plan is to set up the equipment in the Depot and to use that area for educational purposes to create a technology that will cancel out the train sound inside buildings. The study would only be for a few months (colder months preferably) and will end around February. He would like to use the Northwest corner of the Depot to set up the equipment for this research. On a motion by David Pratka, seconded by Brian Muska; grant David Perkins permission to install his equipment in the Northwest corner of the Depot for noise cancellation research. All in favor, motion carried.

12. CJ Gillaspie met with Steve Vanek and Joe Pustejovsky at city hall to look at the condition of the marquee. Steve said that it's really not repairable and Joe said if it was a solid steel post it could be repaired but it's not and there is no way to put reinforcements unless you bust out concrete and if you do that you might as well replace it. CJ agreed and Steve said he will work on getting a price to replace it. On a motion by Steve Vanek, seconded by David Pratka; table this item until more research is done. All in favor, motion carried.

13. CJ Gillaspie said that the city has had several renters move out without paying their water bills. He spoke with our city attorney and he said that other cities require the water agreements to be in the homeowner's name, which would help with our renter issues. Charles Buenger also said that it's against the law to make someone pay another person's water bill so this would alleviate that issue. He said it is something that we could put in the water service contract. Mayor Muska is worried about the burden this would put on the homeowner especially if they have several rent houses. On a motion by Steve Vanek, seconded by Brian Muska; table this item until our January meeting so that research can be done regarding how other cities handle water meter deposits and agreements. All in favor, motion carried.

14. Community Center remodel update – Steve Vanek. CP&Y is working on finishing up the city hall bid packet. Steve said the insulation bid for the Community Center came in at \$8,000 from Pro Foam Insulation and Thermo Dynamic came in at a \$10,000 bid. The outside exterior doors have good seals, so we can leave the existing framing and just replace the doors. Steve met with the contractor today regarding the ceiling tiles and he is waiting on the bid. On a motion by Brian Muska, seconded by David Pratka; approve \$8,000 bid from Pro Foam Insulation for the Community Center insulation. All in favor, motion carried.

15. Update on City Hall renovation – CP&Y said they are finishing all the engineering and all scope of work and hope to put out to bid by the end of October. Mayor Muska spoke with Pointwest Bank regarding leasing some space from them and, he is working with Total Restoration for storage pods/boxes, cleaning crew, removing and packing up all items. No action was taken on this item.

16. David Pratka is working with the EDC regarding future development on 2114. He is waiting for a formal vote from the EDC first to approve \$30,000 to bore under 2114 for future development. No action was taken on this item.

17. 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 employee sick time and vacation.

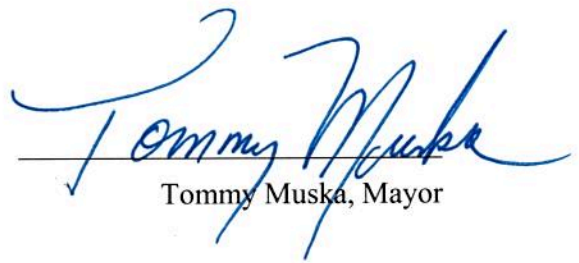
**Council went into executive session at 6:13 pm and adjourned out of executive session at 6:43 pm.*

18. On a motion by David Pratka, seconded by Joe Pustejovsky; approve full time employees for 9 days of sick time per year (accruing bi-weekly pay period). All in favor, motion carried.

19. Council adjourned at 7:04 pm.



Shelly Nors, City Secretary



Tommy Muska, Mayor