

## **MAYOR'S MINUTE – FEBRUARY 2020**

**A regular city council meeting was held on February 4, 2020 at the West Community Center.**

**We discussed and heard all the various departmental reports regarding finance, police, fire marshal, public works and the newest we added recently was the engineers report. I reported on the excellent sales tax number for the month of December 2019 which came in at \$52,236.72 and of this amount \$4,353.06 goes to the Economic Development Committee to use for various economic uses. The latest was a bore under 2114 at the I-35 Northwest corner which was completed to allow for future development for that area (North side of 2114). The sales tax is of vital importance to the city as that is revenue for our general fund and with recent legislative updates the property tax is being capped next year at 3% so it's more important than ever to shop local.**

**The City Hall remodel is now currently underway and please remember that the administration offices (water & court offices) are at 210 North Roberts Street located inside the Pointwest Bank Drive thru building.**

**I had a request to bring back to the council the monument sign that was discussed some years ago. The sign would be a simulated "rock" design and would be placed on the North side of Marable Street Underpass on I-35. TXDOT only allows the sign to say, "City of West Est. 1982" and most cities have some sort of monument sign off the highway when you are entering the city. The council tabled this item and is looking at various ways to fund such a sign.**

**The council discussed and agreed to allow the West Ambulance to be charged a minimum water rate (residential rate) to help with their finances. This would save them around \$50.00 a month on their water bill. The council also agreed to allow the Ambulance to partner with the city under their electrical contract with Hudson Electric, which would enable them to get a better electrical rate. The city would not be responsible for any electrical payment for the Ambulance, it only allows them to secure electric service at a better rate.**

**The car show asked to close various streets in May for the annual Small Town Car Show which is held on Memorial Day Weekend. This is a great event, brings in a lot of people and they donate their profits to various organizations within the community. The city council agreed to their recommendations.**

**Ryson Maddox who is currently working on his Eagle Scout project approached the council regarding his idea of constructing a sign for the Community Center. The council approved for him to move forward with his idea.**

**We are in the process of working up a maintenance job description for the Fallen Hero's memorial area at the city park. We have received money from various entities for the cost to maintain this area. We will also be receiving in March another \$50,000.00 from the Fallen Firefighters Association of America for this**

**fund. The money is deposited into the West Foundation and the city will access funds by means of invoices.**

**With a couple of men retiring and finding employment elsewhere the public works department is looking for operators and someone to fill these positions. If interested, please contact city hall for a job description and requirements. With that being said it looks like we're going to have to bid out mowing services due to a lack of employees, this will be visited at during the March meeting.**

**Have a great day.**