

## **MAYORS MINUTE – JULY 2020**

**With 2 members on vacation and one sick we did not have a quorum for our regular July council meeting, so we moved it to the following Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**A big surprise was the sales tax the city received in April which came in at \$58,000. This was \$13,000 higher than our last year sales tax figure for April 2019. I also reported that the May numbers were at \$68,000 which is \$7,000 higher than last year. With most residents sheltering in place and limiting travel, it seems that most citizens shopped local. I cannot preach enough about buying local, it is a large part of the city's revenue in the general fund. The more the city receives in sales tax the more cash flow we will have to work on the streets. Please continue to shop local to support our economy!**

**Other items on the agenda included discussing the possibility of selling water to Cottonwood Water Supply. Jed Walker our city engineer did a water use study regarding the pros and cons of supplying Cottonwood Water Supply with our water. Their study showed that our estimated growth in the next 5 ,10, 15 years and our current system was just not capable of releasing/selling our water supply to them. The council voted against it due to Walker Partners recommendation.**

**We had a discussion with David Holy on his planned subdivision, Playdium Estates off Playdium Drive. Mr. Holy was requesting his property to be brought into the city limits, no action was taken until completion of subdivision infrastructure per our city attorney's recommendation. With this planned subdivision and future growth of this area, city engineers are working on the design stage for new sewer, water, street, and curb on that side of town. That project is estimated at 1.3 million.**

**An amendment to our building code was added that outlines responsibilities on rental property, making it clear what is expected from both the owner of the leased property and the tenant. I had an open meeting with landlords a few weeks back to explain this addition making sure there was full disclosure on the subject.**

**The bid for the Community Center remodel was awarded to Moring Recovery out of Grand Prairie, Texas. The cost came it at \$275,839.00 and it is to be completed in 56 days. This project was included in the city budget.**

**The City Hall remodel is coming along, and the completion date is estimated to be early August.**

**It gave me much disappointment that I had to make the decision along with the Westfest board to cancel this year's Westfest. I stand by my decision since there is no way to control social distancing. As I said after we met it was the hardest decision I have made as mayor.**

**Stay healthy and safe. Please wash your hands, wear your mask in public, and social distance as we continue to deal with this virus.**