

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP: AUGUST 2, 2022

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Vanek called the workshop to order at 5:32 pm.

Council members in attendance: Natalie Kelinske, David Pratka, Cody Harris, Joe Pustejovsky, and Steve Vanek. Mayor Muska was not in attendance.

Steve Vanek asked the council to review the changes to the budget packet that was presented. Natalie Kelinske asked about the sidewalk situation by West ISD and the railroad tracks on Spring Street. CJ Gillaspie said that his contact for the railroad is not there anymore, and he estimates that the project would cost around \$7,000 but the other side of the railroad tracks could not be done since it's too narrow. It was requested by council to put \$20,000 in the general fund budget for this project. We will meet on Tuesday, August 5th at 5:30 pm for the next budget workshop.

Agenda item's #8 and #9, are both a formality for the city to hold their general elections on November 8, 2022, and to contract election services with the McLennan County Elections Administration Department. Normally the election cost is around \$2,500 - \$3,000.

Dustin Matus was present to speak on behalf of his request to purchase the alley behind his home on 405 N. Roberts. The alley is between Roberts St. and N. Main, but one resident has already voiced that they do not support his request. Although Mr. Matus has promised to provide access to the back of their lot at any time, there is no guarantee that future owners would provide the same. Also, their warehouse is accessible through 2 large sliding doors, one located in the front of the building, and one located in the back of the building. They use the back door to load and unload larger items and restricting access would be problematic and limit warehouse functionality. Dustin said that the alley is too narrow per city requirements and that everyone gets their trash picked up in front of their home, not the alley. He would like to put concrete from the alley to the back of his house. His neighbor at 100 E. Broadway is ok with Dustin's request. Dustin is willing to purchase the alley at fair market value or over market value if needed. He would add a front and back gate entrance, giving keys to all neighbors and to the city, and he would maintain the alley. City Attorney, Charles Buenger said that if the city sold that alley, the other three property owners would have a chance to purchase their portion of the alley. Charles will need to review our city ordinance. This item will go on the September 6, 2022, agenda.

The workshop adjourned at 5:58 pm.

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1. Call to order: Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Vanek called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
2. Steve Vanek recited the pledge and Reverend Crowder gave the invocation.

3. Roll Call: present council members – Natalie Kelinske, David Pratka, Cody Harris, Joe Pustejovsky, and Steve Vanek. Mayor Tommy Muska was not present.

4. On a motion by Joe Pustejovsky, seconded by David Pratka; Approve minutes for June 7, July 12, July 19, July 21, and July 26, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

5. On a motion by David Pratka, seconded by Cody Harris; Approve bills for June and July 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

6. On a motion by David Pratka, seconded by Natalie Kelinske; Approve monthly departmental reports. All in favor, motion carried

7. There were no citizen comments.

8. On a motion by David Pratka, seconded by Joe Pustejovsky; Approve notice of joint general election for November 8, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

9. On a motion by Cody Harris, seconded by Natalie Kelinske; Approve contract for election services between McLennan County Elections Administration Department and the City of West. All in favor, motion carried.

10. The council will meet during budget workshop next Tuesday, August 9th at 5:30 pm at City Hall to review the police chief job description. The council agreed that they would like to give preference to those candidates that live within a 15-mile radiance of our city limits.

11. The council spoke about releasing land on Shook Street back to the West Brethren Church. This happened a long time ago and it has never been updated on MCAD. Charles Buenger said that he will issue a Quit Claim Deed for this property. No action was taken.

12. On a motion by Cody Harris, seconded by David Pratka; Approve to give the West Little League \$60,000 out of EDC funds after proper hearings and procedures are completed. All in favor, motion carried.

13. On a motion by David Pratka, seconded by Natalie Kelinske; Agree to approve the West ISD's request to annex in the land East of School pending submittal of formal paperwork. All in favor, motion carried.

14. 405 N. Roberts – Dustin Matus requesting purchase of alley. No action was taken. This item will be discussed at the next council meeting.

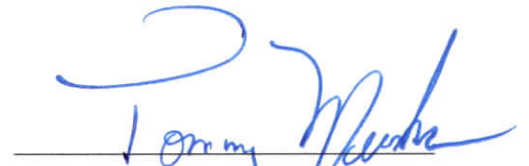
15. Council member comments and request for items to be place on future agendas. David Pratka would like to amend our employee handbook allowing employees to voluntarily donate their

vacation/sick leave to those employees in need. Steve Vanek request for discussion regarding Bill Hunt going to school/training for inspections, building official.

15. Council adjourned at 6:32 pm.



Shelly Nors, City Secretary



Tommy Muska, Mayor