

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP: MARCH 5, 2024

Mayor Pratka called the workshop to order at 5:31 pm. Natalie Kelinske, Cody Harris, Joe Pustejovsky, Matt Miller and Chris Nors were present.

Agenda item #9, regarding the street dance on Saturday, June 8, 2024, Matt Nemec is requesting waivers to two existing ordinances.

1. Sec. 8.01.003 - temporarily waived to allow of age individuals to drink alcoholic beverages in the designated closed-off street areas.
2. Sec. 8.03.003 A & B – is to extend the current time to allow the use of loudspeakers, amplifiers, or paging systems for music on streets from 11 pm to midnight on a Saturday.

Agenda item #10, Natalie requested changes regarding the updated organizational chart and job descriptions of administrative staff. Natalie mentioned that she would like us to indicate whether employees are exempt or nonexempt. Additionally, she suggested that it would be helpful to include specific licenses and credentials after employees' names.

Agenda item #11, Kelly and Aris Galanis requested city water on their property outside the city limits on IH -35 West, Texas (Property ID 201761).

Agenda item #12, regarding a request for a water meter for property located at 662 Grady Calvery Dr. West, TX owned by Tommy and Trish Webre.

Workshop ended at 5:48 pm.

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1. Call to order: Mayor David Pratka called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Mayor Pratka gave the pledge. Chief White gave the invocation.
3. Roll Call: Council members present – Mayor Pratka, Natalie Kelinske, Cody Harris, Joe Pustejovsky, Matt Miller and Chris Nors were present.

4. Citizens comments- Crystal Anthony says that she appreciates the town hall meetings about water, sewer, and trash, but suggests that the information provided should be simplified. She also raised concerns about the \$25 late charges on the water bill, stating that the charge was already paid and should not be on the bill. When she called the city to discuss the late charge on her bill, she was told that we had tried to get it removed and that it had to remain on the bill. She suggested that if we're paying for a service as a city to an entity and they can't accommodate us, the city should look into doing something else.

She also mentioned that trash taxes are not displayed correctly on the bill and that the tax of \$3.11 was not included in the listed charge of \$12.32, which made the actual charge \$15.43. Mike Sulak had concerns about the city's security and mentioned City of West lost a skilled public service due to an ill-advised method of discovery of a personal relationship between employees. No intent of physical contact, but an unaffected third party pressed for enforced involvement by law enforcement. The incident makes it difficult for the council to replace the important position with someone who has the same knowledge, experience, and dedication to the safety and security of the people of West.

5. On a motion by Matt Miller, seconded by Cody Harris; Approval of Consent Agenda: All in favor, motion carried.

6. On a motion by Matt Miller, seconded by Joe Pustejovsky; Approval of the City of West 2022/2023 financial audit. City auditor Bill Sanders briefed the council regarding the General and Water/Sewer Fund accounts for the previous fiscal year. All in favor, motion carried.

7. No action was taken on the Quipp report given by Sheddy Denver.

8. No action was taken on the Memorial weekend rally ride due to Nancy Goodnight not being present.

9. On a motion by Natalie Kelinske, seconded by Cody Harris; Approval to temporarily waive two ordinances. The first ordinance is to extend the current time to allow the use of loudspeakers, amplifiers, or paging systems for music on streets from 11 pm to midnight. The second ordinance temporarily permits individuals of legal drinking age to consume alcoholic beverages in designated closed-off street areas between Pine and Main, and Oak Street and Main. All in favor, motion carried.

10. No action was taken on organizational charts and job descriptions of administrative staff. Natalie Kelinske said to move forward on adding charts and job descriptions to the city website. She would also like to include exempt and nonexempt employees and or positions and any license or credentials that different positions require.

11. Motion to table the request made by Matt Miller and seconded by Cody Harris for the request of city water on a property located outside of the city limits on IH-35 West, Texas, due to the need for more information. All in favor, motion carried.

12. Motion to table was made by Natalie Kelinske and seconded by Matt Miller for the request for a water meter for the property located at 662 Grady Calvery Dr West, TX. Natalie requested a cost analysis comparing property tax revenue and water expenses. She also wants to see how other communities with similar ordinances provide services. All in favor, motion carried.

13. 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 **Sec. 551.072. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; CLOSED MEETING.** A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

The council went into executive session at 7:04 pm.

The council adjourned out of executive session at 7:18 pm.

14. There were no comments and requests for items to be placed on future agendas.

15. Council adjourned at 7:20 pm.



Vanessa Perez, City Secretary



David Pratka, Mayor