

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP: June 4, 2024

Mayor Pratka called the workshop to order at 5:33 pm. Natalie Kelinske, Chris Nors, Cody Harris, Joe Pustejovsky, and Matt Miller were present.

Agenda item #8: Natalie suggested that we need to raise the rates for water for residents who receive our services outside the city limits to account for the difference in property taxes that these residents are not paying.

Workshop ended at 5:51 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 and Matt Miller the invocation.
3. Roll Call: Council members present – Mayor Pratka, Natalie Kelinske, Chris Nors, Cody Harris, Joe Pustejovsky, and Matt Miller were present.
4. Citizens comments- Tom Smith commented on the disaster response program, stating that it is a great idea. He mentioned that we have to allow our services to help other towns and asked the council: "If you don't expect our officers to go out of town to help other people, do you expect the people from other towns to come and help you?"

Larry Luedke addressed speeding issues on East Spruce St. He strongly suggested installing a speed bump as a potential solution to alleviate the ongoing problem.
5. On a motion by Natalie Kelinske, seconded by Joe Pustejovsky; Approval of Consent Agenda. All in favor, motion carried.
6. No action was taken on the Sales tax allocation/ EDC report. The mayor reviewed May's monthly sales tax allocation, our sales tax revenue is currently at \$89,699.00, reflecting an increase from the previous year's \$88,531.97. Additionally, our Economic Development Commission (EDC) currently holds a balance of \$235,840.63.
7. On a motion by Natalie Kelinske, seconded by Matt Miller; Approval has been given to allocate 10 out of 20 votes to Mayor Pratka. According to the bylaws, the remaining 10 votes were evenly distributed among the other 2 candidates. This ballot pertains to the nominees for Place 7 (Precinct 3 Region) for the McLennan County Rural Transit District Board. All in favor, motion carried.

8. Motion to table was proposed by Matt Miller and seconded by Natalie Kelinske due to the need for more information on water rates from the surrounding water supply, including Cottonwood, Menlow, and Hilltop. All in favor, motion carried.

9. No action was taken on repairs to the city hall roof. The repairs are pending while we check with the insurance to see if we can claim them.

10. On a motion made by Natalie Kelinske, seconded by Joe Pustejovsky; Approval of the relocation of the shooting range to 300 John Nors Road and the use of city resources to facilitate it, as long as it stays within our budget. All in favor, motion carried.

11. On a motion made by Matt Miller, seconded by Cody Harris; Approval of submission of the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program. All in favor, motion carried.

12. On a motion made by Matt Miller, seconded by Cody Harris; Approval to move forward with the West PD Disaster Response Program with a few conditions. One condition is to develop this into a more formal document. Councilman Miller suggested that we need to establish clear policies for other departments, such as the fire department, and EMS to outline the appropriate use of the devices and their responsibilities. Additionally, we should consult other surrounding agencies, not just McLennan County. 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 **Employee salaries**.

The council went into executive session at 6:34 pm.

The council adjourned out of executive session at 6:53 pm.

14. Council member comments and requests for items to be placed on future agendas:

13. Council adjourned at 6:55 pm

David Pratka, Mayor

City Secretary

