

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP: August 06, 2024

Mayor Pratka called the workshop to order at 5:35 pm. Natalie Kelinske,

Chris Nors, Cody Harris, Joe Pustejovsky, and Matt Miller were present.

Anthony Mills, our TMRS representative spoke regarding our COLA options for the fiscal year 2024/ 2025. He presented several options, some recurring which are more costly as well as ADHOC which is a one time as was approved in January 2020. All figures are based on the CPI index. Anthony stated the city is currently 104.9 percent funded, we have more assets on the account than we need.

Agenda item #8 – change of drop off location for Boy Scout project (Brody Buchanan) for retired flags. Joe Pustejovsky stated the council had already approved the location on the City Hall lawn, he is proposing to have a drive through option at the community center.

Agenda Item #13 – Joe Pustejovsky noticed about a month ago that the condition of N. Davis is worsening and spoke with the city engineers regarding options to repair, potential a mill and overlay.

Agenda Item #14- Chief White stated that the West rodeo is having their parade this coming weekend and wanted to remind the public about the new parade parking ordinance that is in effect.

Workshop adjourned at 5:54 pm.

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1. Call to order: Mayor David Pratka called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
2. Mayor Pratka gave the pledge and Reverend Crowder 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- Joe Mashek spoke regarding downtown businesses, stating he heard a rumor that a major chain grocery store wants to come to downtown West. He said the businesses that are located off I-35 do not hurt our downtown as much as a chain grocery store would.

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

6. No action was taken on the Sales tax allocation/ EDC report. The mayor reviewed July's monthly sales tax allocation, our sales tax revenue for the month is \$80,155.12, Reflecting a slight decrease over last year. Additionally, our Economic Development Commission (EDC) currently holds a balance of \$249,244.38.

7. Anthony Mills with TMRS stated that the city has 13 retirees that are currently drawing retirement benefits. It has been 5 years since the last COLA was adopted which was a 70% ADHOC (one time) benefit. He presented the council with several plan options at 30%, 50%, and 70% with an ADHOC and repeating basis with both nonretroactive and retroactive options. Natalie Kelinske, would like to include a projection based on 70% recurring retroactive option, which is the most costly. The council will review these figures to determine what percent if any will be included in the 2024 /2025 budget. No action was taken, will be discussed during budget workshops.

8. Brody Buchanan is ready to proceed with his Boy Scout retired flag project. Originally it was approved to put the drop off receptacle on the City Hall lawn, but Joe Pustejovsky would like to change the location to the community center. He feels like this is the ideal location, we could create a drive through in front of the center next to the flag poles that are currently there. On a motion by Natalie Kelinske, seconded by Matt Miller; approve and change the drop off location of Brody Buchana's retired flag project to the West Community Center. All in favor, motion carried

9. On a Motion by Natalie Kelinske, seconded by Cody Harris; approve notice for joint general election, November 5, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

10. Natalie Kelinske wanted to compare water rates for customers located inside and outside city limits. She researched seven local water companies and her findings were we are 11% lower than Cottonwood Water, 3% higher than Bold Springs Water, and we are in line with the other five cities. (Elm Mott, Bellmead, Clifton, and Hico) No action was taken, since the cities rates are comparable to others.

11. John Hurdick with the EDC received requests from Westfest for \$42,000.00 for construction of a pavilion and the West Rodeo Association is requesting \$30,000.00 to upgrade the rodeo facilities. On a motion by Matt Miller, seconded by Natalie Kelinske; Table this item until further information is presented. All in favor, motion carried.

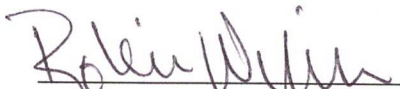
12. On a motion made by Cody Harris, seconded by Joe Pustejovsky; Approve resolution to formally dedicate a portion of city owned property as a public right of way and designate it as W. Mynarcik Road. All in favor, motion carried.

13. No action was taken regarding the mill and overlay of N. Davis, city engineers are looking into the best options to remedy this issue

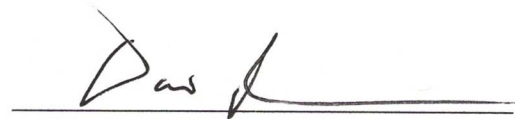
14.) Chief White would like to make the public aware that the Rodeo parade is happening, and they received approval to shut down Oak St. and are working with public works to block streets on Saturday August 10. The Chief wanted to remind everyone that there will be no overnight parking downtown as well as no parking after 5:00am until parade is finished. On a motion by Matt Miller, seconded by Natalie Kelinske; approve the Chief's West rodeo parade request. All in favor, motion carried.

15. Council member comments and requests for items to be placed on future agendas: Matt Miller asked if the roll call/ voting order for council can be in order of seats.

16.) Council meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.



Robin Wylie, City Secretary



David Pratka, Mayor