



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING October 15th, 2019

Council Present:

Brad Smith
Lilly Foster
Sue Holliday

Public in Attendance

City Manager/Recorder Raamin Burrell
Minutes taken and recorded by Raamin Burrell

Meeting called to order by Mayor Smith at 6:04 p.m.

Open Floor: Mayor Smith read the agenda item aloud and called for open floor items.

City Manager Burrell added an item to open floor. The Council had discussed the issue with Liquivision at the previous meeting but a decision had not been made. She recapped the information and the issue with them. Mayor Smith suggested that we offer to call the whole issue a wash. Their bill to us was \$2925 and our bill to them just for the loss of water would be \$7500 for the approximate 75,000 gallons lost, not including the cost for repairs to the road. The Council present discussed the matter and were in agreement to offer them the option of accepting to call both bills paid.

Approval of September 10th, 2019 Minutes: Mayor Smith read the agenda item aloud and asked for any corrections or changes. None were noted. Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve and sign the minutes.

-Councilor Holliday made the motion, Councilor Foster seconded it. All in favor, motion passed to approve and sign the minutes.

Approval of September 17th, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes: Mayor Smith read the agenda item aloud and asked for any corrections or changes. None were noted. Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve and sign the minutes.

-Councilor Holliday made the motion, Councilor Foster seconded it. All in favor, motion passed to approve and sign the minutes.

Approval of September 27th, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes: Mayor Smith read the agenda item aloud and asked for any corrections or changes. None were noted. Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve and sign the minutes.

-Councilor Holliday made the motion, Councilor Foster seconded it. All in favor, motion passed to approve and sign the minutes.

Review Request for Taller Fence Along Street: Mayor Smith read the agenda item aloud. The request is from Chad Holliday in reference to building a 6 ft privacy fence around the empty lot located behind his existing residence. City Manager Burrell said that Mr. Holliday had come to the office asking for approval, but the City Code states that a fence along a city street right of way isn't supposed to be over 2 1/2 feet tall. As there are many other lots in town that are exceptions to this rule and there is no documented history of the Council allowing or disallowing this, there is a precedent set. The proposed fence will not be on a corner or blocking the view of passage down the street. It will also be on the property line, not in the city right of way. The Council discussed existing examples in town of exceptions to this rule.

Discuss Gate Night: Mayor Smith read the agenda item aloud. City Manager Burrell began by stating that there are many different stories as to the history of Gate Night. Will there's been some stories that imply that this was originally a city-sanctioned event, it hasn't been for several years. On top of that, all the City office hears is complaints about it due to property actually being damaged or destroyed. Councilor Foster asked if there was anything the Council could really do about it? City Manager Burrell said that she would like permission from the Council to post notices stating that since it's not a city-sanctioned event, the city staff is not responsible for cleaning up after residents' kids. Mayor Smith and Councilor Holliday did state that it is the City's responsibility to keep the roads cleared for safety. If there's an emergency then obviously it would be cleared but. The Council was adamant that there was no way to enforce having the kids or parents of the kids go out to clean up the next day. Which is true, but there's only two city staff members and they should not be responsible for cleaning up after this since it's not a city-sanctioned event. Every year for the last three years, all the city office has heard is complaints regarding property damage and how far people's property has been removed from their lots. It was also recommended to have people call the Sherriff's dept to come an investigate. City Manager Burrell said that she understands that because it's a "tradition" it's not something that's going to be stopped, but damages to people's property and forcing the city staff to clean up the next day is unacceptable.

Review Preliminary Audit Documents: Mayor Smith read the agenda item aloud. City Manager Burrell states that these are the preliminary documents, not final drafts of the audit done by Solutions CPA's. Council had no questions or comments.



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Bills Before Council/Signatures: Mayor Smith read the agenda item aloud and called for a motion to pay the bills. The extra signatures required pertain to the Wastewater Facility Plan and have already been approved by Council.

-Councilor Foster made the motion, Councilor Holliday seconded it. All in favor, motion passed, bills signed.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Attest: _____


Mayor