

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2020
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kyle Kutch, Dana Mizell, Joe Stephens, Thomas Cash, Greg Hulett, Kevin Hood

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Smith, Melba Hart, Brian Russell, Leah Brooks, Randy Dodson, Brannon Robertson, Beaux Huey

GUESTS PRESENT: Jim Bardwell, Selina Tabor, Brian Wilkinson, Dion Thomas, Jimmy Isaac, Bob Watson, Stacy Anderson, Don Morgan

1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m.
 - a) Invocation
 - b) Pledge of Allegiance
2. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA
 - a) City Council meeting minutes for January 14, 2020
 - b) Investment Report for quarter ending December 31, 2019
 - c) Ordinance 2020-01 – Order for City Officers Election

Councilmember Hulett moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Carried 5-0.

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS *(Any citizen wishing to address the Council on an agenda item may do so during the citizen comment section of the meeting, or when the item is being considered by the Council.)*

Don Morgan, 114 Redbud stated he has two problems: feral hogs and poor postal service.

4. PRESENTATION by Gene Keenon of Republic Waste

Mr. Keenon presented the City a check for \$1,000 to be used for quality of life programs such as city festivals. *(Note: This presentation was made immediately after Call to Order.)*

5. CONSIDERATION of Texas Department of Public Safety Interlocal Cooperation Contract for the Failure to Appear (FTA) Program

Councilmember Hulett moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Cash. Carried 5-0.

6. CONSIDERATION of agreement with Texas Department of Transportation to contribute right of way funds for improvements to FM 2275 (also known as George Richey Road)

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained that we can combine the Hwy 42 expansion and the Hwy 2275 expansion costs with this funding. On Hwy 2275 (George Richey Road) we will have cost estimates around June to relocate the water lines and first phase of sewer line. Payment can be prolonged until June 2021.

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Councilmember Cash moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Hood. Carried 5-0.

7. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2020-02 authorizing Mayor to execute agreement with Texas Department of Transportation to contribute right of way funds for improvements to FM 2275 (also known as George Richey Road)

Councilmember Hood moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Carried 5-0.

8. CONSIDERATION of authorizing the Mayor to negotiate an agreement for feral hog abatement

After discussion and various suggestions Councilmember Hulett moved to authorize the Mayor to investigate the options and begin negotiations for abatement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Cash. Carried 5-0.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Government Code §551.074 regarding the future status of the Building Inspector position

The Council recessed into executive session at 5:22 p.m.

10. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION and take any action necessary regarding the Building Inspector position

The Council reconvened into open session at 5:38 p.m. No action taken.

11. CITY COORDINATOR REPORT

- a) Update on capital improvement projects

1. We had a major water main break along Hwy 42 that cost \$92,000 to repair. Unfortunately, when Hwy 42 widens that line will go away.

2. Engineers are working on the water assessment study at Big Sandy Creek and have met with the City of Longview several times. Hopefully we will have a report in the next couple months.

- b) Administrative updates

1. Mayor Kutch congratulated Melba Hart on completion of her Texas Registered Municipal Clerk recertification.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Mizell moved to adjourn at 5:42 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Adjourned by consensus.

Attest:

Kyle Kutch, Mayor

Melba Hart, Asst. City Manager/City Secretary