

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019
5:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Ray

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Smith, Melba Haralson, Tracey Fears, Billy Morgan, Beaux Huey, Daniel Morgan, Randy Dodson, Bill McBride

GUESTS PRESENT: Stacy Anderson, Selina Tabor, Caleb Sharp, Destiny Morgan, Tony Hale, Bob Watson, Lance Noll, Jimmy Nall, Olga Vazquez, Shaun Baker, Jim Bardwell

1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:03 p.m.
 - a. Invocation
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. City Council minutes for March 12, 2019
 - b. Investment report for quarter ending March 31, 2019

Councilmember Hulett moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Stephens. Carried 4-0.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

4. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2019-04 adopting the 2018 Gregg County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

Councilmember Hood moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Cash. Carried 4-0.

5. CONSIDERATION of variance to Sign Ordinance Section 70-153(k) by request of Shaun Baker for signs located at 101 W. U.S. Hwy 80

Mr. Baker explained that he misunderstood the Council’s instructions at the February meeting, and he was unable to attend in March. He asked for clarification of the sign ordinance as it pertains to billboards. He pointed that he has the same state permits as Lamar (another sign company) and wants the same treatment.

After further discussion, City Administrator Smith said he will provide him a copy of the billboard codes and seek our attorney’s opinion on whether the other signs in question were grandfathered in. Councilmember Hulett stated it needs to be clear whether Mr. Baker’s signs qualify as a billboard.

No action taken.

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6. CITY COORDINATOR REPORT

a. Update on capital improvement projects

1. We are using the new lay-down machine and doing patching. It is working well.

b. Administrative updates

1. There 3 pumps at the Hwy 80 lift station and only 1 of them is working and it's pumping about 800 gallons per minute. Public Works Director Tracey Fears said it will cost about \$15k - \$20k to repair the pumps, which has been done before. Two new pumps, including installation runs about \$50k. He said they are also looking at a de-ragging device for around \$5k. Quotes will be obtained soon.

7. ADJOURN

Councilmember Stephens moved to adjourn at 5:26 p.m. seconded by Councilmember Cash. Adjourned by consensus.

Attest:

Kyle Kutch, Mayor

Melba Haralson, Asst. City Manager/City Secretary