



JANUARY 11, 2022
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES

Item 1 Call to Order Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Invocation- Led by Mayor Pro-Tem Hartman

Pledge to US & Texas Flags- led by Mayor and City Council

Item 2 Announcements & Citizens Comments

Citizen Jimanne Durkee commented that after looking into city type, Home Rule; she personally felt for the betterment of the City and the Citizens of Morgans Point Resort, she was in favor of going Home Rule.

Shirley Clark, producer of the Bus Fest of Texas and volunteers Becky Cooley, Kisha Leatherman, and Dan Taylor were present for the presentation. Ms. Clark spoke on the 18 years of success the organization has had, due to the City of Morgan's Point Resort for 18 years, providing the city parks for camping. Ms. Clark spoke on the success of the fundraiser this year, which is for the MPR Police Department. She presented the Police Department with a check for \$4,200. Ms. Clark thanked the City Manager, Mayor and Council. City Manager, Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Clark and the organization for their continued support.

Item 3 Home Rule Presentation

1. Resolution No. 2022.01 (*declaring population*)

Mayor Green stated the City has reached a destination and an opportunity to declare our city as a Home Rule community, which is voted on by the Citizens. Should it pass, it would allow the city more flexibility and not totally be in direct control by the state. City Manager Rice added this would be just the beginning. If the Council adopts the Resolution and Ordinance, this process will extend for the next few months to the November election cycle, where the citizens of Morgan's Point Resort will vote on this Charter. City Manager briefly commented the Charter committee is comprised of sixteen members. Each City Council member was asked to provide at least three names to serve on the commission, Sixteen members responded to serve. Once council adopts the charter commission, meetings will be conducted with heavy community involvement, then City Council will move forward to call an election.

Mayor Green entertained a motion. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman made a motion to open for discussion. Council member Bruce Leonhardt made the second motion. Council member Leonhardt asked how the city came about the five thousand population. Mr. Rice stated the national average of the census from 2015 to 2021 was 2.53, and falls under the 5000-mark. The Texas Average is 2.85 that would put it at 5300 residents. Taking the average of the 2.53 and the 2.85 comes to 2.69 which is at 5003, that does not factor in utility, growth, condominiums. He added that this was the conservative metric used across the board. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman commented after her thorough research, meeting with the City Manager and speaking with Jim Reed of CITCOG, who mentioned the methodology used was favorable, she felt confident. Council member Larry Gossett also mentioned with his research he was confident. Mayor Green entertained a motion. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-01, and advised that on section 4 of the resolution, to include, that the city use the methodology 2.92 yearly growth rate for Morgan's Point Resort. Council member Shawn Knuckles made the second motion. All present voted "Aye." Motion ,carried.

2. Ordinance No. 2022.01 (*appointing charter commission members*)

Mayor Green asked for any discussion, if none, he entertained a motion. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman asked the names to be read and if any were present, to stand to be recognized. City Manager Rice read the list of names. Mayor and City Council thanked all for their upcoming service. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman made the motion to accept Ordinance No. 2022-01 approving members that have accepted these positions and adding names to the Ordinance. Council member Robbie Johnson made the second motion. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Item 4 CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes for December 14, 2021, Regular Session

Council member Bruce Leonhardt made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Council member Larry Gossett made the second motion. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried.
Mayor Pro-tem Hartman read the Ladies Auxiliary report. Fundraiser is Alaskan Cruise, and make your reservations. Auxiliary thanked all that have volunteered and supported this past 2021 and look forward to the coming 2022.

Mayor Pro-tem Hartman asked what the cost would be to start out the Home Rule. City Manager Rice commented \$50,000 to \$60,000.

Lynn Milam of C.O.P.S.- Santa Pal program was a success, next fundraiser will be of a raffle for a homemade King size quilt, looking forward to a good year

Item 5 City Manager update/ Department Report

Water storage tank still on track, going into competitive bid soon

Applying for a grant for two generators

Roads – plans to work on roads in the springtime

Work on strategic planning

On the Horizon: New digital agenda management/ code of ordinance on site, new permitting system, processes, and checklists.

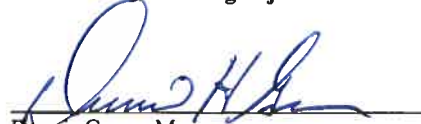
New Server to be migrated- City Hall will be open on Friday the 14th but will be unable to take credit card or online payments due to the migration. This has been posted on the Website. Implementing new Payroll software.

Item 6 Mayor/City Council Comments

Mayor Green complimented on the Coffee with the City Manager, the turnout of citizens. He asked for any comments from Council members.

- Mayor Pro-tem Hartman: Noel Shafer received his EMS. Coffee with C.O.P.S. set for Friday the 14th from 7 am to 9am.
- Council member Bruce Leonhardt asked citizens to get involved with the Home Rule
- Council member Larry Gossett encouraged involvement with the Home Rule

Adjournment: Mayor Green entertained a motion. Council member Larry Gossett made the motion to adjourn. Council member Bruce Leonhardt made the second motion. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.**


Dennis Green, Mayor
City of Morgan's Point Resort, Texas

ATTEST:


Ophelia Rodriguez, City Secretary