



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING -REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 6:00 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order- Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dennis Green called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman led all in the invocation, followed by City Council leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members Present: Mayor Dennis Green, Mayor Pro-tem Donna Hartman, Shawn Knuckles, Robbie Johnson, Bruce Leonhardt.

City Staff: City Manager Dalton Rice, City Attorney Neale Potts, City Secretary Ophelia Rodriguez, Police Chief Charles Cline, Fire Chief Taran Williams

Announcements/ Citizens Public Comments

Citizen Larry Hartman- Asked if Council would consider reinstating the Texas flag pledge back into the City Council meetings and asked there were any updates with a past discussion regarding the management of the City's only intersection due to the school traffic flow.

Citizen Jimanne Durkee- the city survey was complete and ready for mailing. She thanked all those that volunteered to fold and stuff envelopes for several hours.

Item 1 Discuss and take appropriate action- Sarah Wood – Library report on Summer Reading Program
Miss Wood gave the report on the summer Reading program. She was head of the program which consisted of 40 students with an attendance of 15 to 17 students each session. Sarah was recognized, presented with a gift and a letter of recognition by Mayor Dennis Green for her hard work and dedication to the City Library.

Item 2 Discuss and take appropriate action- Citizen of the Year 2020-2021
Mayor Dennis Green announced Jimanne Durkee as Citizen of the Year. Mrs. Durkee was recognized for her continual commitment to her community for so many years and long overdue. Jimanne's volunteerism with the success of the Library Summer Reading programs, maintaining the City's website, working with the City Manager's Coffee meetings with the public, other functions too many to list, shows her epitomizing leadership in our community.

Item 3 Discuss and take appropriate action- Minutes, July 13, 2021, August 3, 2021, August 10, 2021
Mayor Dennis Green entertained a motion. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman made the motion to approve the 3 sets of minutes as written. Council member Shawn Knuckles made the second motion. All present voted 'Aye'. Motion carried.

Item 4 Discuss and take appropriate action - PUBLIC HEARING- Proposed Tax Rate for the 2021 tax year (FY2022)

Mayor Dennis Green opened the floor to the public for comments regarding the Tax Rate at 6:15PM. With no comments from the floor, Mayor Green closed the floor at 6:16 PM.

Item 5 Discuss and take appropriate action -Vote on proposed Tax Rate for the 2021 tax year (FY2022)/ Ordinance 2021-06

Mayor Green entertained a motion. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-06 regarding the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 61.92 per 1000, which is effectively a 13.22% percent increase in the tax. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman explained how the tax rate would impact citizens. A \$100K home would be \$23.40, \$200K home would be \$46.80, \$300K home would be \$70.20, \$400K home would be \$93.60. She reminded citizens of "Maintenance Fees" that were dissolved by Council. Mayor Pro-tem recognized Mr. Cary Erskine the city's finance director for his clear, easy to understand financial reports and charts. Council member Bruce Leonhardt made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Item 6 Discuss and take appropriate action- Resolution 2021-17 Budget Amendments (FY 2020/2021)

City Manager Rice advised with the 3 weeks left before fiscal year's budget, the opportunity is available to purchase 2 much needed items. License plate cameras, that would collect traffic data within the city especially with the current school traffic flow. They are also capable to collect information on vehicles that are stolen. Also needed is a Server for all programs to include City's finance and payroll software. Mayor Green entertained a motion. Council member Robbie Johnson made the motion to accept Resolution 2021-17. Council member Shawn Knuckles made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Item 7 Discuss and take appropriate action- Accessory Building Request- Update since July 13, 2021

It was discussed in length regarding definition "Contiguous" in this section of the current ordinance. As discussed in prior meetings it was determined that to allow this request could cause a precedent. Mayor Green entertained a motion. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman made the motion to deny. Council member Shawn Knuckles made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Item 8 Discuss and take appropriate action- Resolution 2021-19 FM 2483 Speed limit

Mayor Green entertained a motion. Council member Shawn Knuckles made the motion to support TX Dot in the reduction of speed on FM 2483. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Item 9 Discuss and take appropriate action- Resolution 2021-18 Council member resignation

Mayor Green entertained a motion. Council member Bruce Leonhardt made the motion to accept the resignation of Ronny Snow. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman made the second motion. All present voted "Aye"

Item 10 City Manager's Report, Department Reports, Mayor & City Council Reports, or comments

See attached reports.

Adjournment Mayor Pro-tem Hartman made the motion to adjourn. Council member Bruce Leonhardt made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.**



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

ATTEST:



Ophelia Rodriguez, City Secretary