



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020, 6:00 PM
MINUTES**

Call to order- Mayor Pro-Tem Donna Hartman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. She welcomed those present and those watching through live stream.

Members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Donna Hartman, Council members; Dennis Green, Ronnie Snow, Bruce Leonhardt, Robbie Johnson

Member Absent: Mayor Gossett absent due to a family commitment

City Staff present: City Manager Andrew Bill, City Attorney Neale Potts, City Secretary Ophelia Rodriguez, Finance Director Kathryn Norris, Maintenance Director BJ Schieble, Chief of Police Cline

Guest: Kristi Andrews of Comprehensive Engineer Solutions

Invocation/ Pledge of Allegiance- Mayor Pro-Tem Donna Hartman gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas Flag led by City Council.

Announcements and Citizens Comments

Tom Edwards- EDC (Economic Development Committee)- Spoke on Park Project. Application has been approved. Contract has been signed. This week work should begin. Curb and gutter will be placed along street. Very close to receiving notice to proceed with the Texas Parks and Wildlife. Final construction drawings have been submitted. A formal groundbreaking will be on Saturday, June 27 at 5PM. A representative with Texas Parks and Wildlife will be present. Representative Hugh Shine will be present to do the unveiling of the construction sign which is required and the unveiling of a swing in Memorial of Trooper Thomas Nipper.

Citizen LaRae Heinle – Spoke of the on-going issues at Oakmont Park which she advised has spoken with City Officials and City Park & Recreation. Speeding is one issue she said was a close call for her husband while mowing the lawn. She expressed her gratitude and wanted to recognize: Police Sgt. Hodge for coming on his off day to help a situation, and Officer Nipper for patrolling as much as possible, Mayor Pro-tem Donna Hartman for being present and also Council member Ronnie Snow for his help and for bringing other members to witness the situation. Mrs. Heinle added her complaint would be that all police officers are not on the same page they should be on the same page to enforce, and that the need is continuity.

Citizen Dave Chamness Spoke on the on-going issues at Oakmont Park. Mr. Chamness advised that this has been going on for 5 plus years and would like the City Council to consider discontinuing all its plans for Oakmont park and keep the gate closed. He suggested continual policing for 24 months would ensure

that such crowds would eventually not return and the citizens of MPR taxpayers would regain the park and be utilized as it should. Mr. Chamness added if nothing is done, the City would lose a few citizens.

Citizen Denise Seibert -Thanked the City during the pandemic lockdown. Mrs. Seibert said the City did a wonderful job with the tree trimming program and picking up brush/limbs at the street. She commented that it was a good thing giving citizens something to do during these times and it was good to see neighborhood cleanup.

Citizen Andrea Hankins -Suggested that the Council should consider always having Council meetings in the Event center where it is not as crowded and a lot nicer.

Mayor Pro-tem Hartman stated that with this meeting being live stream, it had been publicized that should anyone not attending and wishing to make comment, could phone in their comments to City Manager or City Secretary by 12 Noon today. With no comments phoned in Mayor Pro-tem Hartman closed the Announcements and Comments.

Item 1 Discuss and take appropriate action- Minutes of Regular Session March 10, 2020 and Special Emergency Session March 24, 2020

Council member Dennis Green made the motion to vote both sets of minutes together. Council member Ronnie Snow made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion passed. With the noted correction on page 2 on 5 Ayes and 0 Nays of the March 10th regular session, Council member Dennis Green made the motion to approve minutes. Council member Ronnie Snow made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Item 2 Discuss and take appropriate action- Awarding of Bid and Acceptance for 2020 Road Improvement Project

Kristi Andrews of Comprehensive Engineer Solutions was hired by the City to assist the City with the Road Improvements project. Results were submitted to Council for review. Mrs. Andrews advised that the City had advertised for bids on May 11th up to 2PM. There were 3 contractors that submitted. Out of the three one she recommended be rejected due to discrepancies in the math calculations which showed to have different totals. Texas Materials was the apparent low bidder. Mrs. Andrews said she had made calls for qualifications which were positive, and Maintenance Director BJ Schieble had mentioned they were reputable. With that Mrs. Andrews recommendation to Council was to award bid to Texas Materials, with the bid of \$126,737.82. Council member asked if the cost included Engineers fees. Mrs. Andrews answered no, with Mayor Pro-tem Hartman stating there was a separate line item for the Engineers service. After various questions from Council, Council member Dennis Green made the motion waive formalities. Award bid to Texas Materials for an amount of \$126,737.82 with all documents to include bonds being complete prior to Notice to proceed, and City Manager Bill will notify Council if adjustments go beyond 10%. Council member Ronnie Snow made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried. City Council thanked Mrs. Andrews.

Resolutions:

Item 3 Discuss and take appropriate action- Resolution 2020-03 City Policy revisions, regarding City Holidays

Mayor Pro-tem Hartman commented that the resolution states that September 11th will be added. This would be incorrect, September 11th is not an additional holiday. Local government codes states that Fire Fighters shall be granted the same number of holidays at least one being September 11. She also stated she checked with other Cities and the City seems to be in line with others and it also appeared we had less than others. Council member Ronnie Snow made the motion to accept Resolution 2020-03. Council member Bruce Leonhardt made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Item 4 Discuss and take appropriate action- Resolution 2020-09 Recognizing Fair Housing month

Mayor Pro-tem Hartman read Resolution 2020-09 recognizing the month of April as Fair Housing month. Council member Ronnie Snow made the motion to accept Resolution 2020-09. Council member Dennis Green made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Ordinances:

Item 5 Discuss and take appropriate action- Ordinance 2020-05 Erecting Stop Sign at Timberline & Ridgewood

The need existed to place a stop sign at Timberline and Ridgewood. Police Chief is in favor of Ordinance. With no comments Council member Dennis Green made the motion to accept Ordinance 2020-05. Council member Ronnie Snow made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Item 6 Discuss and take appropriate action- Ordinance 2020-06 Renewal of the City's franchise with Oncor Electric

Mayor Pro-tem Hartman briefed the Council on Ordinance 2020-06. The contract with Oncor Electric is up for renewal in October of 2020. The Contract renewal is every twenty years. Next contract will be due in 2040. Oncor pays a franchise fee to the City once a year. This past year the City was given \$105,000. Council member Bruce Leonhardt made the motion to accept Ordinance 2020-06. Council member Robbie Johnson made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Item 7 Discuss continuing Disaster Declaration and status regarding current phases, recommendations from the Governor and Bell County Judge

After a brief discussion City Council agreed to continue with the Disaster Declaration and elected to continue to July 14th. Council member Ronnie Snow made the motion to continue declaration to July 14th. Council member Dennis Green made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Item 8 Discuss and take appropriate action – Regarding Swimming Pool – Open or Close City Swimming Pool for the Season, regarding abiding of the social distancing and limit of people, etc.

Lengthy discussion regarding pool capacity with social distancing, lifeguard fees and the cost of pool opening. It was agreed that Savannah Head Lifeguard, City Manager Bill and a Council prepare a plan with guidelines, implement them, open the pool on Memorial day weekend and report to Council come next City Council meeting June 9th, and Council will determine if the operation is adequate to remain open. Council member Robbie Johnson made the motion to accept proposed plan up to June 9th. Council member Bruce Leonhardt made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Item 9 Discuss and take appropriate action- Budget adjustment to the Consulting Line item in Administrative Department

Mayor Pro-tem Hartman asked City Manager Bill to address. Mr. Bill stated the consulting line item went over budget with Ms. Jeri Palmer. Ms. Palmer finalized all the process control and we are pleased with the outcome. April reconciliations are complete. We have concluded our business with Jeri Palmer. Mr. Bill said that the ending number after last payment to Ms. Palmer for the consulting line was \$25,130 and asked for approval from Council. Council member Ronnie Snow made the motion to accept consulting line item amount. Council member Bruce Leonhardt made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Item 10 City Department, Boards, Committees, City Council or other reports

Mayor Pro-tem Donna Hartman asked City Manager to provide a monthly status report, on where the City is on Sales Tax and ongoing projects. Council member Ronnie Snow suggested weekly report. Council member Snow also requested that City Manager arrange a meeting with Police and Corp of Engineers, with Mayor Gossett present.

It was asked by Mr. Hankins with the Library was open yet. His interest was in the computers. It was said the Governor has opened state libraries, so long as there is social distancing.

Item 10a Financial Reports for March and April – No discussion.

Adjournment: Mayor Pro-tem Donna Hartman entertained a motion. Council member Dennis Green made the motion to adjourn. Ronnie Snow made the second motion. All present voted “Aye”. Motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.**



Dwayne Gossett, Mayor
City of Morgan’s Point Resort, Texas

ATTEST:



Ophelia Rodriguez, City Secretary
City of Morgan’s Point Resort, Texas