

May 2, 2016

Regular Monthly Meeting
4:00 pm Council Chambers

Mayor Levitt called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm presiding over Aldermen Hass, Carroll, Dedmon, Heinert and Kelbe.

Visitors present were Robert Haberle, Linda Hass, Judith Hammer, Sandra Burge, Carol Foster, Gib Maynard, Don Heinert, Jim McLeroy, Tully Davidson and Kiki Bettis.

Heinert led the room in an invocation.

The room recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag and then to the Texas flag.

Two people signed in for the Public Forum: 1. Sandra Burge/topic as "City & Library" 2. Carol Foster/topic as "Water In Ditches". Levitt informed them they could speak for no more than 5 minutes and no discussion would follow their comments.

Heinert made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2016 meeting. Carroll followed with a second and the motion carried unanimously.

Tim Koonce stated that he felt an addendum should be added to the city's animal ordinance to limit the number of dogs that can be owned by each residence to 3 or 4. He looked at Mineola and Quitman ordinances and they used 3 and 4. Council directed city attorney, Jim McLeroy, to draft this addendum and present to them for adoption. McLeroy said he would also include a clause regarding established kennels in which multiple dogs can be present. Levitt asked that if the people that receive multiple citations for trash/rubbish/garbage, can the city do something different. McLeroy elaborated on the "push back" law that is in the senate regarding "poor people" receiving Class C citations. He will also include information on the IMPC.

Paul Kelbe gave the water and sewer report. Took water samples to Tyler. Repaired limit switch at north well. Telephone line is down at the north well. Had the WW inspection with no violations being documented. Repaired several I&I problems at customer's taps. Elaborated on the excessive rainfall over the past two months being a big problem also on the flow. Spring Clean Up was done and had a good turnout. Installed a culvert for a customer on Annie St and placed rock on the approach per the agreement between customers and the city. Trimmed the trees at the park. Painted a crosswalk on Higginbotham St for the First Baptist Church. As always, mowing and week eating continually.

Tim Koonce gave the police report. Answered 42 calls for service. Total vehicle mileage was 2041. Made 24 contacts regarding municipal ordinance violations. Issued 68 traffic citations. Issued 30 warnings. Worked 2 accidents. 42 motorists assisted. 20 agency assists. 5 civil calls. 4 dog issues resolved. 1 funeral escort conducted. 1 medical assist. 2 criminal trespass issued. 1 theft at the Dollar General. 13 city warrants served. 1 alarm call at the Beer Barn. Juan and Tom attended a Distracted Driver course in Emory.

No fire department present.

Kelbe gave the EDC report. The Business of the Month is Dimensions in Glass. The electronic sign relocation is in the works and will cost approximately \$10K. A landowner wanted to donate a tract of land located north of College St that is landlocked, to the EDC and after seeing no possible use for it, the Board declined. Kiki Bettis reminded the room about the WC Economic Outlook coming up on May 19 featuring speaker, Dr. M. Ray Perryman. Also reminded the room that the HOT funds application is still being accepted. Also said she is working with Robin Honaker regarding the building on Hwy 69 that she and her husband have purchased to open an antique store in. Informed the room the WCIC meeting will be in Golden on May 5.

Saundra Burge gave the library report. April 1 they hosted 65 fourth graders and their teachers and provided refreshments. Greenville Historical Society donated over 100 history books, most of them new, with subject matter including Civil War, settling of the west, Indian tribes and general US history. A Mexican family that had lived and worked in the coal mines here visited and he was 74 years old and said that visiting the museum was on his bucket list and they left a donation. A lady with her 3 year old daughter visited and was very complimentary of the museum. Jan Whitlock, Vickie Fisher and Carolyn Gary are knowledgeable and the library is fortunate to have them. Saundra & Cheryl spend hours making selections for the adult area. Summer reading program plans are underway. A man from the UTA contacting about preserving the history of small town jails, Saundra told him she would contact the person that has the old cells and if any pics are available. April 16 was the 5 year anniversary with 25 guests attending including Bryan Hughes, Cole Hefner, Ed Shadbolt and Virgil & Debbie Holland. A lady attorney and writer was a guest speaker on April 26 speaking about family violence and the court system.

Carroll made a motion to approve the reports from departments as presented. A second followed from Heinert and the motion carried unanimously.

Dedmon made a motion to approve the financials. A second came from Carroll and the motion carried unanimously.

Heinert took the floor to express her concerns regarding the roles and duties of the Mayor and Aldermen. Asked Mayor and each Aldermen to reread the attorney's opinion and the Q&A from TML and put this item on the June agenda for further discussion. Council agreed.

Carroll made a motion to appoint Melba Kelly as the election judge. A second came from Hass and the motion carried unanimously.

Dedmon made a motion to advertise for a part time (2 days a week) office assistant in the Mineola Monitor, TML and the Workforce Commission for 30 days. For Levitt and McCarty to screen applicants and conduct interviews and present the most qualified to the council. Carroll followed with a second and the motion carried unanimously.

Carroll made a motion to approve the appointment of Cindy Monroe to the EDC board effective 9-28-15. A second followed from Hass and the motion carried unanimously.

Carroll made a motion to adjourn. A second came from Heinert and the motion carried unanimously.

Lindy McCarty, City Sec'y

Ted Levitt, Mayor

