



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

A WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS HELD AT CITY HALL, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, DEER PARK, TEXAS ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 BEGINNING AT 6:45 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON
SHERRY GARRISON
TJ HAIGHT
TOMMY GINN
JUSTIN LEAGUE
RON MARTIN
GEORGETTE FORD

MAYOR
COUNCILWOMAN
COUNCILMAN
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OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAMES STOKES
SARA COSTLOW
JIM FOX
ANGELA SMITH

CITY MANAGER
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
CITY SECRETARY

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the workshop to order at 6:45 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE – No comments received.

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATION FOR RECOGNITION OF 2024 PARTICIPANTS OF THE VOLUNTEERS IN PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM (VIPAR) – Parks and Recreation Director Kenny Walsh gave a brief summary of the VIPAR program that has been an active program for more than 20 years. The program gives teenagers ages 13-16 the opportunity in the summer to volunteer in the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Walsh expressed his appreciation for the volunteers and their service.

Parks and Recreation Specialist Ruben Martinez spoke on the VIPAR Program and the 1,593 volunteer hours, from June-August 2024, that the teenagers put in. Mr. Martinez emphasized how much help these volunteers are to the Parks and Recreation Department and recognized the teenagers individually - Charlee Brandon, Mateo Hernandez, Caleb Reimer, Fernando Pacheco, Riley Stevenson, Carly Van Valkenburg, Whitney Regan, Ellie Bell, Jiselle Garcia, Sawyer Bell, Jaylen Ramos, Talor Grantham, Brooklyn McPike, Breslin Regan, Emma McBride, Kaylie Mills, Ashton Policano, Kaylee Guantes, Camila Yanez, Lilian Lopez and Chloe Martinez.

2. PRESENTATION OF A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN UPDATE FOR THE NEW COURT HOUSE BUILDING BY PROJECT LUONG ARCHITECTS, LLC – Alex Luong of Project Luong Architects, LLC gave a summary of the project status to include specific design details of the courthouse to include courthouse programming, office space and security. Mr. Luong also spoke of maximizing the efficiency of the storm water detention flow by expanding the existing detention pond further south to accommodate the area being added to the site. This new construction, Type II-B building, will range between \$450/sf to \$550/sf. Mr. Luong also mentioned adding 12 parking spaces for staff and presented a rendering to Council of the proposed courthouse. (Exhibit A1-A6)

3. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE STUDY PERFORMED BY NEWGEN STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS – NewGen Strategies and Solutions Representatives Matthew Garrett and Steve Doogue spoke of the task of assessing and evaluating the City’s existing water and sewer rates using financial and consumption information. They performed the study and provided recommendations for new water and sewer rates and proposed a 5.0% increase per year to adequately fund water and sewer utility operation costs.

4. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATED TO AMENDING THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICY – Item was discussed in the regular Council meeting.

ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor