



## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THE 1851<sup>ST</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS HELD IN CITY HALL, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, DEER PARK, TEXAS ON MAY 07, 2024 AT 7:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
TJ HAIGHT	COUNCILMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
BILL PATTERSON	COUNCILMAN (OUTGOING)
JUSTIN LEAGUE	COUNCILMAN (INCOMING)
RON MARTIN	COUNCILMAN
GEORGETTE FORD	COUNCILWOMAN

### OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAMES STOKES	CITY MANAGER
SARA ROBINSON	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
JIM FOX	CITY ATTORNEY
ANGELA SMITH	CITY SECRETARY

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION – The invocation was given by Councilman Patterson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilman Ginn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE –

- a. Regena Moore, 12845 Market Row, Houston, Texas 77015, spoke about her concerns on the eligibility of food stamps and the removal of the bible from public schools.
- b. Brenda Hanson, 1202 Pasadena Blvd, Pasadena Texas 77506, expressed her request to Council to assist in putting the bible back into the public schools.

1. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION TO COUNCIL POSITIONS 4, 5 & 6. ENTREGA DE ACTAS DE ELECCIÓN MIEMBROS DEL CONSEJO 4, 5 Y 6 – Councilman Patterson stepped down from the dias after 16 years. Council had the opportunity to give their well wishes and goodbyes.

Mayor Mouton presented the Certificates of Election to Councilman Justin League Position 4, Councilman Ron Martin, Position 3 and Councilwoman Georgette Ford, Position 6.

2. ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE AND COMPLETE STATEMENT OF OFFICER. ADMINISTRAR LOS JURAMENTOS DEL CARGO Y LA DECLARACIÓN COMPLETA DEL OFICIAL – Mayor Mouton administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Justin League, Position 4, Councilman Ron Martin, Position 3 and Councilwoman Georgette Ford, Position 6.
3. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL BY THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE – Marlene Staley gave details about the Strawberry Festival Parade on May 11, 2024 and also spoke of the festivities beginning on Thursday May 16, 2024, with free admission to the public. There will be many events including mud volley ball and a barbeque cook off. Joe Perez will be the Marshal for the parade.
4. PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK, APRIL 21-27, 2024 – Police Chief Grigg recognized the volunteers and the time they contributed to the Deer Park Police Department and the City of Deer Park.
5. PROCLAMATION FOR TEXAS YOUTH CONFERENCE WEEK 2024 – Theater Supervisor Susan Mele spoke of the Recreation Department Theater Division, Art Park Players hosting the Theatre Network of Texas, Inc. (TNT) 28th Annual Youth Conference during June 4-9, 2024.

Mayor Mouton presented a proclamation and declared June 4-9, 2024 as “Texas Youth Conference Week”.

6. PRESENTATION OF THE DEER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT’S CERTIFICATION FOR ACCREDITATION THROUGH TEXAS POLICE CHIEF’S ASSOCIATION (TPCA) - BEST PRACTICE – City of Webster Chief of Police Pete Bacon, a representative of TPCA, presented the City of Deer Park a certificate for achieving accreditation status with the TPCA Law Enforcement Agency Best Practices Accreditation Program. This program of professional excellence requires a rigorous set of standards and entails a complete audit of policies, procedures and training facilities by trained assessors. The City of Deer Park Police Department is officially recognized as an accredited agency in the State of Texas operating in the manner that reflects the best current practices of Texas law enforcement.
7. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AWARDING BID FOR BATTLEGROUND GOLF COURSE WEIR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO TEXAS WALL SYSTEMS, LLC. – Motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Haight on awarding the bid for Battleground Golf Course Weir Construction project to Texas Wall Systems, LLC. Motion carried 7 to 0.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilwoman Ford to approve the consent calendar as follows:

8. Approval of workshop meeting minutes for April 16, 2024.
9. Approval of regular meeting minutes for April 16, 2024.

10. Acceptance of the Deer Park Community Development Corporation's quarterly report for the period of January 1, 2024 -March 31, 2024.
11. Approval of tax refund to Patty Ann Cook in the amount of \$1,261.83 due to an overpayment.  
  
Motion carried 7 to 0.
12. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF THE 2024 STRATEGIC PLAN – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Ginn to adopt the 2024 Strategic Plan.  
  
Motion passed 7 to 0.
13. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON THE DESIGNATION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM – Motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Mayor Mouton on the designation of Mayor Pro-Tem.  
  
Motion carried 7 to 0.
14. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING TWO REGULAR MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR TWO-YEAR TERM – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilwoman Ford to adopt Ordinance No. 4526, captioned as follows:  
  
AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING TWO (2) MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS; SPECIFYING THEIR TERMS. (Tippit, Cothran)  
  
Motion carried 7 to 0.
15. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING TWO MEMBERS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilwoman Ford to adopt Ordinance No. 4520, captioned as follows:  
  
AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING TWO MEMBERS TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS FOR A TWO YEAR TERM; BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK. (Ripley, Cliburn)  
  
Motion carried 7 to 0.
16. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING MO GHUNEIM AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Haight to adopt Ordinance No. 4521, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Ghuneim)

Motion carried 7 to 0.

17. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING WILLIAM PATTERSON TO THE DEER PARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF JUSTIN LEAGUE'S TERM – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Garrison to adopt Ordinance No. 4522, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING WILLIAM PATTERSON AS BOARD MEMBER TO THE DEER PARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS TO REPLACE JUSTIN LEAGUE FOR THE REMAINDER OF EXISTING TERM, PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE AND SEPERATION DATE.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

18. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE OUTGOING MEMBER – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilwoman Ford to adopt Ordinance No. 4523, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING TJ HAIGHT AS A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION TO SERVE THE REMAINING UNEXPIRED TERM OF SHERRY GARRISON, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE AND SEVERATION DATE. (Haight)

Motion carried 7 to 0.

19. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 WATER & SEWER FUND BUDGET FOR THE ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) PROJECT – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Ford and seconded by Councilman Haight to adopt Ordinance No. 4524, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023-2024 BUDGET FOR TH CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUMS SET UP THEREIN TO THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

20. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE UPDATED FY 2023-2024 SALARY & CLASSIFICATION SCALES – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilwoman Garrison to adopt Ordinance No. 4525, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A RECLASSIFICATION SCALE AND PAY RANGE CHART FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK; PROVIDING A PAY RANGE CHART FOR UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

21. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON RESCINDING THE PURCHASE OF THE ELECTRONIC MARQUEE MESSAGE SIGN FOR FIRE STATION #2 LOCATED AT 950 W. PASADENA BLVD. FROM NATIONAL SIGN, LLC ON CHOICE PARTNERS COOP CONTRACT#22/023MJ-01 – Motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Ford on rescinding the purchase of the electronic marquee message sign for Fire Station #2 located at 950 W. Pasadena Blvd. from National Sign, LLC on Choice Partners Coop Contract#22/023MJ-01.

Motion 7 to 0.

22. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF SERVICES FROM COASTAL PUMP SERVICES, INC. FOR THE REHABILITATION OF CLARIFIERS 3 AND 4 AT THE SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT (BUY BOARD CONTRACT #672-22) – Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Haight on the approval for purchase of services from Coastal Pump Services, Inc. for the rehabilitation of Clarifiers 3 and 4 at the Surface Water Treatment Plant (Buy Board Contract #672-22).

Motion carried 7 to 0.

23. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE RAILROAD AVENUE LIFT STATION – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Martin on ratifying the City Manager's authorization to make emergency repairs to the Railroad Avenue Lift Station.

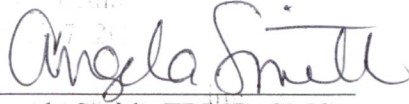
Motion carried 7 to 0.

24. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH LOCKWOOD, ANDREWS & NEWMAN (LAN), TANK INDUSTRY CONSULTANT AND AMENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH TERRACON FOR THE ENGINEERING, DESIGN AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE AVON ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK REHABILITATION – Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Martin on entering into agreements with Lockwood, Andrews & Newman (LAN), Tank Industry Consultant and amending the agreement with Terracon for the engineering, design and project management associated with the Avon Elevated Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

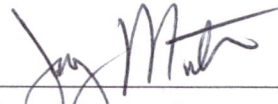
ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST:



AS/ Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

APPROVED:



Jerry Mouton, Jr.  
Mayor