



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 APRIL 15, 2025 BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON
SHERRY GARRISON
TOMMY GINN
JUSTIN LEAGUE
GEORGETTE FORD

MAYOR
COUNCILWOMAN
COUNCILMAN
COUNCILMAN
COUNCILWOMAN

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 6:30 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE – No comments received.

1. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO REDESIGNING WATER USER RATES PRESENTED BY NEWGEN STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS – New Gen Strategies and Solutions Representative Matt Garrett presented a virtual presentation on the water and wastewater rate study to adequately assess and evaluate the fund water and sewer utility operations, capital costs and debt service.

Mayor Mouton asked about the specific objective for the redesigning of the water user rates. City Manager James Stokes responded by explaining that the presentation was to show alternate ways to capture the same amount of revenue by shifting the burden around and focusing more on the commercial side of it but also including residential irrigation.

Councilman League expressed his concerns of the increase in rates now that the new water meters have been installed. Finance Director Nicole Ganey responded by letting Council know that there has not been a significant increase yet with the new meters.

Assistant City Manager Sara Costlow informed City Council that this presentation was to allow Council the opportunity to give staff direction on whether Council would like to go on with the analysis.

2. RECOGNITION OF VARIOUS CITY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
– Assistant Police Chief Wade Connor recognized Sergeant Joe Cooper and Sergeant Bryan Miller who both recently graduated from the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT) Leadership Command College (LCC). The nine-week program is designed to provide law enforcement officers with the knowledge and skills necessary for successful leadership in a modern law enforcement.
3. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE PROPOSED DEER PARK COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN FOR PARK, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE – Parks and Recreation Director Kenny Walsh presented a presentation to City Council pertaining to the new comprehensive master plan conceptual designs of the parks and open space within the City. The plan was developed collaboratively by Texas A&M University Undergraduates, Graduate Students, Professors and community members. The various concepts in the proposed comprehensive master plan range from Parks and Recreational facilities that provide numerous outdoor opportunities, community travel connections and community health concepts aiming to significantly enhancing the quality of life for both residents and visitors.
4. PRESENTATION OF THE THEATRE NETWORK OF TEXAS AWARD RECIPIENTS FROM THE 2025 TEXFEST – Parks and Recreation Director Kenny Walsh spoke on the several members and volunteers from the Deer Park Parks and Recreation Departments Art Park Players who attend the annual TEXfest at the Welder Center in Victoria, Texas in March 2025. Theater Supervisor Susan Mele spoke on the several members of the Art Park Players who received awards, Backstage Award – Heather Meza, Spotlight Award – Kenny Walsh, Front of House Award – Greg Holleman, Front of House Award – Sharon Lambeth, On Stage Award – Naomi Klinge, Corporate Arts Award – Corkey and Debbie Turner – Casa Ole, Steadfast Support Award - Art Park Players Fred White Ovation Award - Susan Mele.

ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor