

## 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 FEBRUARY 06, 2024 BEGINNING AT 6:15 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
TJ HAIGHT	COUNCILMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
BILL PATTERSON	COUNCILMAN
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 workshop to order at 6:15 p.m.

### COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE –

a. Frank Walker, expressed his concern of the bright lights and truck noise coming from address 2830 E. Pasadena Boulevard. Mr. Walker spoke of Council possibly approving an ordinance that would require a sound and light barrier to help with the comfort level of those residents around that location and also requested to Council to have the city steer traffic from the business at 2830 E. Pasadena to use Underwood Street instead of East Boulevard and Pasadena Boulevard or the soccer fields.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PROPERTY (551.072) - POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY – Mayor Mouton recessed the workshop meeting at 6:18 p.m. for an Executive Session.

RECONVENED – Mayor Mouton reconvened the workshop meeting at 6:31 p.m.

2. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE FOURTH QUARTER – City Manager James Stokes recognized the 2023 Fourth Quarter employees for the field, support and team awards. Parks and Recreation Parks Division employees - Taylor Sandoval and Matt Hicks, Supervisor of the Quarter Field employee - Assistant Water Plant Supervisor Matt Noland

and the Supervisor of the Quarter Support employee – Purchasing Coordinator Tracy Peterson.

3. DISCUSSION OF RENAMING DEER PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING AFTER WAYNE RIDDLE – City Manager James Stokes advised Council that last year, the City of Deer Park received a formal application to consider naming the Deer Park Public Library after former Deer Park Mayor Wayne Riddle. The City’s policy states that naming an asset will need to be brought before the Library Board of Trustees for their recommendation to City Council. On January 9, 2024, the Library Board of Trustees attended a meeting that also included Mr. Stokes and the Assistant City Manager Sara Robinson to discuss the request. It was voted 4-3 in favor of recommending to Council that they name the Library after Mayor Riddle. The request is to consider naming only the library building after Mayor Riddle and not the legal name for the library as a public entity. That will remain as the Deer Park Public Library.

Councilwoman Ford asked, “What is it going to cost the city for way finding and social media?”

City Manager Stokes responded, “I think it would be up to Council’s discretion.”

Library Director Rebecca Pool gave an explanation of the legal accreditation with the state of Texas for the Deer Park Library that was first established in 1969. Ms. Pool suggested to keep the social media information of the library as is so not to confuse citizens.

Mayor Mouton expressed his approval of naming the library building after Mayor Wayne Riddle but not changing the legal name of the library.

Councilwoman Garrison expressed her belief that it should not be one person getting credit and having a building named after them. Ms. Garrison emphasized that the building is for the citizens of Deer Park and does not think it is a good idea to change the name.

Councilman Martin commented, “We have all agreed several times up here on the dais as Council that the majority rules. It has never been that the decisions had to be unanimous because sometimes it hasn’t been, however, once a decision has been made, Council understands that the decision has been made.”

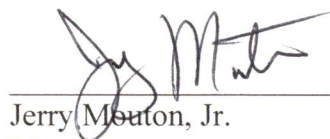
After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to come back at the next workshop meeting, February 20, 2024 to deliberate on a decision and possibly take action at the regular Council meeting.

ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Jerry Mouton, Jr.  
Mayor