



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THE 1846TH 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 FEBRUARY 20, 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
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 – Councilwoman Garrison led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE –

- a. Becky Stockstill Cobb, 2202 E. Lawther Street, spoke on honoring people that served the City of Deer Park. Ms. Stockstill-Cobb reiterated her support to rename the Deer Park library after former Mayor Wayne Riddle.
- b. Larry Cernosek, 614 Regency, commended the Deer Park Police Department for all their work. Mr. Cernosek posed the question to Council on if they have approached the pipeline companies or railroad companies on the beautification of the city in the area surrounding the railroad tracks. Mr. Cernosek also mentioned the maintenance of the detention pond by Pasadena Boulevard and Dalmation Street along with a leaning light pole on Elizabeth and Pasadena Boulevard. Mr. Cernosek mentioned he did not have a problem with naming buildings but not the library after former Mayor Wayne Riddle.

1. RECOGNITION OF THE DEER PARK HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS – Mayor Mouton tabled this item for a future meeting.

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

2. Approval of minutes of workshop meeting on February 06, 2024.
3. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on February 06, 2024.
4. Approval of tax refund to B1 Bank in the amount of \$5,467.28 for a payment made in error.
5. Approval of tax refund to Corelogic in the amount of \$1,659.68 due to an overpayment.
6. Approval of tax refund to Corelogic in the amount of \$523.10 due to an overpayment.
7. Approval of tax refund to Corelogic in the amount of \$2,444.94 due to an overpayment.
8. Approval of tax refund to Corelogic in the amount of \$524.62 due to an overpayment.
9. Approval of tax refund to Corelogic in the amount of \$1,762.62 due to an overpayment.
10. Approval of tax refund to Corelogic in the amount of \$532.24 due to an overpayment.
11. Approval of tax refund to Corelogic in the amount of \$2,041.56 due to an overpayment.
12. Approval of tax refund to Corelogic in the amount of \$642.74 due to an overpayment.
13. Approval of tax refund to Corelogic in the amount of \$698.73 due to an overpayment.
14. Approval of tax refund to Corelogic in the amount of \$1,962.21 due to an overpayment.
15. Approval of tax refund to Corelogic in the amount of \$528.98 due to an overpayment.
16. Approval of tax refund to Corelogic in the amount of \$583.33 due to an overpayment.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

17. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION FORMALIZING CITY COUNCIL'S ACTION ON THE FACILITY NAMING APPLICATION RECEIVED FOR FORMER MAYOR WAYNE RIDDLE – After a proposed resolution was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Mayor Mouton along with a vote from Councilman Patterson to adopt Resolution No. 24-05. Motion failed with Councilwoman Garrison, Councilman Ginn, Councilwoman Ford and Councilman Haight in opposition. Motion failed 4 to 3.

18. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE STATEMENT OF INTENT OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP, TO CHANGE RATES FILING WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED – After a proposed resolution was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Martin to adopt Resolution No. 24-06, captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS FINDING THAT THE STATEMENT OF INTENT OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TO CHANGE RATES FILING WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE CITY’S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED

BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

19. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON EXTENDING THE CONTRACT WITH TRUE NORTH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, LLC (NEEL-SCHAFFER) FOR DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING AND RELATED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO (2) YEARS – Motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilwoman Ford to approve extending the contract with True North Emergency Management, LLC (Neel-Schaffer) for Disaster Debris Monitoring and related Emergency Management Consulting Services for an additional two (2) years. Motion carried 7 to 0.

20. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE UPDATED 2023-2024 SALARY & CLASSIFICATION SCALES – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Ford and seconded by Councilman Ginn to adopt Ordinance No. 4495, 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 AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DILCIA JIMENEZ AS DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT/CITY ENGINEER – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilwoman Garrison to adopt Ordinance No. 4496, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF DILCIA JIMENEZ AS DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT/CITY ENGINEER FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

22. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SCHEDULE B OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE RELATED TO VARIOUS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FEES – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Ford and seconded by Councilman Haight to adopt Ordinance No. 4497, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX B-SECTIONS 74-4 AND 74-6 PARKS AND RECREATION FEES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

23. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT COMMISSION – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Martin to adopt Ordinance No. 4498, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING ONE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS; AND SPECIFYING THE TERM. (Mitchell Craft)

Motion carried 7 to 0.

24. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT BROWN WIND AND MONROE PARK – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilwoman Ford to adopt Ordinance No. 4499, captioned as follows:

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

Motion carried 7 to 0.

25. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OF PARKING LOT LIGHTING FOR THE DEER PARK GIRLS SOFTBALL PARKING LOT EXPANSION FROM MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING VIA THE BUYBOARD CONTRACT 677-22 (TYPE B FUNDED PROJECT) – Motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Haight on the purchase of parking lot lighting for the Deer Park Girls Softball Parking Lot expansion from Musco Sports Lighting via the Buyboard Contract 677-22 (Type B Funded Project). Motion carried 7 to 0.

26. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON APPROVING AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER OF OUTDATED RADIO EQUIPMENT TO MATAGORDA COUNTY – Motion was made by Councilman Patterson seconded by Councilman Martin on approving an inter-departmental transfer of outdated radio equipment to Matagorda County. Motion carried 7 to 0.

27. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR BROWNWIND AND MONROE FROM THE PLAYWELL GROUP, INC THROUGH BUYBOARD CONTRACT: #679-22 – Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Patterson to authorize the purchase of playground equipment for Brownwind and Monroe from The Playwell Group, Inc through BuyBoard Contract: #679-22. Motion carried 7 to 0.

ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor