

710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET

DEER PARK, TEXAS 77536

Minutes

of

AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET, DEER PARK, TEXAS ON FEBRUARY 13, 2017 BEGINNING AT 8:00 A.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON, JR.	MAYOR
THANE HARRISON	COUNCILMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
BILL PATTERSON	COUNCILMAN
RON MARTIN	COUNCILMAN
RAE A. SINOR	COUNCILWOMAN

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAY STOKES	CITY MANAGER
GARY JACKSON	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
SHANNON BENNETT	ACTING CITY SECRETARY

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON EMERGENCY REPAIRS OF A 10 INCH MAIN LOCATED AT CENTER STREET AND STATE HIGHWAY 225 – Motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Ginn to approve the repairs of a 10 inch force main pipe located at Center Street and Highway 225.

City Manager Jay Stokes commented, “Thank you all for coming. Sorry to have to have this meeting. We had an emergency on Thursday. There was a force main down around Center Street and the Railroad that has essentially collapsed, about a 200-foot section. We have a contractor in town on another project that can come in and fix it. There are a lot of pipeline companies down there. They have come in and marked it. It is very expensive, but we can’t have sewage running on the ground. If it was a five to ten thousand dollar issue, the City Manager could authorize that. It’s going to be a lot more than that.”

Mr. Stokes asked Public Works Director Bill Pedersen if he knew a cost yet.

Mr. Pedersen answered, “I have no figures on the cost yet. We are waiting for the contractor to get it to us this morning. The line is under Center Street at the railroad crossing. We cleaned it and we can’t even get the camera down there because the lines are so bad. It is clogged up and narrowed in diameter and looks like there are some pinholes in it. Down by the Shell station, a few yards south, we have sanitary sewer getting into the storm sewer when it backs up somehow. This morning we are going in and actually plug up the sanitary to let it build up and see if we can track it down. It is two problems we are working on over there. We have been working with the pipelines and it is going to be a tight fit. It is going to be a five-six foot wide by fifteen foot deep hole because of the pipelines that are there.”

Councilwoman Sinor asked, “Where is the hole going to be?”

Mr. Pedersen responded, "We are digging on the west side by Railroad, north side of Railroad. There is an area behind the curb to the first pipeline that is about five to six feet, so they digging. We are going to try to do this without disrupting traffic on Center Street."

Councilman Patterson asked, "Did you say 200 feet of pipe has collapsed?"

Mr. Pedersen responded, "We could only get the camera to go down 6-8 feet before it stops. We are going to try and go in the other direction this morning, but we have to bypass pump to divert all the sewer, so we can go in the other way. We don't know yet, but it could be a couple of hundred feet."

Councilwoman Sinor asked, "Is that the worst case scenario?"

Mr. Pedersen responded, "Yes. In 2009, Railroad was rebuilt. At that time, the force main was under Railroad and we ended up moving the force main to the north side of Railroad. So right there, just west of a concrete building, we stopped to go to another manhole to the east side. The manhole was rehabbed two years ago. We will probably have to realign it after we are done."

Councilwoman Sinor asked, "What is the difference between replacing the whole line and going in and aligning the line?"

Mr. Pedersen responded, "We are actually replacing the line with a ten inch line. We will pull a cable through it and then use a 100-ton wench. They will setup a wench on top of the manhole, pull a new line through the old line, and bust the old line in place. It would actually replace the line that is there. The concern right now when you get that deep, you get a lot of earth load on top of the pipe so it takes a bigger wench to pull that pipe through."

Councilmember Patterson asked, "Will it bust a part, but not into the other pieplines?"

Mr. Pedersen responded, "No. It will essentially replace the diameter that is there. We have been doing this all over town with the waterlines also."

Motion carried 6 to 0.

3. ADJOURN - Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 8:05 a.m.

Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Acting City Secretary

Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor