



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 JANUARY 6, 2026 BEGINNING AT 6:45 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON
SHERRY GARRISON
TJ HAIGHT
TOMMY GINN
GEORGETTE FORD
JUSTIN LEAGUE

MAYOR
COUNCILWOMAN
COUNCILMAN
COUNCILMAN
COUNCILWOMAN
COUNCILMAN

MEMBERS ABSENT

RON MARTIN

COUNCILMAN

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAMES STOKES
SARA ROBINSON
JIM FOX
ANGELA SMITH

CITY MANAGER
ASST. CITY MANAGER
CITY ATTORNEY
CITY SECRETARY

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the workshop to order at 6:45 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE – John Matula, 801 Lanell St, expressed his continuing displeasure over loud music.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: BY AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 62525-17 (SECTION 3-E, F, G) V.A.T.S. AND THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, THE COUNCIL MAY ADJOURN TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM(S): A-PERSONNEL – HIRING OF DEPUTY CITY SECRETARY AND PERSONNEL – APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD POSITION.

Council adjourned to executive session at 6:47 an and returned to open session at 6:58 pm.

2. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE POSSIBLE THEATRE AND OLD FIRE STATION #1 RENOVATIONS.

Parks and Recreation Director Kenny Walsh and Theatre Supervisor Susan Mele spoke on the results of Studio Red's proposal for the current theatre and the old Fire Station #1. Ms. Mele explained what a black box theatre was. City Manager Jay Stokes' recommendations 1) the theatre has to be renovated after court moves out, 2) not recommending the outdoor amphitheater, 3) rather than renovating, spend the \$25k more for additional thoughts and designs on tear down and new Fire Station #1. It will take about 4-6 weeks to get the new

info. Mr. Stokes also mentioned that there may be a tax election in 2027 to help cover the cost of the theatre renovation. Council was informally in favor of spending \$25k more to get a different proposal on demo and rebuild on Fire Station #1 with Studio Red. (Exhibit A)

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor