



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THE 1844TH 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 JANUARY 16, 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	COUNCILMAN

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 Ford led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE – No comments received.

1. PROCLAMATION FOR JUDGE LARRY WILSON – Mayor Mouton recognized Judge Wilson for his years of dedicated service of over 25 years. Mayor Mouton presented Judge Larry Wilson with a proclamation and proclaimed December 31, 2023 as “Judge Larry Wilson Day”.
2. PROCLAMATION FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY OF JANUARY 24, 2023 TORNADO – Mayor Mouton spoke of the tornado and the quick recovery response that the employees of the city and the citizens of Deer Park were able to accomplish. Mayor Mouton proclaimed January 24, 2024 as “Remembrance Day of January 24, 2023 Tornado”.

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

3. Approval of minutes of workshop meeting on January 2, 2024.
4. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on January 2, 2024.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

5. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH HOUSTON COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS FOR AN ADDITIONAL 52 WEEKS FOR NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Patterson to approve the contract with Houston Community Newspapers for an additional 52 weeks for newspaper publication. Motion carried 7 to 0.
6. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE CITY OF DEER PARK PERSONNEL MANUAL, CHAPTER 12 - TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION AND EXPENSE POLICY – After a proposed resolution was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Haight to adopt Resolution No. 24-03, captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, REVISING THE PERSONNEL MANUAL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, BY AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE TRAVEL POLICY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

7. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2024 AT 7:30 PM TO REAUTHORIZE BUILDING PERMIT FEES – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt Ordinance No. 4483, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK SETTING A DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY REAUTHORIZING THE CITY'S APPENDIX B-BUILDING PERMIT FEES SECTION 18-53(B).

Motion carried 7 to 0.

8. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 WATER & SEWER FUND BUDGET FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR LEAD COPPER RULE REVISION INVENTORY REQUIREMENTS – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt Ordinance No. 4484, 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.

9. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND IT SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE SERVICES AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH SOFTWARE ONE – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Ford to adopt Ordinance No. 4485, 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.

10. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH SOFTWARE ONE FOR MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE SERVICES AGREEMENT (MESA) RENEWAL VIA TIPS CONTRACT # 210101 – Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Patterson to approve the agreement with Software One for Microsoft Enterprise Services Agreement (MESA) renewal via TIPS Contract # 210101. Motion carried 7 to 0.

ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Angela Smith, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor