

CITY OF DEER PARK

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710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET

DEER PARK, TEXAS 77536

Minutes of

THE 1700TH 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 DECEMBER 19, 2017, AT 7:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
THANE HARRISON	COUNCILMAN
TOMMY GINN	COUNCILMAN
BILL PATTERSON	COUNCILMAN
RON MARTIN	COUNCILMAN
RAE SINOR	COUNCILWOMAN

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAY STOKES	CITY MANAGER
GARY JACKSON	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
SHANNON BENNETT	CITY SECRETARY
JIM FOX	CITY ATTORNEY

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. RECESSED/RECONVENED – Mayor Mouton recessed the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:39 p.m.
3. INVOCATION – The invocation was given by Councilman Patterson.
4. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE – Councilman Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
5. AWARDING BID FOR A TWO YEAR SUPPLY OF PULSAR PLUS CALCIUM HYPOCHLORITE BRIQUETTES OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT TO BE USED FOR THE CITY POOL – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Martin to award the bid for a two year supply of Pulsar plus Calcium Hypochlorite Briquettes or approved equivalent to be used for the City pool to R & K Aquatics as the low bidder, 50 pound pail at \$2.20 a pound, which equates to \$110.00 per pail. Motion carried 7 to 0.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR – Motion was made by Councilman Harrison and seconded by Councilman Ginn to approve the consent calendar as follows:
 - a. Approval of minutes of workshop meeting of December 5, 2017.
 - b. Approval of minutes of regular meeting of December 5, 2017.
 - c. Approval of minutes of emergency meeting of December 5, 2017.
 - d. Authorization of a grant application to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for Polaris Ranger Medical Transport all-terrain vehicle.
 - e. Authorization of grant application to the 2018 Emergency Responder Health and Wellness Grant.
 - f. Authorization to accept revisions to the Boards and Commissions Procedure Policy.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

7. CONSIDERATION OF AN ACTION ON AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FOR THE NEW CITY HALL FACILITY THROUGH THE U.S. COMMUNITIES BUY BOARD – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the purchase of furniture for the new City Hall facility through the U.S. Communities Buy Board.

City Manager, Jay Stokes advised Council this purchase includes everything except the audience chairs.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

8. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FROM THE REQUEST OF CHI/ACQUISITIONS, L.P. TO CONSTRUCT A BULK WAREHOUSE – Motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor to refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a Specific Use Permit from the request of Chi/Acquisitions. L.P. to construct a bulk warehouse.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

9. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON EXTENDING THE 2017 SPORT ORGANIZATION UTILIZATION AGREEMENTS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018 – Motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Ginn to approve the extension of the 2017 Sport Organization Utilization agreement through June 30, 2018. Motion carried 7 to 0.

10. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON THE SEEKING OF FISCAL YEAR 2019 STEP TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Martin to table this item to the next meeting. Motion carried 7 to 0.
11. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE CITY OF DEER PARK REPRESENTATIVE TO HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor to appoint Thane Harrison as the City's Representative and Bill Patterson as the City's Alternative Representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly and Board of Directors. Motion carried 7 to 0.
12. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DEER PARK, LA PORTE AND PASADENA TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE DURING PERIODS OF CIVIL UNREST – Motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Deer Park, La Porte and Pasadena to provide assistance during periods of civil unrest. Motion carried 7 to 0.
13. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH ATLAS UNIVERSAL ROOFING, INC. FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT FIRE STATION #1 – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Harrison to enter into an agreement with Atlas Universal Roofing Inc., for the roof replacement at Fire Station #1. Motion carried 7 to 0.
14. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THREE MEMBERS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Harrison and seconded by Councilman Ginn to adopt on first and final reading of Ordinance No. 3947, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THREE (3) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO THE DEER PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS; FIXING THEIR TERMS; RESERVING CERTAIN RIGHTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

15. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET FOR THE PLAYGROUND AND EQUIPMENT AND PAVILION FOR THE NEW PARK ADJACENT TO THE SPENCERVIEW COMPLEX – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Ginn to adopt on first and final reading of Ordinance No. 3948, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2017-2018 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS AND APPROPRIATING THE SUMS SET UP THEREIN

TO THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED; AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

16. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL -

Councilwoman Sinor commented, "It has been a great year in some ways but for our family it has been a tough year after losing my dad. When I was sworn in 6 years ago, my good friend Molly Smith and Judge Williams swore me in and my dad was also here, it was a super special night. People ask me all the time if I still enjoy it, and I do. I didn't at first, it was tough. I just want to commend each of you that sit up here, it is a tough job sometimes. I know each of us have special things that we work on that mean a lot to us and when you see those things finished, it is a pretty special thing to experience. I enjoy working with each of you, I think we have the best that sit here. Our Directors are first class and I think we are so blessed to have each of you. You are passionate in what you do, you care about this City and it shows in everything you do. I want to wish you a Merry Christmas."

Councilman Martin commented, "What a year! We celebrated our 125th, Sherry doing a great job. I think the City as a whole really enjoyed it. I think Council and Staff and all that participated in the play we put on, I think we found a new meaning of working together. I think it was great experience, I didn't think I would be dancing in a toga wearing cowboy boots. Thank you, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!"

Councilman Patterson commented, "We talk a lot about how blessed we are to live in Deer Park. We have a great City. I am honored and humbled to be able to serve this City and serve with each of these Councilmembers. We are blessed with great Police and Fire protection and we are able to provide state of the art equipment to protect our Community and to assist if need be. I wish I could build a bubble around Deer Park and keep the world away from us. We live in perilous times and I am glad we have a Heavenly Father that has a plan, even though we may not know what that plan is. I honestly am grateful and humbled to serve with each and every one of you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Councilman Ginn commented, "It has been an honor to serve again with Council and Administration. I want to thank you all for a very good year. It was a challenging year overall, but a great year. They say time flies when you are having fun, I think time flew this year. Looking forward to a great 2018 and working with you all again next year. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Blessed New Year."

Councilman Harrison commented, "I have been up here a long time, I have sat with 16 different people up here and I have seen a lot of department heads through the years. This Council and Mayor, along with you all, work so well together. We have our ups and downs. Melissa and I have had a good year, and have become grandparents for the 10th time today. It has been a good year, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year."

Councilwoman Garrison commented, “It has been a busy year, particularly for our City Staff with all the construction, the Type B projects, Hurricane Harvey, and the 125th Celebration. It has just been crazy. When I was elected to Council 5 years ago, I never dreamed I would work with such a fine group of people. I know what you all do day in and day out. I have said this before, you all make us look good, all of Staff does. I agree that the play was a great team building experience. I just really want to thank all of you for making this City what it is, for your dedication and what you do every day for the City of Deer Park.”

Mayor Mouton commented, “I think this year has been a unique journey. Through the good and the bad life has brought us, we are blessed. I hope we can do our best to mitigate any homes from flooding, it might be unattainable, but we are in a unique position where we have a much better opportunity to mitigate that than many other cities. I am blessed to work with each one of you. I get to brag day in and day out. We have some of the most qualified people in the region that have vast experience. It is such an honor to work with you, our Community is blessed. We have come such a long way due to an amazing collaborative team effort. We have a great working relationship between Council and Staff and we are doing a good job. I expect big things in 2018. I have the privilege to work with Mr. Stokes, who does a great job, I commend you and all the Directors. I am very proud to work with everyone here. I look forward to a good next year. Merry Christmas to each of you.”

17. ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Shannon Bennett, TRMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton
Mayor