

CITY OF DEER PARK

710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET

DEER PARK, TEXAS 77536

Minutes of

THE 1710th 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 MAY 15, 2018, AT 7:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON  
SHERRY GARRISON  
THANE HARRISON  
TOMMY GINN  
BILL PATTERSON  
RON MARTIN  
RAE A. SINOR

MAYOR  
COUNCILWOMAN  
COUNCILMAN  
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COUNCILWOMAN

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAMES STOKES  
GARY JACKSON  
SHANNON BENNETT  
JIM FOX

CITY MANAGER  
ASSITANT CITY MANAGER  
CITY SECRETARY  
CITY ATTORNEY

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. INVOCATION – The invocation was given by former Mayor Jimmy Burke.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Former Councilman Tom Bedford led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

Mayor Mouton recognized Murline Staley, President of the Strawberry Festival who invited Council to the opening ceremonies on Friday, May 18, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the Pasadena Convention Center.

4. PROCLAMATION FOR RED NOSE MONTH – Mayor Mouton presented Lisa Anderson, of Walgreens with a proclamation recognizing May 2018 as Red Nose Month.
5. PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PUBLIC WORK WEEK – Mayor Mouton presented Bill Pederson, Director of Public Works with a proclamation declaring the week of May 20-26, 2018 as National Public Works Week.

6. PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION OF LIFE SAVING AWARDS – Chief Greg Grigg presented Officer Brandon Williams with a Life Saving Award. On March 30, 2018, Officer Williams responded to the Wheel House in reference to a man having a seizure and performed CPR until the Deer Park EMS arrived.
7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: REFLECTIONS ON CITY HALL (1978 - 2018) – Former Mayor Wayne Riddle, Former Mayor Jimmy Burke and Mayor Jerry Mouton spoke on reflections of City Hall during their tenure of Mayor.

Mayor Mouton acknowledged former Council members, which included Beckie Stockstill-Cobb, Denton McDugle, Sam Pipkin, Chris Richey, Dianna Taylor, Tom Bedford and Bill McDonald.

City Manager, Jay Stokes acknowledged former Directors which included Sandra Watkins, City Secretary, Linda McHone, I.T. Director, Sam Pipkin, EMS Director and Jack Beckham, EMS Director. Mr. Stokes also acknowledged Municipal Judge Larry Wilson and thanked him for his service.

8. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION - Mayor Mouton presented the Certificates of Election to Councilman William Patterson Position 4, Councilman Ron Martin Position 5, and Councilwoman Rae Sinor Position 6.
9. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION - Mayor Mouton administered the Oath of Office to Councilman William Patterson Position 4, Councilman Ron Martin Position 5, and Councilwoman Rae Sinor Position 6.
10. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOCAL INCENTIVES THAT MAY BE OFFERED TO QUALIFIED LOCAL BUSINESSES PARTICIPATING IN THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM - The public hearing was opened by the City Secretary reading the Notice of Public Hearing. (Exhibit A)

Mayor Mouton called for those desiring to speak in favor of the ordinance amending the local incentives that may be offered to qualified local businesses participating in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program.

- a. Eric Geisler, commented “I am with Economic Incentives Services and our company helps companies access programs like the Texas Enterprise Zone Program. I have been involved with this program over twenty years. It has changed quite a bit over that time. One of the changes that has occurred, it has become very competitive. Each application that is submitted in a quarterly filing period is in competition with other applications throughout the State, which means applications in Deer Park are in competition with other applications from other cities. The higher the score the better, obviously. There are three main parts to an application that go under points; the distress of the area, the local effort and the private effort. The good news and bad news is, thanks to this, former Councils, people like Debbie Westbeld and others, Deer Park does not score very high in distress, which means you don’t have high unemployment and poverty. You don’t meet the threshold for people with lower

than a high school education. That's the good news. The bad news is, you don't get any points there. The only other area you can get some help is in the local effort, which are the incentives. The more incentives that you add, the more points the applications get. Adding the additional sentence identified in tonight's ordinance will make Deer Park companies Enterprise Zone applications more competitive and increases the chances of being approved. This is a great way to help your local businesses without costing the city anything. I would encourage you to approve this ordinance. I am joined tonight by Kim Breedlove with Shell Tax Department. Shell has two projects that we hope that you would nominate later in the agenda, assuming that you would approve the ordinance. Thank you very much."

Mayor Mouton called for those desiring to speak against the ordinance amending the local incentives that may be offered to qualified local businesses participating in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program. No one spoke.

11. AWARDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES  
– Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Patterson to award the request for professional auditing services to Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP. Motion carried 7 to 0.

12. 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 on May 1, 2018.
- b. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on May 1, 2018.
- c. Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report (January - March 2018).

Motion carried 7 to 0.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE -

- a. Dave Tucker, 2610 Dunn Circle, commented, "I am one of the homeowners on Dunn Circle affected by the new city hall building. We would like to set up a meeting with the city manager, possibly the deputy city manager, city council, and Mayor to discuss the issues with the new city hall. We have about five different things we would like to discuss. One is the placement of city hall, why it was there, why it wasn't the city building over on Georgia and 13<sup>th</sup>, why the building was put, where it was at and why temporary wasn't put up first before this building was torn down. I know it's a moot point now because the building is there, but we would like some clarification on that. The second is the lighting on and around the building over there. If anyone wants to, you are welcome to come to my back porch. I set directly behind the new building. I would like everyone to come see how it over powers our back yards and how it shines directly into our bedrooms at night. I know we have security over there and that is probably what the lighting is for. I understand there are some shades and diffusers being put up, which that's a good start. Security, both for city hall and for us,

the homeowners, we have lots more activities that's about to begin with the new city hall, it is closer to our houses. We would like to discuss the potential security fencing or some type of a brick wall or maybe even oversize fencing. We may have to do some variance to the ordinances on that six and a half foot fence. Privacy issues, with it being a two-story building and windows on the north and south ends of that building, there is a potential of being able to look over into the back yards. We also have noticed that the south, north, and east corners have video cameras or security cameras put up there, not for sure if those are fixed cameras facing the drive through or if they are some kind of directional camera. There again, we would like to know what they are looking at and the time frames. The next one is traffic. I noticed within about sixty inches of our back fence there has been a new road put in across there. The drive-through has been put in on that side, but anywhere from midnight to one or two o'clock in the morning there are people that drive around behind city hall and we have noticed just from our backyard, when they leave, they have been known to leave at a pretty good clip. Now they are worried about them coming through that new drive through which is about sixty inches from our back fence. So, we would like to discuss what type of fencing or type of security we can do on that. We would like to think proactive about the issues and see if there is something that can be done to this and we look forward to a meeting with the City Council, Mayor, and City Manager at any time. We are ready, just let us know and we will be happy to meet. Thank you for your time."

Mayor Mouton commented, "Make sure you follow up with Mr. Stokes. I know Staff has been communicating with everybody on Dunn Street. A lot of this is already in the works. Please follow up with him."

- b. Brandon Rich, 2614 Dunn Circle, commented, "Council Member's thank you for tonight. Mayor Mouton thank you for the time. I just wanted to come here unified with our neighbors on Dunn Circle and just express the frustration that we've had over the past eighteen months. My neighbor and I were just discussing, multiple times, welders out there at ten-thirty at night working and us calling the Deer Park Police multiple times. I have had to go to Mr. Stokes and tell him that trash has been in my yard because of workers, so it has been very frustrating to say the least. I am going to repeat what Mr. Tucker had to say, that what we would have liked is some communication beforehand and to know what was going to happen and how close the building was going to be. There are only five people on that side of the street that you would have had to communicate with, so maybe that is something to think of for any other city projects that happen to back up to homeowners in the future. Then again, repeating what Mr. Tucker had to say, we are very interested to find out what fence is going to be built and the security of that fence. I have two children of my own, a four and two year old. We are out there in the backyard all the time playing and that is definitely a concern of mine. So, we look forward to the opportunity to speak with you. Mr. Stokes, we have already had people from engineering come by the house and discuss what we would like in a fence, but we would like our voices to be heard and that you ladies and gentlemen understand that we would really like the time to discuss it more with you. Thank you."

Mayor Mouton, commented, "Thanks for being here and just follow up with Mr. Stokes."

- c. Dustin Anderson 2606 Dunn Circle, commented, "Just piggybacking off what my neighbors have said. We would like some sort of communication. It came as a surprise to all of us. We would like to sit down with you guys and come up with a plan or a solution on a fence with

some kind of security and privacy measures. As far as the second story windows that are peeping over into our backyards where the cameras are facing, I think they nudged on it pretty well, so we would like to meet as neighbors and come up with something. That's it. Thanks."

14. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT WITH SOUTH POOLS, INC. FOR THE DOW PARK PAVILION AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (DPCDC PROJECT) – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Martin to terminate the contract with South Pools, Inc. for the Dow Park Pavilion and Improvements Project (DPCDC Project). Motion carries 7 to 0.
15. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE FROM SKE CONSTRUCTION, LLC, THROUGH THE BUY BOARD COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM TO PERFORM THE SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT DRIVEWAY PROJECT – Motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor to authorize the purchase from SKE Construction, LLC through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program to perform the Surface Water Treatment Plant Driveway Project. Motion carried 7 to 0.
16. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON RENEWING THE CONTRACT WITH KHSS VENTURES, INC. (DBA SKILLET'S RESTAURANT) FOR THE SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM – Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Council Patterson to renew the contract with KHSS Ventures, Inc. (DBA Skillet's Restaurant) for the Senior Meals Program. Motion carried 7 to 0.
17. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF THE SURPLUS FURNITURE AND FIXTURES IN THE EXISTING CITY HALL AS A WHOLESALE LOT AND APPROVAL FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE SALE OF THIS SURPLUS FURNITURE AND FIXTURES TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR THE LOT - Motion was made by Councilman Harrison and seconded by Councilwoman Garrison to authorize the City to accept and award bids for liquidation of the surplus furniture and fixtures in the existing City Hall to the highest bidder for the lot. Motion carried 7 to 0.
18. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 3975 AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT, CHAPTER 2303, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE (ACT), AND ADDING TAX INCENTIVES WHICH MAY BE OFFERED BY THE CITY TO NOMINATE A QUALIFIED BUSINESS AN ENTERPRISE PROJECT (PROJECT) TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM (EDT) THROUGH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (BANK) AS AN ENTERPRISE PROJECT - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3975, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE

PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT, CHAPTER 2303, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE (ACT), AND ADDING TAX INCENTIVES WHICH MAY BE OFFERED BY THE CITY TO NOMINATE A QUALIFIED BUSINESS AN ENTERPRISE PROJECT (PROJECT) TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM (EDT) THROUGH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (BANK) AS AN ENTERPRISE PROJECT.

Mayor Mouton commented, "For the record, from myself on behalf of Council, we value and appreciate our industrial agreement partners. We value what you all bring to this community. Thanks you for being here tonight."

Motion carried 7 to 0.

19. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 WATER & SEWER FUND BUDGET - 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 Ordinance No. 3976, 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.

20. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A PURCHASE FROM SKE, INC., THROUGH THE BUY BOARD COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM TO PERFORM WATERLINE REHABILITATION ON 2ND STREET – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor to approve the purchase from SKE, Inc., through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Program to perform waterline rehabilitation on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Motion carried 7 to 0.

21. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 WATER & SEWER FUND BUDGET - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3977, 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.

22. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and

seconded by Councilwoman Sinor to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3978, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THREE (3) MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS; SPECIFYING THEIR TERMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

23. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3979, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING TWO MEMBERS OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

City Manager Jay Stokes commented, "I am very glad Georgette Ford and Eric Ripley are re-appointed. "

Motion carried 7 to 0.

24. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3980, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING DR. DONALD R. METZ, ANDREW METZ, JAMES J. STOKES AND BILL PEDERSEN AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH IN THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, FROM JUNE 1, 2018 TO MAY 31, 2020; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

25. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING LARRY WILSON AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Martin to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3981, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

26. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION TO NOMINATE SHELL CHEMICAL L.P. AS AN ENTERPRISE ZONE PROJECT UNDER THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM - Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve Resolution No. 2018-07, captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS TO NOMINATE SHELL CHEMICAL L.P. AS AN ENTERPRISE PROJECT UNDER THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

27. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION TO NOMINATE DEER PARK REFINING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AS AN ENTERPRISE ZONE PROJECT UNDER THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM - Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Patterson to approve Resolution No. 2018-08, captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS TO NOMINATE DEER PARK REFINING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AS AN ENTERPRISE PROJECT UNDER THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

28. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "SECTION 66-176, SCHEDULE E: SPEED LIMIT 30 MILES PER HOUR" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3982, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 66-176, SCHEDULE E, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR AMENDED TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

29. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND A PROPOSED ORDINANCE ON THE REQUEST OF DEER PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A LICENSED MEMORY CARE AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF X STREET AND EAST BOULEVARD - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Sinor and seconded by Councilman Martin to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3983, captioned as follows:



AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO SODALIS SENIOR LIVING TO OPERATE A LICENSED MEMORY CARE AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY LOCATED AT 2000 EAST BOULEVARD, DEER PARK, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

30. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE MOVING THE DATE OF THE JULY 3, 2018 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO JULY 10, 2018 DUE TO THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3984, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE RESCHEDULING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS; DESIGNATING ANOTHER TIME FOR SAID MEETING TO BE HELD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

31. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL-

Councilwoman Sinor, commented, "First of all I just want to compliment the employees that reside in this building. I have never seen such dedication and hard work that's come from this group. You all have worked your fingers to the bone getting ready for this move. Some of you have been here for so long and I am sure it's very bittersweet for many of you. A lot of great things have happened in this room, good and bad, happy and sad, tears and cheers. We've seen a lot of great things be worked on and seen through and just continues to happen, but as many have said, it started with those before us that have carried that through and so it's been an honor to do that. So, thank you. We appreciate your hard work. I've seen the hard work going into the preparation of the new building, it is going to be beautiful. I'm sure there will be some hiccups along the way until everyone gets settled in, but we look forward working beside you all. Bittersweet times, but a lot of great times ahead. Thank you very much.

Councilman Martin, commented, "I just wanted to say thank you and I have mentioned many times before, it's an honor to serve this Council and the Mayor. You know, before I even had the opportunity to take office, taking over for Becky when she stepped down, I sat in that audience for quite some time under Mayor Riddle, who appointed me to my first committee, which was the Finance Committee, I am thankful for that. Thank you for the opportunity to learn a little bit more about City government and the Planning and Zoning Commission. We celebrate our last City Council meeting here and you know it was fun for me hearing some of these stories. I thought we were crazy, but the past Councils and Mayors were just as crazy as us. In terms of the building next door, the building is pretty important. The departments, and

the staff, you know we've talked about the Council Chambers but it's for them. I'm excited and I'm sure the employees will be very happy. I am sure there will be growing pains in terms of getting stuff done and all of that. They have done a fabulous job. Thank you."

Councilman Patterson, commented, "I guess that we all say pretty much the same thing how grateful we are to have this Community. I am just amazed every time I leave this Community and travel, its always great to get back. I feel blessed. I know we're not perfect, I know there's no way we're going to make everybody happy one hundred percent of the time, but we have great people working in this City from the Fire protection, Police protection, our City services and our Solid Waste Department, it's just amazing. When you see on Facebook, postings of the guys who ride the truck with a little boy that loves big trucks and every time they come down the street he's out there just excited. This City has been blessed with great leadership and consistent, solid, good, honest and moral leadership. Something that I think that we see missing in our state and national government, the way people argue with each other, polarize each other and yet this Community tends to hold together. I just wish there were some way I could build a bubble around Deer Park. Anyway, I really appreciate this Community, appreciate all those who served, especially all the past servants that have served in any position. Thank you for your service and it's an honor to serve on this Council."

Councilman Ginn commented, "First of all I want to say it's an honor to serve up here in this City Council. I have been here three years and coming to this building for thirty six years. I've also been in Deer Park for one year, one year and eighteen months before I transferred here and I love the City, love serving with Council, love serving people and it's a great City. We thank our fore fathers that served before us. You all did a great job. I thank each and every one of you. Our City employees, City Manager, right on down to the people who do the City Services. We have the best services. I have friends all over Houston I am sure you all do too. If you go over to the wealthier part of Houston, they have to pay extra for the services that we get right here and that we expect and a lot of us take for granted. The services are for you and looking forward to many more years. Thank you very much."

Councilman Harrison, commented, "I've served up here for thirteen years in this Council Chambers and I will miss it. The previous Mayor is here tonight, Mayor Riddle and whom I served nine years with, Councilman McDugle for two years, Councilman Richey for eight years and Councilman Pipkin for two months. I was telling Sam and Sherry, earlier that in this seat, there was Charlie Garrison, then there was Sherry Garrison then there was Jerry Mouton and then there was Sam Pipkin and then there was Sherry Garrison again. In every one of these seats there have been different people that I've sat with. I've been honored to serve with them, a lot of good things have happened in this room, some not so good in a lot of people's eyes, but mostly good. We have a lot of things going on in this City and we continue to move forward. I thank Jimmy for his comments tonight because we are moving in that direction. We aren't sitting still. We can't sit still and there will be change. All the people I just went through, many many department heads that I've seen come and go through all the years, all of them being good department

heads. There's going to be change, but I've enjoyed serving and I look forward to continue to serve for a while. I thank everyone up here on this Council, it's a good Council."

Councilwoman Garrison commented, "I'm very excited for the employees to move into the new building, because they are stacked on top of each other. There's also something wonderful about this place. It's very familiar to me because as many of you know my husband served twenty-four years on the Council, so I know all these people. I just want to say good memories. You know, sometimes it's the good memories that do stand out much more so than others. So I have been honored to sit in this chair for many reasons. It is bittersweet, but you know you have to move on. We're growing, so other than that, this Council works well together. No, we don't always agree, but I think we're very professional about it and I think that is very important. Thank all of you for your service. I'm so glad this City is moving in the direction that it is."

Mayor Mouton commented, "It's such an honor for all the former elected officials to show up tonight. Just amazing. I think sometimes we forget service of those that served before us. I'm reminded in many processes and I mean the budget season which is coming round the corner, puts me in a perspective that we've been blessed by great leadership for many many years. We're one of the bright lights in this state. It's not just my opinion, but it's a fact. We can show that we've been doing something right here for many many years and such an honor to fall in line and continue the traditions. I for one, not born here, but got here as fast as I could, literally. The legacy that I married into, it's an honor to have my wife here tonight. You know she's a fourth generation Deer Parkian and my kids are fifth generation and it's always kind of nice to reflect. Many of you all know Marty Plant. She was the patriarch of that family that brought many things to what they are today in many areas in our community. Sometimes in my quiet moments, I like to reflect wondering how proud Charles would be today seeing some of the things we're continuing that he worked on for many years. Some of those have gone before us and know we're doing our best, because like many in this room, I took many things for granted when I first showed up here. I didn't realize in some cases what a great city this was, I just accidentally ended up here. As Mr. Patterson said, you know I value and appreciate it more when I leave Deer Park. Even in this region, I travel around and realize the issues we might deal with in comparison with what most communities have to deal with. It takes a simple scenario to touch a storm like Harvey and be able to witness the people and procedures and policies that were put in place and the preparedness went just like clockwork, everyone did their job. Our constituents benefited from it and it's just really an honor sitting here. Just so grateful that all of you are here to close a tenure of fifty years to end a chapter and know that at the end of this week, we'll be moving and starting a new chapter. You know, before we came here today we broke ground on a park and you know it's just so many new aspects of what our founding fathers established for us. I'm proud of all of you. I'm proud to serve this Community and I don't take it lightly. I carry it with me everywhere and I struggle with any of the scenarios that effect the people negatively and positively. There's always consequences to what we do and I appreciate

the constituents of being here. We don't take any of that lightly and we will do our best to find an accommodation because that just who we are, Deer Park. We will go through and around and find solutions to every scenario. Each department head here, the judge and everybody I look at here, have all played a vital role in dealing with tough issues and some cases, I'm just proud because you know, we're Deer Park and I don't take that lightly. I heard a statement from a friend and I'll close with this, that said "to the things I hate about Deer Park, growing up here, is what I value as a parent and which makes me want to raise my kids here." You know you think about that, it's a little bit of a brain twister in regards to what that means because you don't necessarily appreciate the little things when your growing up that you just take for granted. Soon every City does what we do here and we realize every city does what we do here and I just value and appreciate everybody. Mrs. Watkins, I just thank you for being here, I appreciate the role that you played. We pray for you daily as we do everybody in this Community. I know the officer that was here earlier that got recognized, I think about his daughter as we were doing a fund raiser here not too long ago and this Community wrapped that family up and did fundraisers. I was just so proud watching from afar just how this Community just ran with it because that's just Deer Park, it's who we are. So tonight we end a chapter and begin a new one in the next meeting. So here we go Council. I'm very proud to serve with each of you."

32. ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Shannon Bennett, TRMC  
City Secretary

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Jerry Mouton  
Mayor