

710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET

DEER PARK, TEXAS 77536

Minutes

of

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 JUNE 19, 2018, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

SHERRY GARRISON
TOMMY GINN
BILL PATTERSON
RAE SINOR

MAYOR PRO-TEM
COUNCILMAN
COUNCILMAN
COUNCILWOMAN

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAY STOKES
GARY JACKSON
SHANNON BENNETT
JIM FOX

CITY MANAGER
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
CITY SECRETARY
CITY ATTORNEY

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Mayor Pro-tem Garrison called the workshop to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. EXECUTIVE SESSION- CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY – POTENTIAL LITIGATION – Mayor Pro-tem Garrison recessed the meeting at 6:30 p.m. for an Executive Session.
3. RECONVENED – Mayor Pro-tem Garrison reconvened the workshop meeting at 6:46 p.m.
4. DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED CHANGE TO POLICE OFFICER HIRING – Police Chief, Greg Grigg advised Council of the prior discussion pertaining to changing of the four year degree requirement. A conclusion was met after a number of meetings. The changes include two exceptions. One exception is 60 college hours with a minimum of two years of military service with an honorable discharge. The second exception is 60 college hours and TCOLE license or the ability to obtain a TCOLE license certified in another state and at least two years of experience as a certified full time peace officer from an agency comparable in size or larger complexity and duties as the Deer Park Police Department. Final decisions to confirm qualifications are to be determined by the Chief of Police.

Councilman Patterson asked, “In order to get promoted up the chain of command you still will require a four year degree?”

Chief Grigg responded, “Yes, to lieutenant or above.”

5. DISCUSSION RELATING TO REPAIRS TO PATRICK’S CABIN – Parks and Recreation Director, Charlie Sandberg advised the Council of the discussion with the Historical Committee that reviewed the Patrick’s Cabin need of repair. A vendor was found who solely works on log cabins and provided many examples to the Historical Committee. The total cost for the necessary repairs to ensure the structural integrity and public use of the facility and the inclusion of additional landscaping is \$28,355.00.

Councilwoman Sinor asked, “Is the current location the best location for the cabin?”

Councilwoman Garrison responded, “Probably now, since the centennial marker is there, it is the best location because we cannot move the marker. I think, when it was in Dow Park, it was vandalized many times.”

6. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE BIDS FOR A ONE-YEAR SUPPLY OF GARBAGE BAGS – Finance Director, Donna Todd distributed samples of two bags. On May 7, 2018, seven bids were received. Ms. Todd advised the Council of the specification requirements pertaining to the garbage bags bid. There were tests done to the MLS thickness of the received bags from the bidding vendors and the current bags. The bags tested well for the expected limits, but the overall opinion of the low bidders bag, is to be much thinner. After a discussion of the options to award the bids, reject the bids or to re-advertise the bids and receive new bids, Staff recommends to revise the current specifications and requirements and to re-advertise the bid.
7. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 BUDGET CALENDAR – Assistant City Manager, Gary Jackson advised Council of the revision to the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Calendar. It is recommended to consider changing the date, which is scheduled for the adoption of the budget, from September 18, 2018 to September 25, 2018 to accommodate necessary provisions of the City Charter.
8. ADJOURN – Mayor Pro-Tem Garrison adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Shannon Bennett, TRMC
City Secretary

Sherry Garrison
Mayor Pro-Tem