

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 JANUARY 15, 2019, BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MAYOR  
COUNCILWOMAN  
COUNCILMAN  
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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 Mouton called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO AN ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CITY’S EMS BILLING COMPANY AND A PROPOSED EXTENSION TO THEIR CONTRACT – Emergency Management Director, Robert Hemminger gave an overview of the Emergicon annual report that summarizes the collection efforts along with the Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program. In addition, Assistant Chief, Andrew Smith, highlighted Emergicon’s data of reviews and recommendations. Mr. Smith also discussed Emergicon’s levels of service, which includes identifying personnel that need to renew certifications and general documentation guidance for crucial reports. An extension to the current contract with Emergicon is also being proposed. Exhibit A1-A5)

Mr. Hemminger commented, “I would just like to add that when you saw the cash per transport, when we were doing collections in-house, we were under \$300 cash per transport. Since Emergicon has come on board, they have been way over \$400 cash per transport. They have drastically increased our collection efforts.”

Mayor Mouton asked, “On the ALS 2 chart, would that fit into the recognition we have received in regards to being in the “best place to have a heart attack”?”

Mr. Smith responded, “Yes. That would be under the critical cares of CPR calls.”

Mayor Mouton commented, “I think this puts into context the caliber of our EMS Department and obviously is the end result of providing service. To be recognize on a national association, that if you are going to have a heart attack your chances of surviving are best if you have it in Deer Park based on the EMS care. Good job to you and the Department.”

Councilman Patterson asked, “The private pay, does that represent people that do not have any health insurance?”

Mr. Smith responded, “Yes and no. It represents people that pay out of pocket. Mostly, people that do not have insurance or have not met their deductible yet.”

3. PRESENTATION OF THE MAXWELL ADULT CENTER SLIDE SHOW – Parks and Recreation Director, Charlie Sandberg began the discussion by thanking City Council, Directors and all that attended the Maxwell Adult Center ribbon cutting and support.

Mr. Sandberg commented, “It is an outstanding facility that will be a wonderful asset to our Seniors and provide programming.”

Marketing/Technical Coordinator, Nicole Garvis presented a video presentation of the newly renovated Maxwell Adult Center.

4. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN UPDATE – Public Relations Marketing Specialist, Kristin Callahan gave a presentation of the updated Communications Plan and highlighted minor and major changes along with calendar events. (Exhibits B1- B10)
5. ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Shannon Bennett, TRMC  
City Secretary

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Jerry Mouton, Jr.  
Mayor