

710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET

DEER PARK, TEXAS 77536

Minutes of

THE 1747th 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 17, 2019, AT 7:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

JERRY MOUTON, JR.	MAYOR
SHERRY GARRISON	COUNCILWOMAN
TJ HAIGHT	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. INVOCATION – The invocation was given by Councilwoman Sinor.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilman Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and led the Texas Flag Pledge.
4. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE –

John Matula, 801 Lanell Street, spoke in reference to agenda item #14 and commented, “Deer Park controls the behavior of its citizens by these fines. Substantially increasing the fine for keeping noisy animals would do much to restore tranquility for our fellow citizens that live near chronic barking dogs. Thank you for your commitment to improve our quality of life.”
5. CONSENT CALENDAR – Motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Patterson to approve the consent calendar as follows:
 - a. Approval of minutes of workshop meeting on December 3, 2019.
 - b. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on December 3, 2019.

- c. Authorization to seek bids for the new construction of the 1,200 square foot Dow Park Concession building.
- d. Authorization to seek bids for the removal of columns and drainage improvements at the Courts and Theater building.
- e. Authorization to purchase a 2020 GMC Sierra 2500 HD 2WD Crew Cab Pickup for the Parks Maintenance Division from Gunn Buick, GMC LTD via Buy Board Contract #601-19.
- f. Acceptance and release of retainage for the 18” Force Main Lining Rehabilitation Project.
- g. Acceptance of the Quarterly Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 fourth quarter ended September 30, 2019.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

6. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A SCHWARZE MODEL A7 TORNADO REGENERATIVE AIR STREET SWEEPER FOR THE STREET MAINTENANCE DIVISION THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM – Motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Ginn to authorize the purchase a Schwarze Model A7 Tornado Regenerative Air Street Sweeper for the Street Maintenance Division through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program. Motion carried 7 to 0.
7. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION REPLACING THE DISCIPLINE SECTION AND ADDING AN APPEALS SECTION OF THE EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MANUAL – After a proposed resolution was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor to adopt Resolution No. 2019-15, captioned as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK REPLACING THE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK BY AMENDING SECTIONS RELATING TO EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/APPEAL POLICY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

8. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AND ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 78-110 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND SECTION 2.9 OF THE EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MANUAL REGARDING HEALTHCARE BENEFITS FOR CITY OF DEER PARK RETIREES – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Sinor and seconded by Councilman Haight to adopt Ordinance No. 4129, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 78-110 OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK CODE OF ORDINANCES AND SECTION 2.9 OF THE EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MANUAL, REGARDING HEALTHCARE BENEFITS FOR CITY OF DEER PARK RETIREES.

Councilman Patterson asked, “Has this been run by all the employees?”

City Manager James Stokes responded, “Yes. Mr. Philibert wrote a memo and it went out to all the employees.”

Councilman Patterson asked, “Anything come back from that?”

Human Resources Director Bill Philibert responded, “No, we have had no feedback thus far.”

Motion carried 7 to 0.

9. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FY 2019-2020 BUDGET FOR HUMANE SERVICES – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt Ordinance No. 4130, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019-2020 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 ORDINANCE APPOINTING THREE MEMBERS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt Ordinance No. 4131, captioned as follows:

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

Motion carried 7 to 0.

11. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 110-166(A) (C) AND APPENDIX B OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES INCREASING THE RATE FOR NON-CONSENT TOWS – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Sinor and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt Ordinance No. 4132, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 110, SUBSECTION 166 (A) AND (C) OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, REGARDING

REGULATION OF WRECKERS FOR NON-CONSENT TOWS; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

12. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ADOPTING A NEW FEES AND FINE SCHEDULE FOR THE DEER PARK MUNICIPAL COURT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Ginn and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt Ordinance No. 4133, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, AMENDING THE FINES FOR THE DEER PARK MUNICIPAL COURT AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

City Council gave reflections on the past year and thanked all the Department Directors and Staff on a job well done and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

13. ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Shannon Bennett, TRMC
City Secretary

Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor