

CITY OF DEER PARK
710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET
DEER PARK, TEXAS 77536

Minutes of

THE 1673RD 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 OCTOBER 18, 2016, AT 7:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MAYOR
COUNCILWOMAN
COUNCILMAN
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OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

JAY STOKES
GARY JACKSON
SHANNON BENNETT
JIM FOX

CITY MANAGER
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
ACTING 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 Councilman Patterson.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilman Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
4. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DPVFD FIRE CHIEF GREG BRIDGES – Mayor Mouton presented Greg Bridges with a proclamation proclaiming October 18, 2016 as Greg Bridges Day.

Mayor Mouton asked Greg Bridges to introduce his family.

Greg Bridges commented, "I have my son Shane who is a second generation fire fighter with the Deer Park Fire Department. I have my daughter Shalon, who is a second generation member of the Deer Park Fire Department by proxy, her boyfriend Ryan and my father-in-law who is a member of the Deer Park Fire Department by proxy and the maintenance coordinator for the drill field or maintenance janitor. They are my support group. My youngest daughter is not here because she lives in Austin and it's quite a bit of travel for her for one day. Don Davis and Mrs. Carolyn Davis, who is president of our auxiliary. First of all I have no regrets.

I'm stepping down by choice. I owe this to my family, my wife, who has stood behind me for the last 27 years. During my tenure as chief, I am very proud of the accomplishments we've made, most of all the paid EMS staffing. This city was in a very large challenge at the time in 2006 whenever I took over from EMS. Not saying we are out of the woods yet, but we have made tremendous progress with the help of this group behind us, the Fire Control District and City Management. Today we are in the process of putting on 16 full-time staff members. We still need to make progress in that area to make EMS stability for our coverage. With that being said, during the tenure that I've been able to serve, it wasn't me that did all of this. It was the department, my office and my staff were able to stand behind me and make sure they guided me in the direction I needed to go. So I thank every one of those individuals for that along with the City Management, Mayor, and City Council. We've improved overall city response. Our volume has increased over the 10 years of over 600 calls per year. We are over 3000 now, and when I took over, we were at over 2400. We've improved our overall quality in our efforts to provide the City and Citizens with service. We've been able to improve our equipment to state of the art. When we roll out to your scene, we are providing you the best quality you're going to get we are none, none below the best. We take top quality. We provide top notch equipment. During my tenure, I've seen every one of these positions behind me change; City management twice. We've also improved our ISO rating from 4 to 2. What does that mean to you as citizens? Your insurance rates went down 10% and you as a business owner, it went down 11% the following year. That is an achievement that only through the dedication and trademark of this department, City Council members, the support we've gotten could have made it happen. That was a huge challenge for us. The city depends on what we do as a department and where we move forward. I have no regrets. We still struggle with cooperation overall of City Management. From the perspective of the Fire Chief's position, this is a volunteer position but by city ordinance dictates that he is in charge of the department. So my plea is as I walk out, is to make sure that we encourage that the Fire Chief continues to be in charge of the overall department and leads the department into its future endeavors and wherever it needs to go. We can only do that with the support of City Management and City Directors making this happen. Again I have no regrets where I've been and I appreciate all the support City management has given me as a whole and I look forward to staying within the department helping Chief Davis move forward to wherever he needs direction. Although, I'm only going to give directions wherever he asks. I'm stepping down 100% unless he asks for that assistance, still that assistance is there to be given. I'm proud of what we've done and have no regrets whatsoever.

Mayor Mouton commented, "It's humbling as I mingle in the community where a lot of times I get the credit for what people like he does every day and the hard work. It's nice and very comforting to look at our Department Heads and Chiefs for both our Police Department and Fire Department. There's hardly a conversation that doesn't go on in the community where people thank us for our police and fire services for the consistency and dependable service. They know when tragedy strikes that you are there very quickly. So not only as a constituent, who lives in Deer Park who benefits from the service, but as the Mayor I want to thank you."

5. PRESENTATION OF THE TEXAS AMATEUR ATHLETIC FOUNDATION (TAAF) ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARDS - Lacy Stole, Athletics/Aquatics Supervisor presented Ally Marbury and Robert Maximus Gonzalez with plaques for being the TAAF Female and Male Athlete of the Year.
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 on October 3, 2016.
 - b. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on October 3, 2016.
 - c. Approval of minutes of special meeting on October 10, 2016.
 - d. Authorization to advertise and receive bids for major thoroughfare lane striping.
 - e. Acceptance of a grant award from the Texas Department of Public Safety Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Councilwoman Garrison commented, “I would like to have discussion when we receive the bids.”

Motion carried 7 to 0.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OF NEW SECURITY GATES FOR THE DEER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE PARKING LOT – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Ginn to approve the recommendation for Lone Star Fence Gates in the amount of \$34,845. Motion carried 7 to 0.
8. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A REVISED AGREEMENT WITH FIRST TEE OF GREATER HOUSTON, INC. FOR THE GOLF PROGRAMMING LOCATION USE AGREEMENT AT THE BATTLEGROUND GOLF COURSE – Motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the revised agreement with First Tee of Greater Houston, Inc. Motion carried 7 to 0.
9. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF DEER PARK AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, LLC. FOR THE CODERED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM - Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor to enter into a contract with the City of Deer Park and Emergency Communications Network, LLC for CodeRed Emergency Notification System. Motion carried 7 to 0.
10. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A LADDER TRUCK FUNDED BY THE FCPMSD FROM THE SIDDON-MARTIN EMERGENCY GROUP THROUGH THE HOUSTON – GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM – Motion was made by Councilman Patterson

and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor to authorize the purchase of a ladder truck funded by the FCPMSD from the Siddon-Martin Emergency Group through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program. Motion carried 7 to 0.

11. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CRIME CONTROL PREVENTION DISTRICT (CCPD) FOR PERSONNEL, VEHICLES, FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND INVESTMENTS – Motion was made by Councilman Harrison and seconded by Councilman Patterson to enter into agreement with Crime Prevention District (CCPD) for Personnel, Vehicles and Facilities, Equipment and Investments. Motion carried 7 to 0.
12. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT (FCPEMSD) FOR PERSONNEL, VEHICLES AND FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND INVESTMENTS - Motion was made by Councilman Harrison and seconded by Councilman Patterson to enter into agreement with Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Medical Services District (FCPEMSD) FOR Personnel, Vehicles and Facilities, Equipment and Investments. Motion carried 7 to 0.
13. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE CITY OF DEER PARK REPRESENTATIVE TO HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC) GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Ginn to appoint Thane Harrison as the City's Representative and Bill Patterson as the City's Alternate Representative to the H-GAC General Assembly and Board of Directors. Motion carried 7 to 0.
14. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THREE MEMBERS OF THE DEER PARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - 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. 3847, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THREE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE DEER PARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

15. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2016-A; LEVYING A TAX AND PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY AND PAYMENT THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Garrison and

seconded by Councilman Thane Harrison to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3848, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2016-A; LEVYING A TAX AND PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY AND PAYMENT THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.

Motion carried 7 to 0

16. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 106-25(B)(C) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO WATER AND SEWER RATES - 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 Ordinance No. 3849, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF SECTION 106-25 (b)(c) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, CONCERNING WATER AND SEWER RATES; PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilwoman Garrison asked the City Manager to explain why the Council approved a five percent increase.

City Manager Jay Stokes commented, "As you may recall, several years ago we set out a ten-year program to meet capital needs of the water and sewer funds over a ten-year period. That was in response to a lot of past due infrastructure needs as well as The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that came to us about some I & I issue that needed to be fixed. The sewer plant needed \$18 million dollars' worth of improvements. So we set out a course and Mr. Pederson keeps a large ever changing spreadsheet of all of our needs. As you did tonight, we borrowed money to fund those things, but obviously when you borrow money you have to pay the money back. So there's lots of things that you take each budget year by year. It wasn't that long ago that the city of Houston went up significantly on the raw water charges that we face, but you take each budget year by year. Each budget that we've done over the past few years, we're having increasing amounts of debt and as we reinvest back into our infrastructure, we have to pay that back. For the most part, when we're seeing the latest, which is the third year in a row for a five percent increase, it's more revenue that's needed to pay off the debt and service the debt associated with the water sewer fund and it's needs.

Motion carried 7 to 0.

17. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX B (SCHEDULE OF FEES) FOR THE MONTHLY DRAINAGE UTILITY FEE - After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilwoman Sinor and seconded by Councilman Ginn to adopt on first and final reading Ordinance No. 3850, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK SETTING THE MONTHLY DRAINAGE UTILITY FEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilwoman Garrison asked City Manager to explain the ordinance.

City Manager Jay Stokes commented, "Five years ago, we created the Storm Water Fund. It's funded at the initial rate that we set at \$1.32 per equivalent residential unit, what we call ERU. Each resident is by definition one ERU regardless of its size, commercial businesses we have a calculation that is done through GIS, and then put it to a spreadsheet. Obviously, places as Walmart has more incurred each year than places as Mc Donald's. So, Walmart's going to pay more than McDonald's. It's based on how many ERU's that you have. Those funds are restricted to expenditures that service our storm water needs. It pays for our storm water specialist that keeps our permit in compliance. The first few years we didn't spend a whole lot of money within that, to let it kind of buildup. Over the past couple of years, we've assigned more and more of our storm water needs to that budget and this year it's reached the point where it's the \$1.32 rate. With us being a town, we are pretty much built out. We're not Frisco, we're not Sugarland, and we're not going to grow a whole bunch of new ERU's. There will be some. So, they reached a point where the budget needed to go up a little bit more on the ERU to meet the needs of the fund. It's worth mentioning that it is a 12 cent per month increase, to the average household that's about a dollar a year not very much. Obviously, no one ever wants to pay more. It's the first time since the inception of the fund and the initial ERU calculation that it's been proposed to go up."

Motion carried 7 to 0.

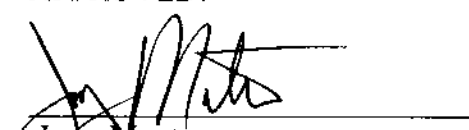
18. ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

ATTEST:



Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Acting City Secretary

APPROVED:


Jerry Mouton
Mayor