

CITY OF DEER PARK

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710 EAST SAN AUGUSTINE STREET

DEER PARK, TEXAS 77536

Minutes of

THE 1717th 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 SEPTEMBER 04, 2018, AT 7:30 P.M., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MAYOR
COUNCILMAN
COUNCILMAN
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 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 Ron Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.
4. RECOGNITION OF THE FIREBALLS UNIFIED VOLLEYBALL TEAM – Mary Ann Fox gave an overview of the experience at the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games in Seattle, Washington. The Fireballs Unified Volleyball Team was the only team chosen to represent the state of Texas.

Ms. Fox recognized Jo Kiefer and Ainsley Spencer for their participation in the Bocce singles, unified doubles and unified team competition. Ms. Spencer won the gold medal for unified doubles and the bronze medal for the singles competition.

Ms. Fox also acknowledged the athletes and partners that participated with the volleyball team, Rory Fox, Hayden Dyson, Rene Calhoun, Bubba Calhoun, Kim Weiser, Matt Weiser, Rebecca Weiser, Bonny Newman, Krys Newman, Rafael Guajardo, Jeremy Fox and Jimmy Shannon.

Ms. Fox commented, "We had a blast cheering everybody on. Thank you very much for recognizing us."

Mayor Mouton commented, "Council and I are so proud of this group. You all represent our Community very well. You are the best of the best."

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION - DEER PARK GIRLS SOFTBALL 6U ALL STAR TEAM –

Susie Cromeens gave an overview of the 6U Deer Park Heavy Hitters softball team having played in 7 tournaments around the Greater Houston Area this summer. They took home 1st Place in all 7, including the ASA Houston Metro Championship. In the process of winning all of these tournaments, they compiled a record of 46-2.

The players introduced themselves to the audience: Taylor O'Dette, Yareli Mendez, Kate Freeman, Baylee Gressett, Lizzie Hill, Dakota Cromeens, Madilynn Ponce, Kayliegh Highfill, Skylar Williams, Aubree Chapa, Peyton Wilson, and Kalissa Telles

Ms. Cromeens commented, "There is one motto we used through the entire year, "Effort and Attitude." We thought if there was anything we could build for our kids, it would be having the right attitude, always giving 100% and that winning would come as we applied that to our everyday practices and games."

Mayor Mouton commented, "I am so proud of you all. Thank you for representing Deer Park. You have done a fantastic job this year."

6. PRESENTATION OF THE DEER PARK TOROS BASEBALL TEAM – Coach Ignacio Izaguirre thanked the Council for recognizing the team. Mr. Izaguirre gave an overview of the Deer Park Toros Baseball team's effort. The Deer Park Toros 10UAAA finished the season with wins 30, losses 15, and 1 tied game. The Toros also brought in three first place championships, including the final USSSA Global World Series 10U in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The players introduced themselves to the audience, Jason Dinh, Mason Hill, Dylan West, Reilly Hellyer, Jayden Torres, Dominic Davila, Nathan Johnson, Matthew Maduzia, Matthew Izaguirre, Braeden Terry.

Mr. Izaguirre commented, "Our mission continues to be the same. We are big on leadership and our mission is to develop the players to learn the fundamentals of baseball and along the way to develop future leaders."

7. 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 August 21, 2018.

b. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on August 21, 2018.

- c. Authorization to advertise and receive bids for the Deer Park EMS Station.
- d. Acceptance of completion and retainage release for South Lift Station Discharge Header Modification Project.

Motion carried 6 to 0.

8. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE –

- a. Allen Brock, 1105 East Brown Lane, commented, “I want to speak on behalf of my friend Jeanna Hooker. I have known Jeanna for 18 years. I have been a citizen in Deer Park for 24 years. Jeanna has been my neighbor for over 4 years. I consider her an asset to the Deer Park Community as well as the Animal Shelter. She has helped me on numerous occasions with my animals without charging me for them. Due to unforeseen circumstances, last year she took two aquariums out of my house and put them in her own house so my fish could continue to live until I got them to a different one. I work with her when a turtle comes into the shelter that needs a home or be placed in a different area in the United States. I help Jeanna do that. She brings them to my house to discuss the health of the animal and what to do with it. I take that off of her hands and get it to the proper area where it needs to be. I want to speak on behalf on her being a very kind person. Never in 18 years has she ever gotten to the effect of me being able to say she has been a bully to anybody. I would say the reverse of that. Anytime she could help anyone in the neighborhood or at the shelter, when I go to donate food or items that the animals need, she is always there to greet me and help. She always treats the people adopting animals very fair. That’s why I want to be a character witness for what she is going through right now. I left my phone number on the sign in sheet. If there can be any other questions I can answer in a further debate, please do not hesitate to call me or visit me. She is across the street from me, so if anyone knows where she lives, you can stop by anytime.”
- b. Angela Haynes, 1606 Garden Park Drive, commented, “I am going to read this to you because of my deep compassion for this subject. I am here to speak on behalf of Jeanna Hooker, and to enlighten you on the true character of who she really has become. Jeanna and I worked together at the animal shelter for 9 1/2 years. Her previous background was in vet medicine making her a huge asset because of her knowledge of animals. Of course, we didn't always agree on how to handle situations, but learned from one another to care for the countless, voiceless animals that were in need. Jeanna was never a bully, insubordinate, disrespectful or unwilling to learn new and innovative procedures, laws or directions on how to run an animal shelter. Her compassion, dedication, knowledge and love for the animals was unsurpassed by any other that I have worked with before I retired. I have witnessed the rudeness and disrespectfulness of Marsha, Jeff and citizens that have come in to the shelter toward Jeanna. On more than one occasion, Marsha has personally told me her disgust and negative feelings toward Jeanna, but mostly Jeff. Jeanna spent countless hours improving the quality of life for the animals at the shelter, along with helping to design the new shelter to benefit the animals and citizens of Deer Park and this was a dream come true for her. It would appear that the allegations directed towards Jeanna's termination should be thoroughly

investigated. Her fellow employees conspired against her and went to City Hall with unfounded lies. Where is the proof of the allegations and lies? We are asking that a proper investigation of these allegations against Jeanna Hooker be made. Furthermore, there are cameras at the shelter that can prove the falsely alleged allegations against Jeanna. On Jeanna's behalf I have never witnessed her being a hothead, or hostile or an abusive person toward the citizens or coworkers. She also has a great camaraderie and is well liked by other employees throughout the city and the public. Again, I would ask that you keep an open mind and do a proper investigation before you lose one of the best loving and caring employees that has ever been in charge of our Animal Shelter. I know that many of you know Jeanna and you have probably heard her say this, "Have a wonderful most happy kinda day." I couldn't tell you the countless times that I have heard her express this to many people. That doesn't sound like a bully to me, that sounds like a thoughtful and caring person. We are asking that a proper investigation of these allegations against Jeanna Hooker be made. Furthermore, there are cameras at the shelter that can prove the falsely alleged allegations against Jeanna. One thing that Jeanna did confide in me was a citizen that was in the shelter Marsha and Jeff laughing and high-fiving one another saying, "Oh yeah, we got her out!" Jeanna confronted Jeff and he did not deny it. I understand videos can confirm this disrespect from both Jeff and Marsha. Please reconsider the reinstatement of a true animal lover that I have found in Jeanna Hooker"

9. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON CASTING A BALLOT FOR REGION 14 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE TML-MIEBP BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Martin to cast a ballot for Region 14 Representative to the TML-MIEBP Board of Trustees. Motion carried 6 to 0.
10. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON CASTING THE CITY OF DEER PARK'S VOTES IN THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL (TML-IRP), PLACES 11-14 – Motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Martin to cast the City of Deer Park's votes in the Election of Members of the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TML-IRP), places 11-14. Motion carried 6 to 0.
11. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A SUBMITTAL OF THE 2018 TAX ROLL AND THE CALCULATION OF THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE AND THE ROLLBACK TAX RATE – Motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor on a submittal of the 2018 tax roll and the calculation of the effective tax rate and the roll back tax rate. Motion carried 6 to 0.
12. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION TO INCREASE TOTAL TAX REVENUES FROM PROPERTIES ON THE TAX ROLL BY PROPOSING TO ADOPT A TAX RATE OF \$0.720000 PER \$100 VALUATION AT A FUTURE MEETING – Motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Martin to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by proposing to adopt a tax rate of \$0.720000 per \$100 valuation at a future meeting. Motion carried 6 to 0 with a roll call vote:

Councilman Harrison "Aye"
Councilman Ginn "Aye"
Councilman Patterson "Aye"
Councilman Martin "Aye"
Councilwoman "Aye"
Mayor Mouton "Aye"

13. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE CALLING TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED 2018 TAX RATE – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Harrison and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt on first and final reading of Ordinance No.4003, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK SETTING DATES AND TIMES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 6 to 0.

14. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THREE MEMBERS OF THE CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK – After the proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt on the first and final reading of Ordinance No. 4004, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THREE (3) BOARD MEMBERS OF THE CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 6 to 0.

15. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THREE MEMBERS OF THE FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK – 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 of Ordinance No.4005, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THREE (3) BOARD MEMBERS OF THE FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 6 to 0.

16. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by

Councilwoman Sinor and seconded by Councilman Patterson to adopt on first and final reading of Ordinance No.4006, 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 6 to 0.

17. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER ON THE DOW PARK PAVILION AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – Motion was made by Councilman Patterson and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the change order on the Dow Park Pavilion and Improvements Project. Motion carried 6 to 0.
18. ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETION AND RETAINAGE RELEASE FOR DEER PARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DOW PARK PAVILION PROJECT – Motion was made by Councilman Harrison and seconded by Councilman Ginn to accept the completion and retainage release for Deer Park Community Corporation Dow Park Pavilion. Motion carried 6 to 0.
19. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE FOR A CROSS-CONNECTION (BACKFLOW) CONTROL PROGRAM AND REVISING THE APPENDIX B – FEE SCHEDULE – 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 of Ordinance No.4007, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 18-507 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 6 to 0.

20. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT STANDARDS OF CARE FOR THE ALL STAR ACTIVITY PROGRAM – After a proposed ordinance was read by caption, motion was made by Councilman Harrison and seconded by Councilwoman Sinor to adopt on first and final reading of Ordinance No.4008, captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK SETTING A DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY ADOPTING STANDARDS OF CARE FOR AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion carried 6 to 0.

21. ADJOURN – Mayor Mouton adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

ATTEST:



Shannon Bennett, TRMC
City Secretary

APPROVED:


Jerry Mouton
Mayor