

**Minutes
City of Mountain City
City Council Meeting
8 May, 2017
City Hall**

1. WORKSHOP – City Water System Ordinances – 6:00 PM

A special workshop was held from 6 to 7 pm to review a draft set of ordinances related to the City water system.

2. CALL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The regular monthly City Council meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Phillip Taylor. There was a quorum, with all Council members present. This also included Mayor pro tem Ralph McClendon and Council members Suzanne Hallam, Cynthia Holmes, Ray Patterson, and Lee Taylor. City Secretary Ellis Craig and City Treasurer Vicki Senefeld were also present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were 5 other attendees. These included City residents Rick Tarr, Russell Hayter, Tim Shaw, Mickey Vogel, and Tiffany Curnutt. There were no requests for public comment submitted.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approve minutes from April 10, 2017 monthly Council meeting

The minutes of the April 10, 2017 regular Council meeting were approved by a vote of 5-0 (motion by McClendon, seconded by Patterson), with no corrections.

b. Approve Financial report from City Treasurer

The April 2017 Financial Report was reviewed. As of the April report the checking account balance was \$28,566.45. The Savings Account balance was \$226,904.13. Income for the month was \$1,431.33 (\$608.94 in Ad Valorem taxes, \$816.87 in Sales tax, & \$5.52 in Savings interest). Expenses for April were \$3,509.35. Non-routine expenses included \$1,709.10 to Harkins Engineering for applications & maps related to the water system purchase, \$110.68 to Loving Mountain City for Easter Hunt items, \$39.54 for postage for certified letters regarding ordinance violations, \$27.40 to PathMark for road

asphalt patch, \$20.57 for the purchase of a notary seal for Ellis Craig, & \$19.92 for the purchase of picture frames for City Hall..

At the April Council meeting Treasurer Senefeld reported that a \$1,967 payment to the City's law firm had already been paid previously. Thus, the City was given a credit. The actual credit given was for \$2,000. Subsequently, another billing for legal work regarding the water system purchase was sent for the amount of \$1,786.68. The City still has \$213.32 in credit with the law firm. There was also a discussion about obtaining credit cards for the City Secretary and the City Administrator. This would eliminate the need for these staff to pay for City expenses prior to being reimbursed. It was also noted that the payment to the Loving Mountain City group was made to the group itself. Its members will have to determine how these expenses are allocated. The April 2017 Financial report was approved by a vote of 5-0 (motion by Patterson, seconded by Hallam).

5. REPORTS

a. Mountain City Events update (P. Taylor)

Mayor Taylor reported that the Dumpster and Limb Days have been scheduled. Dumpster Days will be June 10-11, 2017, while limbs will have to be placed road-side by August 6, 2017

b. Status report on purchase of Mountain City Oaks Water System (McClendon)

Mayor pro tem McClendon gave an update on the purchase. The notarized sale documents were filed March 31, 2017. Notice of the submissions was reported in the Texas Register of April 21, 2017. The PUC (Public Utility Commission) administrative review is completed, with a PUC technical review to be completed within 30 days. Notices will be sent to Mountain City residents and other interested parties regarding the purchase by May 3, 2017. A special workshop was held just prior to this meeting to review a draft ordinance regarding the water system. The contract with the Water System Operator is still being developed.

6. COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

RECESS FOR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING

The City Council meeting was recessed at 7:12 pm for the Board of Adjustment meeting. The regular City Council meeting re-convened at 7:50 pm.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Follow-up on possible ordinance violations (Craig)

No updates.

b. Discuss and take possible action regarding selection of City Administrator (P. Taylor)

This item was tabled.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Identify, discuss and take possible action on new City Ordinance violations

It was reported that the vacant lot at 106 Poplar is overgrown and could pose a fire hazard. It is not clear who owns the property. The City Secretary was directed to contact the Central Appraisal District office to locate contact information about the owner.

b. Discuss and take possible action on new water utility ordinance (McClendon)

Mayor pro-tem McClendon reported that a final copy of the ordinance will be developed, incorporating the comments and recommendations from tonight's workshop. Approval of the ordinance will be put on the May Council agenda.

c. Discuss and take possible action on rental of City Hall rooms (L. Taylor)

This item will be deferred until the June meeting.

d. Discuss and take possible action on ESD 9 for EMS service for the City (P. Taylor)

This item was tabled.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council went into an Executive Session at 7:52 pm to discuss City staff positions. The Council re-convened the regular Council meeting at 8:24 pm. No action was taken in the Executive Session, but item 7b regarding the selection of a City Administrator was tabled.

10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Website/Communications updates (P. Taylor)

Mayor P. Taylor reported that he has been consulting with a potential new website host. It was recommended that a notice regarding upcoming summer events be sent via regular mail.

b. CAPCOG update (P. Taylor)

No updates

c. Other information updates from Council members

It was reported that a number of bills are under consideration by the Texas Legislature that could have a significant impact on the City (e.g., annexation rules & property tax increases). Also, it was reported that the initial draft of the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan is under review.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

These minutes approved on the 12th day of June 2017.

APPROVED

/s/Phillip Taylor, MAYOR

ATTEST

/s/Ellis Craig, CITY SECRETARY