



CITY COUNCIL
City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas
June 25, 2016
Minutes

City Council Present:	Nathan Hodges	Mayor
	Gary Lovell	Mayor Pro Tem
	Wayne Orchard	Council Member
	Patrick Short	Council Member
	Robert Steinhagen	Council Member
City Council Absent:	Jerry Klutts	Council Member
Staff Present:	David Butler	City Administrator
	Stephanie Galanides	City Secretary

Mayor Hodges convened the work session, delivered the invocation and led in the recitation of the pledges at 9:01 a.m.

CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Mike Donegan, 2620 Ridgelake Lane expressed congratulations to the recently elected Mayor and Council Members. Donegan suggested that the City Planner and the City Engineer be directed to develop a list of options regarding future improvements to State Highway 205 and that the Council work with the County Transportation Consortium to advocate for the City.

Robert Hermann, 1248 Wales Drive, expressed his opinion that the determination of lot size should be unencumbered by streets, easements and dead space.

Discussion regarding McLendon-Chisholm Volunteer Fire Department's request for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 allocation of funds.

Chief Robert Jones and Lieutenant Herman Larkin presented an overview of and answered questions regarding the McLendon-Chisholm Volunteer Fire Department (MCVFD). Items covered included operations, personnel, equipment and equipment depreciation, call volume, mutual aid agreements, expenditures, accounting, funding, including grant opportunities, and anticipated equipment and staffing needs.

Steinhagen stated that he would like to help the Department be better equipped and was very enthusiastic about the work of the MCVFD. Steinhagen suggested that a fundraiser(s) could provide the opportunity for citizens, including those in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction that don't pay City property taxes, to demonstrate generosity and support for MCVFD needs such as a new brush or other truck. Steinhagen asked if the MCVFD staff were willing to visit about fundraising options, using the Houston 100 Club, a not-for-profit organization that benefits first responders as an example. The Chief indicated willingness to discuss fundraising options to supplement funding approved in the City's annual budget.

There was discussion regarding revising and/or adding to monthly report formats to provide additional date, time and location information for MCVFD calls. The Chief indicated that additional information could be generated utilizing current software.

Hodges recessed the work session at 10:40 a.m. The Mayor reconvened the work session at 10:50 a.m.

Discussion regarding the Country Fest Event.

There was discussion regarding the Country Fest event and other options for community gathering events. Staff was directed to contact members of the 2015 Country Fest event committee to gauge interest in planning a 2016 event.

Discussion regarding future vision of the City.

The Mayor invited citizens in attendance to provide input regarding the future vision of the City. The following

Gary Nickel, 612 Kentwood Drive, stated that he would like to welcome newcomers and would also like the hometown rural atmosphere to be preserved.

Bob Hermann, 1248 Wales Drive expressed concern regarding the rising cost of water and regarding water supply corporation transparency.

Mark Kipphut, 31 Fireside Drive, stated that the future vision should be incorporate goals specified in the Comprehensive Plan including maintaining the City's rural look and feel. Kipphut suggested engaging various neighborhoods with varying views and noted that citizens had expressed a desire for "cradle to grave" opportunities to him. Kipphut stated further that he would like to see some commercial development in order to shift the property tax revenue burden off of residential property owners.

Linda Fite, 1150 Frontier Trail, suggested that the City's website be improved to include notifications of meetings, events and other items of interest.

Sean Steimel, 1413 Siena Lane, stated that he would like to get to know the Council and encouraged preparation of a plan for commercial development that specifies types of non-residential development permitted, where it can occur and what it should look like.

Barbara Rohde, 13 Dancing Waters Lane, expressed concern regarding services for annexed properties and regarding establishing a tax cap for senior citizens. It was explained that a tax cap for senior citizens was approved on June 14, 2016.

Norman Willis, 1303 Livorno Drive, expressed concern regarding the use of Texas live oaks, the roots of which can cause damage to foundations and other concrete improvements, to satisfy front yard tree planting requirements in the Sonoma Verde development. Willis suggested that ornamental trees with less invasive root systems be approved as a substitution.

Stu Mayberry, 21 Fireside Drive, stated that:

- He would like to see some commercial development, preferably a Kroger grocery store;
- The minimum 1.5-acre lot size requirement should be enforced;
- Planning and Zoning Commission members should be required to reside within the city limits;
- He was concerned regarding the operation of RCH Water Supply Corporation and its lack of planning for the future.

Mike Donegan suggested tapping the experience of other cities regarding development of a vision, and economic development and expressed concern regarding funding for road maintenance.

Discussion regarding Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget.

Discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

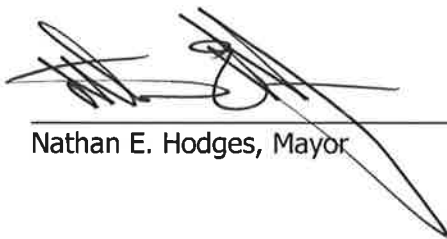
Discussion regarding Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Utility Fund Budget.

Discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

MOTION: ADJOURN THE WORK SESSION (12:12 P.M.).

MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: LOVELL
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

APPROVED:



Nathan E. Hodges, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stephanie Galanides, City Secretary

