Mayor Hodges called the meeting to order, led the recitation of the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags and delivered the invocation at 6:32 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMENTS.

There were none present to speak regarding agenda or non-agenda items.

Presentation by Adrienne Balkum and discussion and possible action regarding sewer rates for the Sonoma Verde subdivision.

Adrienne Balkum, 1518 Firenza Court, presented and answered questions regarding a request that the monthly sewer rate for residences in the Sonoma Verde development be reduced from $69 to $55 per month. Balkum presented information in support of the request. There was discussion regarding the request.

MOTION: SET THE MONTHLY SEWER RATE TO $55 PER MONTH EFFECTIVE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT BILLING CYCLE.
MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: STEINHAGEN
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

Discussion and action regarding an Interlocal Agreement with Rockwall County for Fire Protection Services for October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

City attorney David Paschall presented and answered questions regarding the annual agreement with Rockwall County for fire protection services.

MOTION: APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ROCKWALL COUNTY FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017.
MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: LOVELL
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

Discussion and action regarding Fire Protection Contract with the McLendon-Chisholm Volunteer Fire Department (MCVFD).

Paschall stated that the contract with the MCVFD dovetails with the agreement with the County for fire protection services. There was discussion regarding the proposed contract. Steinhagen proposed that action be deferred and that the contract be revised to include provisions like those
specified in the Hatch Act, a law pertaining to political activity of federal employees. Lt. Herman Larkin noted that the proposed revisions to the contract might conflict with the MCVFD articles of incorporation.

**MOTION:** DEFER ACTION REGARDING THE FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH THE MCLENDON-CHISHOLM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO DECEMBER 13.

**MOTION MADE:** STEINHAGEN

**SECONDED:** KLUTTS

**APPROVED:** UNANIMOUS

### Discussion and action regarding auditing services.

City Administrator Dave Butler presented information regarding selection of a firm to perform audits. Butler noted that, should the Council decide to select a new audit firm, selection should take place in late spring or early summer.


**MOTION MADE:** STEINHAGEN

**SECONDED:** SHORT

**APPROVED:** UNANIMOUS

### Discussion and action regarding an ad-hoc audit review committee.

Steinhagen proposed formation of a temporary ad hoc audit review committee consisting of 5 members that would meet with the City’s audit firm.

**MOTION:** FORM AN AD HOC AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH THE CITY’S AUDITORS ON THE AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

**MOTION MADE:** STEINHAGEN

**SECONDED:** ORCHARD

**APPROVED:** UNANIMOUS

Appointments to the committee will be scheduled for October 25.

**MOTION:** APPOINT STEINHAGEN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

**MOTION MADE:** SHORT

**SECONDED:** ORCHARD

**APPROVED:** UNANIMOUS

### Discussion and action regarding City Hall maintenance services.

(Steinhagen was recused at 7:16 p.m.)

**MOTION:** ENGAGE CLEAN ACROSS PLANO TO PROVIDE CLEANING SERVICES FOR CITY HALL PROVIDED THAT THE COMPANY AGREES TO PERFORM TASKS SPECIFIED ON A LIST APPROVED BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR.

**MOTION MADE:** SHORT

**SECONDED:** ORCHARD

**APPROVED:** UNANIMOUS

(Recused: Steinhagen)
(Steinhagen returned and resumed participating in the meeting at 7:19 p.m.)

Discussion and action regarding appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment.

Butler stated that there were two vacancies for Alternates to the Board of Adjustment and one vacancy for an Alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. There was discussion regarding how to review applications and make appointments. No action was taken by the Council.

Discussion and action regarding a citizen survey.

Steinhagen recommended that the City conduct a survey to invite input from citizens. Steinhagen provided information regarding how such a survey would be conducted and stated a completion goal of December 12, 2016. The consensus of the Council was in support of conduct of a citizen survey. Steinhagen read aloud a few of the questions he was recommending for inclusion on the survey. Council members stated that they would prefer to receive the questions in advance and were not comfortable with voting on them after hearing them for the first time. There was discussion regarding the process of formulating and selecting questions for inclusion on a citizen survey. Mayor Hodges asked Steinhagen to provide the proposed questions to the Council so that all could review, suggest revisions and submit questions for consideration.

MOTION: APPROVE THE FORM OF THE CITIZEN SURVEY AS WRITTEN.
MOTION MADE: STEINHAGEN
SECONDED: KLUTTS
MOTION FAILED: FOR: STEINHAGEN, KLUTTS
OPPOSED: LOVELL, ORCHARD, SHORT

Discussion and action regarding agenda procedures.

Short expressed appreciation to Mrs. Balkum for preparedness and concise delivery of the request to revise monthly sewer rates. Short suggested that the Council consider establishing a time limit and other parameters for presentations. Orchard stated that he did not support establishing time limits for speakers or presentations. There was discussion regarding Short’s suggestions and procedures for submitting items for City Council agendas. The consensus of the Council was that requests for items to be included on any City Council agenda should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the meeting during which the items are to be discussed. No action was taken by the Council.

MOTION: ADJOURN THE MEETING (8:01 P.M.).
MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: KLUTTS
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

APPROVED: ____________________________
Nathan E. Hodges, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stephanie Galanides, City Secretary

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