



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

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

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

Dennis Griffin, 411 Tucker Road requested that the City's Master Fee Schedule, specifically the fee for contractor trade permits that he stated was too high, be revisited. Staff was directed to schedule consideration of the Master Fee Schedule for a future agenda. Griffin also offered his opinion that the speed limit on State Highway 205 should be reduced. City Administrator Dave Butler explained that the speed limit on State Highway 205 was set by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Butler stated that TxDOT had, in fact, proposed that the speed limit be increased but had not done so due to the City's objection.

CONSENT AGENDA – The items on the consent agenda were approved in two separate motions.

- a. Approve Ordinance 2016-15 Amending Section 13.04.013 of Chapter 13, "Utilities," of the Code of Ordinances relating to Monthly Sewer Rate.

MOTION: APPROVE ORDINANCE 2016-15 AMENDING SECTION 13.04.013 OF CHAPTER 13, "UTILITIES," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO MONTHLY SEWER RATE.

MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: KLUTTS
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

- b. Approve Resolution 2016-13R Amending the Master Fee Schedule by amending the Monthly Sewer Fee – Residential adopted by Resolution 2014-05R; and providing an effective date.

MOTION: APPROVE RESOLUTION 2016-13R AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE BY AMENDING THE MONTHLY SEWER FEE – RESIDENTIAL ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION 2014-05R.

MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: KLUTTS
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

Discussion and action regarding rescheduling or changing the venue of the City Council meeting scheduled for November 8 due to Election Day.

MOTION: RESCHEDULE THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 8 TO NOVEMBER 15.

MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: KLUTTS

Noting that items on the agenda yet to be discussed may be time-sensitive, Steinhagen requested that the vote be deferred to later in the meeting. The vote on the motion was deferred.

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

City Attorney David Paschall presented and answered questions regarding the proposed contract with the MCVFD for fire protection services as presented on October 11 and a revised proposed contract that included provisions pertaining to political activity of fire department personnel. Paschall stated that provisions regarding political activities could be included in the contract if agreed to by both parties. Chief Robert Jones stated that the MCVFD voted to approve the version of the contract presented on October 11 and that, should the Council approve a revised version, it would have to be presented to the department membership for consideration. There was discussion regarding the two versions of the contract. Items discussed include reports of political activity and perceived political activity by MCVFD personnel, contract enforcement, existing MCVFD by-laws and Standard Operating Guidelines, and the potential effect of delayed approval of the contract on the ordering of needed equipment.

MOTION: APPROVE THE FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH THE MCLENDON-CHISHOLM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (MCVFD) AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL.

MOTION MADE: STEINHAGEN
SECONDED: KLUTTS
APPROVED: FOR: KLUTTS, ORCHARD, STEINHAGEN
 OPPOSED: LOVELL, SHORT

Discussion and action regarding appointments to the Ad-Hoc Audit Review Committee.

The item was deferred to a future agenda.

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

The consensus of the Council was that a subcommittee consisting of Butler, Lovell and Orchard to review volunteer applications submitted by November 15, conduct interviews and make recommendations regarding appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment.

Discussion and action regarding City conducting a Citizen Survey and results of past surveys.

There was discussion regarding the content of and methodology for a citizen survey. Steinhagen and Orchard indicated readiness to discuss and vote on the draft survey that was included in the Council packet. Short suggested that options regarding engagement of an independent consultant should be explored. Items discussed included the difference between poll and surveys, information that the City hopes to gather through the survey, recipients, online and paper options, and appointing a subcommittee to review and make suggestions regarding content and wording.

MOTION: DIRECT STAFF TO RESEARCH COSTS FOR USE OF AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT AND REPORT TO THE COUNCIL.

MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: LOVELL

MOTION FAILED: FOR: SHORT, LOVELL
 OPPOSED: KLUTTS, ORCHARD, STEINHAGEN

MOTION: SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016 AT 6:30 PM TO BE HELD AT THE CHISHOLM BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING AND TAKING ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED CITIZEN SURVEY.

MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: KLUTTS
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

VOTE ON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED EARLIER IN THE MEETING AND COPIED BELOW:

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MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: KLUTTS
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

Discussion regarding attendance of City Attorney, Accountant and Consultants at City Council meetings.

The consensus of the Council was that should the Mayor or a Council Member believe that attendance of the city attorney, accountant and other consultants be important to item(s) being considered, they should contact staff prior to the City Council meeting.

Discussion regarding the approval process for the Sonoma Verde and Triple Creek developments and statements made to the City Council in reference to same.

There was discussion regarding potential conflicts of interest for members of the City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission or Board of Adjustment related to land use applications.

Discussion and action regarding agenda, meeting and presentation procedures.

The item was deferred to a future meeting.

Discussion and action regarding the Minutes of September 13, September 27 and October 11, 2016.

Consideration of the minutes was deferred to a future meeting.

Reports and Announcements;

- a) Financial Reports for September 2016.**
- b) Building Official Report for September 2016.**
- c) Rockwall County Sheriff Activity for September 2016.**
- d) McLendon-Chisholm Volunteer Fire Department and EMS Activity for September 2016.**

The reports were included in the meeting packet. City Administrator Dave Butler will report back to the Council regarding donated assets specified on the financial report for September 2016. Staff was directed to schedule staff review for the December 13 meeting. Butler will provide an update regarding staff research into options for plan review and building inspection services. Lovell related resident concerns regarding the condition of portions of FM 550 between Stevens Road and Pullen Road.

MOTION: ADJOURN THE MEETING (8:33 P.M.).

MOTION MADE: SHORT
SECONDED: ORCHARD
APPROVED: UNANIMOUS

APPROVED:



Nathan E. Hodges, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stephanie Galanides, City Secretary

