



CITY COUNCIL
City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2018

The City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm convened in Special Session on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at City Hall, 1371 West FM 550, McLendon-Chisholm, Texas, with the following members present:

Robert Steinhagen	Mayor
Adrienne Balkum	Council Member
James Herren	Council Member, Absent
Wayne Orchard	Mayor Pro Tem
Sim Woodham	Council Member
Scott Turnbull	Council Member

Staff Present:	David Butler	City Administrator
	Lisa Palomba	City Secretary

1. Mayor Steinhagen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Mayor Steinhagen delivered the Invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.
3. At 6:31 p.m. Mayor Steinhagen recessed the meeting into Executive Session – Recess into Executive Session (Closed Meeting) in accordance with Government Code:
 - a. Section 551.071: Consultation with Attorney, to conduct a private consultation with the City Attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act, regarding the purchase or lease of fire apparatus and related equipment.
 - b. Sections 551.071 and 551.074: Consultation with Attorney, to conduct a private consultation with the City Attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding fire protection matters, and Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment or duties regarding Fire Marshal.
 - c. Section 551.071: Consultation with Attorney to conduct a private consultation

with the City Attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act, regarding the McLendon-Chisholm Volunteer Fire Department and related fire protection matters.

4. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

5. Steinhagen announced that no action was taken in Executive Session

6. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Lease of Fire Apparatus and Related Equipment. Council Member Turnbull, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Orchard, moved to approve Resolution 2018-13 authorizing the City Administrator or designee to enter into contracts for the purchase or lease of apparatus and other equipment for the McLendon-Chisholm Fire Rescue Department. A vote was cast and the motion carried with 4 in favor, 0 opposed (Herren, absent).

Mayor Pro Tem Orchard Read the following statement into the record following the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-13:

“Fire Protection is a very high priority of this Council. McLendon-Chisholm can no longer go without a guarantee of fire protection for our community. Our #1 plan was to work out a contract with the MCVFD, in which Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Orchard and Councilman Scott Turnbull have diligently given 100% to for the last 4 ½ months but all options have been extinguished. We can no longer wait for MCVFD to agree to a contract and we are moving on with our #2 plan which is now to put in motion the items it takes to have a fully functional City owned fire department. This is not something that has just now been thought about. As talked about previously in open session, paperwork has been started in establishing the McLendon-Chisholm Fire Department. Grants have been started and being submitted for the McLendon-Chisholm Fire Department. The citizen feasibility study has been established. Many resources have been contacted to gain information and the process and costs. This was all talked about in Open Sessions, but we did not put emphasis on it as we didn’t want anyone to think we weren’t focused on getting a contract executed with MCVFD. Through our efforts of special meetings, to the amount of flexible points that was given by the City to MCVFD in the contract to bring the two entities together show that every effort was made to take the quickest path for Fire Protection.

Some may ask “Why not just give MCVFD the amount you are going to use to build a City owned fire department?” The answer is that for the same amount we can have secured fire protection and not beholden to an outside agency that can dictate what the City needs to be obligated for. Additionally, all the money used for this endeavor will go to City owned assets and no longer will we pay over \$700,000 over 3 years to an outside agency without having any ownership of any equipment. Plus, with a program called municipal leasing that is available to cities we are able to use less money to get more.

Through our plan to establish the McLendon-Chisholm Fire Department:

- Taxes will not increase
- All citizens' taxes will be going to engines, trucks and equipment that the City will own
- Will not affect our ISO rating
- By using Buy Board, we will get the most competitive rates
- Gives us long term guaranteed fire protection

Low mileage and recently used Fire Engine with pump certification – Under \$150,000

Low mileage and recently used Brush Truck – Under \$50,000

Outfitting Engine, Brush Truck with tools and equipment, plus gear for fire fighters – Estimated high of \$115,000

Items include everything needed to fight fires, salvage, overhaul and head to toe gear for 10 fire fighters, including the air packs.

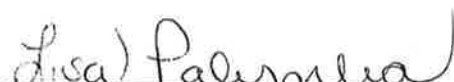
Morton Building has a 2-bay fire house that will hold at least 2 apparatus, a day room and kitchen for \$300,000. This is just the start of that process and as we get into more competitive bids, we should see a dramatic reduction in cost. This will be in phase 2 of the project going into next year's budget cycle."

Our yearly budget obligation for Fire Engine, Brush Truck, Tools, Gear and equipment will be on the high end of \$116,000 for a 3-year payback to \$73,500 for a 5-year payback.

7. Council Member Turnbull, seconded by Council Member Balkum, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous consent (Herren, absent). The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Lisa Palomba, City Secretary


Keith Short, Mayor

