



CITY COUNCIL
City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2018

The City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at City Hall, 1371 West FM 550, McLendon-Chisholm, Texas, with the following members present:

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

Staff Present:	David Butler	City Administrator
	Lisa Palomba	City Secretary
	Jim Simmons	Fire Chief

1. Mayor Pro Tem Orchard called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Orchard delivered the Invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.
3. Orchard reminded audience members that Rules of Decorum are to be observed throughout the meeting.

Orchard briefly addressed Item 9.

9. May 5, 2018 General Election Canvass. Orchard briefly addressed the Canvass and explained there are mail ballots outstanding and the Ballot Board does not meet until Wednesday, so the Canvass may not take place until after that time. Brief discussion was held regarding when newly elected officials may be sworn into office to assume their duties.

It was also explained that Council Meetings are not being broadcast at this time as the equipment used for broadcasting is owned by Mayor Steinhagen.

4. Citizens Comments. The following citizens spoke:

Robert Quinn, 1401 Corrara Drive, commented on the election outcome noting the people want MCVFD to continue serving the City as they have for over 40 years; the vocal

minority is not a minority; City Council has done a decent job with other areas such as finance; Council Members are custodians and work for the people; and set aside the illusion of decorum.

Bev Stibbens, 279 Partridge Drive, Thanked Council for their service and remarked it is often a thankless job. Stibbens addressed the public hearing scheduled for May 29 related to an exception for metal buildings allowed for municipal use in non-residential areas and noted she will be out of town but wanted the record to show she is against the proposed change.

Keith Short, 1525 Barrolo, urged the sitting Council Members not to vote on any emergency service items until the new Council Members are installed.

Mark Kipphut, 31 Fireside Drive, commented regarding the transition process of incoming newly elected officials; In the past, the new Council reversed a decision of a previous Council regarding a controversial development on Rabbit Ridge; MCVFD is committed to maintaining fire protection; not necessary to rush decisions; and honor the incoming members to postpone fire protection related actions.

Lance Agee, 1509 Via Toscana, commented regarding large voter turnout; leave building materials code in place; hold off on any action related to public safety; citizens want MCVFD to serve the City; Council Members are servants of the City and representatives of the people; wait until plans for widening SH 205 are determined; Sonoma Verde entrance may be good location for a new fire station; Jim Herren previously quoted MCVFD Chief's salary as inaccurate and requested an apology; staff should represent the people and start doing their jobs; and should terminate City Attorney.

5. City Council Meeting Minutes. Meeting Minutes of March 13 and 27, 2018 were postponed until a future meeting.

6. Street Lighting. City Administrator Dave Butler provided a status update regarding street lighting on SH 205 at the entrance of Sonoma Verde. Sonoma Verde developer Russell Phillips will adjust lighting and will reassess to see if this is sufficient before requesting additional street lights from Oncor.

Orchard added that staff takes direction from the Mayor and City Council and encouraged citizens with issues to discuss with a Council Member or let a Council Member know if additional action should be taken. All employees serve at-will.

7. McLendon-Chisholm Fire Rescue Department (MCFR) Update. McLendon-Chisholm Fire Rescue Chief Jim Simmons provided an update regarding setting up the department. Simmons indicated he received an FD ID number from the Texas commission on Fire Protection. He is also working on gathering information regarding volunteer firefighter retirement programs; improving communications with MCVFD; the MCVFD 1995 engine will not pass a pump test; researching vehicle costs; preliminary research indicated \$150,000 or less for all vehicles needed; only spent \$200 for

continuing education; looking at fire station possibilities; commented that it would be great for MCVFD to become part of MCFR; spent time helping Lisa gather information for SAFER Grant submissions; municipal lease finance options for vehicles, equipment and station; utilizing a municipal lease will allow MCFR to stay within the current budget without long term commitments; working toward achieving Head of Department certification with TCFP. **No action was taken.**

8. Resolution No. 2018-16, Council Meeting Date Change. Mayor Pro Tem Orchard explained that City Hall will be used for a voting location for the May 22, 2018 primary runoff election so an alternate date for the next Council Meeting is proposed. **Herren, seconded by Balkum moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-14 moving the regularly scheduled Council Meeting from May 22, 2018 to May 29, 2018. A vote was cast and Resolution No. 2018-16 was approved with 4 in favor, 0 opposed (Turnbull, absent).**

9. May 5, 2018 General Election Canvass. Orchard noted that the City needs to follow legal advice and wait to Canvass until the Election results have been certified by the Rockwall County Elections Administrator. **The Canvass is postponed.**

10. Alternate Date for May 5, 2018 Election Canvass. Balkum, seconded by Herren, moved to set a date for Canvass to be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. A vote was cast and the motion was approved with 4 in favor, 0 opposed (Turnbull, absent).

11. Council Member Reports and Announcements.


Council Member Balkum remarked the Emergency Services Committee will not use a consultant to develop a plan but will instead call upon newly hired Fire Chief Simmons to work with the Committee on developing a plan for long term public safety needs. Balkum commented that Simmons has experience building a fire department from the ground up. The \$5,000 previously allotted for a consultant will not be spent for that purpose.


Mayor Pro Tem Orchard expressed his gratitude for the support provided him these past two years; commented that he loved serving his community and will be involved in future activities.


12. Mayor Pro Tem Orchard adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Lisa Palomba, City Secretary


Keith Short, Mayor Pro Tem



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