



CITY COUNCIL
City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas
Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2019

The City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm convened in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at City Hall, 1371 West FM 550, McLendon-Chisholm, Texas, with the following members present:

Keith Short	Mayor
Adrienne Balkum	Council Member
Scott Turnbull	Mayor Pro Tem
Jim Bloom	Council Member
James Herren	Council Member
Herman Larkin	Council Member

Staff Present:	Lisa Palomba	City Administrator/City Secretary
	Jim Simmons	Fire Chief
	City Attorney	Michael Halla (available by phone)

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Short called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. Council Member Herren delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

3. Mayor Short announced the Rules of Decorum are in place and are to be observed throughout the meeting.

4. Citizen Comments

Robert Davis, 1258 Livorno Drive. I'm here to talk about this animal control contract you're thinking about getting into. Personally, I like to get out and help others. I've been to animal control centers around. I've been to Terrell and Rockwall. I just visited Dallas today. So, it's a real thing to me about taking care of animals. First of all, I think the contract for this facility, I'm not for it because the distance is way too far, that's 76 miles away from here. If my dog or cat got out and was picked up, and they were to take my animal, my pet, 76 miles away, I would have to drive an hour and forty-five minutes just to get there. If I get off at 4:00, maybe 5:00, that's a little too late for me to get there in time. If we had a contract with Rockwall, that's a different deal, that's just down the road. So, it's too far away. Even in moderate traffic, it's an hour and forty-five minutes from here. The price is ridiculous. It's \$450 per call. Once a week would put you at nearly \$25,000 a year. I think when I was talking to Lisa, she said that the one we had talked about with Rockwall going into would be \$30,000 a year. That's not much difference. And

the reason you guys aren't getting calls up here at City Hall for animal control is because we don't have one. You're not getting any calls for police activity because we don't have a police force. The same thing works with animal control. You don't have animal control, so you don't get any calls. I think that once you do get animal services, you will get calls. I've reached out to different areas around and I can't get anything to happen, for instance animal abuse. We don't have anything around here and we can't do anything about it. Also, the hours of operation for Rockwall, for instance, is eight to six, seven days a week. There's no one here at City Hall. I think we go into the contract and someone has to call City Hall for someone to call them, for them to come down here and do anything. That's about an hour and forty-five minutes just to get down here. Who's going to say someone is going to answer the phone with one and a half people working here and nothing can happen on the weekends. There's two days when it's not going to happen and most of the calls are going to happen on the weekend. No one is going to be working at City Hall on the weekend. That's not going to fly for me. So, I think if you really want to do a contract, you should do one for Rockwall. It's just right up the road. Let's get together with a neighboring City. Their facility is nice, I've been there and it's really nice. If you think that \$30,000 is too high, then let's get them to go with \$27,000, maybe \$28,000. It's not that much different from once a week from the place up there near Cairo, Egypt, it being \$22,600 for once a week at \$450. That's to say you have one animal, what if it's a mother dog and she has puppies, are they going to charge \$100 per puppy as well? People dump dogs and animals all the time. That's going to run up a bill for the City. It's going to be more than what you think it is. As a citizen, I want control. I don't want to call up here to City Hall and have to wait for someone to answer the phone. Then I have to call back and ask if they really called. I've been waiting here for two hours to take care of the situation. I want control over it. They're my taxes that are paying for this. It's not their business why I'm calling anyway. It's between me and the animal control, not anybody else. So, what about animal abuse? Does the contractor really have control over that? I've called Rockwall Police Department before and they said they would take care of it. That was before they even opened up. If you really want to drive two hours and you really want to spend money on something, that's way up there, or you can go to Rockwall.

5. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes

5.1 January 22, 2019

Council Member Balkum made a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019.

Council Member Bloom seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

5.2. February 26, 2019

Council Member Balkum made a motion to approve the minutes with minor revisions.

Council Member Herren seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

5.3. March 11, 2019

Council Member Balkum made a motion to approve the draft version of the minutes.

Council Member Larkin seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a vote of 4-0 (Council Member Bloom abstained)

5.4. March 12, 2019

Council Member Balkum made a motion to approve the draft version of the minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull seconded the motion.

Council Member Larkin made one correction regarding the cost of installation of the bricks in the Veterans Memorial. The minutes reflect \$400 and it should actually be \$4,000.

The motion carried by a vote of 4-0 (Council Member Bloom abstained)

6. Individual Items for Consideration

6.13. Receive a Written Report from Fire Chief Simmons Listing Valuation of all McLendon-Chisholm Fire Rescue Controlled Fire Apparatus. Discussion and Action May Follow.

Chief Simmons provided the following information regarding the rough estimated values on current vehicles:

- 1995 Pierce Engine E-41 - \$10,000 to \$15,000
- 2004 E-One Engine E-1 - \$50,000 to \$65,000
- 2004 F-350 Pickup Command Vehicle C-1 - \$22,000 to \$30,000
- 2006 F-450 Quick Response Square 1 - \$45,000 to \$65,000
- 2009 Chevy 3500 Brush Truck B-42 - \$45,000 to \$60,000
- 2014 Ferrara International Commercial Engine E-42 - \$150,000 to \$200,000
- 2017 Ford F-550 Skeeter Brush Truck B-42 - \$95,000 to \$120,000

Chief Simmons explained this information was provided from research of either the same or similar vehicles on several websites. These are not guaranteed prices, just rough estimates. He explained he spoke with a gentleman in the fire truck business, and he explained there is not a Kelly Blue Book way to value our vehicles. He provided the name of two companies to talk with and see if they would be interested in giving us approximate values.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull asked the Chief if he had contacted Skeeter.

Chief Simmons answered he had not.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull asked him to do that.

Council Member Balkum asked if there isn't a blue book.

Chief Simmons stated that is correct.

Council Member Balkum asked if he had ever talked to Aaron Wright

Chief Simmons asked if she was asking about with TxDOT.

Council Member Balkum answered yes.

Chief Simmons stated TxDOT did not have anything to do with the valuation of the trucks.

No Action

6.14. Receive a Written Report from Chief Simmons Regarding the Transfer of Remaining McLendon-Chisholm Volunteer Fire Department Assets to the City. Discussion and action may follow.

Chief Simmons reported that the transfer of Engine 42 is currently in progress. It should be completed by the end of March.

Regarding the transfer of any cash assets, Chief Simmons stated that on March 1, 2019, an email request was submitted to MCVFD regarding the cash assets. The following week, City Administrator Palomba was directed by Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull to have City Attorney Halla handle the transfer of cash assets. Since that time, he has not been updated on any action taken.

City Administrator Palomba was directed to contact Halla for a status update.

No Action

10.3. McLendon-Chisholm Fire Rescue Report for February 2019

Chief Simmons reported they have the incident report and the incident type breakdown chart. The incident report is now in chronological order, but he cannot make any changes to the incident type column.

Council Member Herren expressed that the codes don't mean anything to them. He would like something to correlate the report with.

Chief Simmons stated he would continue to work on that. He will write it out if he has to.

No Action

11.1. McLendon-Chisholm Fire Rescue

No direction to Staff.

6.10. Update on iCompass Implementation

Council Member Balkum requested an update on the implementation of video streaming of Council meetings.

City Administrator Palomba reported it should be up and running by the next meeting.

Michelle Cooper with iCompass was present to answer any questions.

Council Member Balkum asked if the encoder was not working properly.

Ms. Cooper stated they had receive a batch of bad encoder from the manufacturer. She also stated they should be up and running by the next meeting.

No Action

Mayor Short called a recess at 7:13 p.m. The Council reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

6.1. Discussion and action regarding award of contract to My Computer Guy for Information Technology Services

Bill Hair, My Computer Guy, was present to answer questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull stated that one of the things they had talked about last year was getting an actual network map for all the devices we have and what they did and how they're connected. To my knowledge that has never been done. Is that correct?

Mr. Hair reported there is a network map that we can generate, but it is not a detailed network location map. We can give you one that details what they do.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull asked if he can provide us with that APs functionality, what segment it's connecting to, and are we doing any of load balancing so that when guests connect to the guest network it's not taking down our portion of the network?

Mr. Hair answered yes, we have limited the guest network to 15% and it can be increased if needed.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull asked if all the desks computers are connected wireless or are they wired?

Mr. Hair stated most of them are connected wire. You get better performance if they're connected wired plus they are more secure.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull asked if he is still recommending that we purchase secondary equipment for cloud back-up in case of a disaster.

Mr. Hair stated that with the disaster backup system, they can be virtualized and actually work from home.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull asked what network that would be.

Mr. Hair stated it would be data cloud. Staff could work at home from the most recent backup. Work stations backup every hour.

Council Member Balkum stated they have been having problems connecting to the internet during council meetings. Will the TV system be able to be connected?

Mr. Hair responded that is a totally different connection.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull asked why we aren't using the government plan?

Mr. Hair stated that we can and we are working on that.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull pointed out that three of the Council have e-mails with the first name at McLendon-Chisholm. He asked why it isn't possible to do an alias that states the council member's name and points to a static account on the mail server.

Mr. Hair stated that is very easily done.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull stated the mail boxes should be set up for Places, Mayor, Council Members, and Staff and then the aliases change with people. But there shouldn't have to be anything changed on the mail server other than the alias.

Mr. Hair responded that as you add a new Council Member or make a change, if you will let them know the Council place they are in and the name of the person, they can set that up any time.

Council Member Bloom made the motion to award a contract to My Computer Guy for Information Technology Services.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

6.2. Discussion and action authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with All American Dogs for limited animal control services.

All American Dogs provided a contract as follows:

- Pricing: \$450 Per Call includes the removal of one animal; each additional animal removed will be charged \$175.00 for dogs and \$100.00 for cats.
- Qualifications:
 - Founded in 2007, facility located in Pilot Point, Texas
 - Stated Certified and inspected by Department of State Health Services.
 - 73 individual inside temperature controlled dog runs and outdoor exercise areas
 - 16 Certified Rabies quarantine runs
 - 5 full Time and 5 Part Time (30 hours) Certified Animal Control Officers
 - 4 State Certified Code Enforcement Officers
 - 3 Full Time, 3 Part Time Kennel Attendants
 - 24 hour on-site supervision
 - 24 hours 7 days a week emergency response

City Administrator Palomba reported she had contacted Bob Matthews with All American Dogs and attempted to reach a compromise on price. He indicated he can't come off the \$450 per call. I recommend we don't call unless the dog is contained.

Council Member Balkum asked who would make the call.

City Administrator Palomba responded that the Sheriff would call if there is an aggressive animal. Otherwise, the Chief and/or I will decide to make the call. We will only call if the animal is injured, sick, aggressive or in the event of a serious animal welfare situation.

Council Member Bloom asked what hours calls would be made.

City Administrator Palomba responded the Sheriff's office could call 24 hours a day.

Council Member Balkum asked if there is a law or something about animals in the sheriff department vehicles.

Mayor Short answered that the sheriff's vehicles are for law enforcement, not for animal control and it is discouraged from putting them in there because there have been cases

where people are put in there shortly thereafter who have animal allergies and they have a serious reaction. You may not have time to clean out and sanitize that back seat before your next call. So, it is highly discouraged to have them put those animals in the cars.

Council Member Larkin stated that, obviously, we all realize this is not where we want to be. However, this is a band-aid. Since there is a no-minimum number of calls or a minimum charge per month, I see this as \$450 per call. We can continue to look for a better solution and we need to continue to look for a better solution. I don't agree with it being in Pilot Point, but we have stretched ourselves out looking for options. I don't see it as a problem to agree to the \$450 price per call now. But, we need to continue to look for a better option because right now this is all we have. I realize that the number of calls may pick up if we get better service. I don't agree with a long-term contract, only \$450 per call in the situation we're in. We can continue to look for a better solution. I think this shows that we've taken the first step and I think at this point that's about as far as we can go.

Council Member Balkum asked Lisa if she had mentioned something about previous quotes that included about \$75,000 per year.

City Administrator Palomba responded she had contacted everyone within a 30 mile radius to inquire about animal control services. The minimum amount was \$30,000 which included a portion of a salary, benefits, truck, and facility charges. We would be sharing the officer with other cities.

Council Member Balkum asked Mr. Davis what the name of the company was that he was referring to, that he recommended to Lisa.

Mr. Davis responded it was Rockwall.

City Administrator Palomba recommended waiting for the representative from All American Dogs to arrive before making a decision.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull made a motion to table this item until a representative of the company arrives.

Seconded by Council Member Larkin.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull asked if when the city is billed, can they turn around and bill the citizen.

City Administrator Palomba answered yes, they can. City Attorney Halla says the City can and should attempt to cover our costs if at all possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of this item was resumed at 11:21 p.m.

The representative of the company never came to the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull made a motion to use All American Dogs on an as needed basis.

Council Member Larkin seconded the motion.

After additional discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull amended his motion to authorize Lisa to renegotiate the contract to make it more specific.

Council Member Larkin seconded the amended motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Executive Session

7.1. Recess into Executive Session (Closed Meeting) in accordance with Texas Government Code: Section 551.071(2) Consultation with City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter regarding ranking, negotiating and award of contract to consultants for City Planning and City Engineering Services.

7.2. Recess into Executive Session (Closed Meeting) in accordance with Texas Government Code: Section 551.074(1) Personnel Matters to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Administrator/City Secretary; Assistant to the City Secretary; Building Permit Technician; Fire Chief/Fire Marshal; Assistant Fire Chief and Firefighters.

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:19

8. Reconvene Regular Meeting

The council reconvened into regular session at 7:37 p.m.

9. Executive Session Action

No Action

6.3. City Planning Services Presentations

The following four planning firms were present to make presentations before the Council:

- 1. I-RAOS, Inc.**
 - 8625 Orchard View Lane, Pearland, Texas
 - Presentation made by Lata Krishnarao, Principal & CEO
- 2. Masterplan**
 - 900 Jackson Street, Suite 640, Dallas, Texas

- Presentation made by Dallas Cothrum, Ph.D.
- 3. Firm Ground Planning
 - 14700 Valley View, Forney, Texas
 - Presentation made by Matt Donnell, Principal
- 4. Michael R. Coker Company
 - 3111 Canton Street, Suite 140, Dallas, Texas
 - Presentation made by Michael R. Coker, President

No Action Taken

Mayor Short Called a break at 8:52 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:03 p.m.

6.4. City Planning Services. Discussion and Action Regarding Review of Qualifications received for Planning Services.

The four planning firms fielded questions from the Council.

6.5. City Engineering Services Presentations.

The following four engineering firms were present to make presentations before the Council:

1. EST Comprehensive Engineering Services
 - 3522 Sam Rayburn Hwy., Melissa, Texas
 - Presentation made by Shawn Napier, P.E., Municipal Division Manager
2. Nathan D. Maier Consulting Engineers, Inc.
 - 12377 Merit Drive, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas
 - Presentation made by Douglas Showers, P.E., Senior Project Manager
3. Freeman-Millican, Inc.
 - 12160 N. Abrams Rd., Dallas, Texas
 - Presentation made by Larry Freeman, P.E., Project Engineer
4. Douphrate & Associates, Inc.
 - 2235 Ridge Road, Suite 200, Rockwall, Texas
 - Presentation made by Doug Douphrate, P.E., President

No Action

6.6. City Engineering Services. Discussion and Action Regarding Review of Qualifications Received for City Engineering Services

The four engineering firms fielded questions from the Council.

Mayor Short called a recess at 11:15 p.m.

Council Reconvened at 11:21 p.m.

6.7. Discussion and Action Mandating Exclusive Access and Management of Official City Social Media Pages and Websites to Non-Elected City Staff

Council Member Bloom stated this has been brought up a few times. I am a fan of posting official business, but It should be posted by city staff only. City officials shouldn't be posting on the City social media page. If officials have something they want to share, they should do it under their own name.

Council Member Bloom made a motion to discuss action mandating exclusive access and management of official City social media pages and websites to non-elected City staff.

Council Member Larkin seconded the motion.

Council Member Herren stated the only problem he has with this is we don't have very many employees and our city staff has a lot to do already. My concern is we are adding more responsibility to our city staff without asking the staff if this is something they are comfortable with doing. I don't want to create a requirement that's going to force us to hire somebody to do a job because we don't want to increase the size of our government just because we don't want our elected officials to maintain our social media. I think we should reach out to our staff and ask their opinion.

Council Member Bloom stated the information should be pretty basic. I don't think it would be a burden on Lisa.

Council Member Larkin asked the City Administrator if he is correct that she doesn't even have the password to our facebook page.

City Administrator Palomba answered she did not.

Council Member Balkum stated that nobody has an access password. You have to be assigned as an admin with any type of fan pages.

Council Member Larkin stated that someone has to have control and asked if you can select and delete admins. He also asked who created the page.

City Administrator Palomba answer she did not know.

Council Member Balkum stated that you have to keep in mind that you have to have someone else on there because if she doesn't answer, people want answers right then. Also, if she's sick and we need to put information on there, you have to have another person on there.

Council Member Bloom stated he agrees. He just doesn't think it should be an elected official.

Council Member Balkum reminded them we have a small staff.

Mayor Short called for a vote on the motion.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-2 (Council Members Balkum, Herren, and Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull voting against) (Council Members Larkin and Boom voting in Favor).

6.8. Discussion and Action Regarding a Resolution Rescheduling Regular City Council Meetings in April, June, July, August, September, and November 2019 in Order to Accommodate Council Member Jim Bloom's Firefighter Duty Schedule

Mayor Short stated before we discuss this, he has to make one remark. I understand that the council, throughout the years, we have juggled some dates around, we've added some dates. The thing is, each and everyone of us is an elected official and we knew when we were elected that there were two scheduled meetings a month and what those dates were. We knew what we were getting into. If we change these dates to accommodate one individual's schedule, then the next person whose job responsibilities may change, we have to do it for all. If we do it for one, we have to do it for all. We can't selectively do it for one individual.

Council Member Bloom stated he can't choose to take off early. They did this in 2018.

Council Member Bloom made a motion to move forward with this discussion.

Council Member Larkin seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull stated the only thing he wanted to say is ditto to what the Mayor said.

Council Member Bloom responded that his is a unique situation. He is on duty 24 hours.

Council Member Larkin stated he supports Council Member Bloom's desire to have the meetings on different days from his perspective. However, I think it's very important that we have our council meetings on Tuesday. I think the citizens should know when our meetings are. For the benefit of our citizens, we should leave the meetings on Tuesdays.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull stated that for the existing regular meetings, he agrees with the Mayor. Anytime we do special meetings or if we do additional meetings, work schedules should be taken into consideration to those because they weren't on the schedule when you ran. I think, unless they fall on Christmas like they did this year, we should leave the regular meetings like they are.

Council Member Balkum asked if we didn't try to do video conferencing for Council Member Bloom.

Council Member Bloom responded yes.

Mayor Short stated he thought there were some issues with the video conferencing at that time.

Council Member Balkum asked Council Member Bloom if he was willing to do video conferencing.

Council Member Bloom answered yes, he was.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull asked Mr. Bloom if he wants to withdraw his motion.

Council Member Bloom withdrew his motion.

No Action

6.9. Update on Council Chambers Audio Equipment

City Administrator Palomba reported they are still having some feedback issues. Axios has been out twice. There is also recording problems with the box. They are having to special order the equipment.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull asked if there was a different piece of equipment they could use on a temporary basis.

City Administrator Palomba responded she would see.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull stated it is more than likely they have something they can bring out and if that doesn't fix the problem, then they know that's not the problem.

Council Member Balkum stated she has been dealing with this for a couple of years now. She thinks if this doesn't get fixed, we should re-evaluate the system. She further stated we need an audio expert.

City Administrator Palomba responded that's what they are.

No Action

6.11. Discussion and Action Regarding Recommendations of the Veteran's Memorial Committee

Council Member Larkin presented the following recommendations from the Veteran's Memorial Committee:

1. Focus first on bricking the earthen area around the existing MC Veterans memorial donated by the Daughters of the American Revolution.
2. Offer individual bricks for engraving (three lines each) honoring a living or deceased veteran for \$50.00 each.
3. To defray the site preparation and installation costs, the Committee recommends offering a limited number of 8"x8" pavers that can be purchased by families or

sponsors for a minimum of \$200.00. The cost of each paver is \$3.25. The committee estimates at least ten pavers will be sold based on initial expressed interest.

4. Packer Brick has quoted a price of \$1.35/brick for high quality bricks in a variety of colors. Two bundles (972 total bricks) of new 4"x8" bricks in the 52-Majestic color have been ordered. Additionally, 40 8"x8" pavers in the 53-Cimmerean color have been ordered at a cost of \$3.25/paver. The total for the order will be for a total of \$1,492.20 including delivery. We have not yet been billed and NO money has been disbursed.
5. A local vendor, Brick and Stone Graphics of Garland, has been identified who can engrave the bricks at a cost of \$20 per 4"x8" brick and \$32 per 4"x8" paver. Engraving is accomplished using a sand blasting technology. Our evaluation of the sand blasting versus laser engraving has shown that the sand blasting is extremely precise and results in a deeper engraving into the stone. The estimated time to engrave 100 bricks is two weeks once the bricks are supplied and the engraving text is approved.
6. The recommendation is to provide a minimum of 6" base of reinforced concrete to support the bricks which would be mortared in to ensure durability and stability. The initial estimate for site preparation/concrete foundation is \$3900 and an additional \$1550 for installation of the bricks. Pending Council approval, other vendors will be researched.
7. The Rockwall Terry Fisher American Legion Post has also offered to donate funds to prepare the site and install the bricks. This Post has a history of supporting public projects that create a special place for veterans to be recognized and honored (for example the County Veterans Memorial and flag poles at the County Library). The committee is prepared to approach other local nonprofits that support these types of efforts (Rockwall Lions Club, Rockwall Historic Foundation, etc).
8. The committee recommends honoring the 33 veterans interned at the Chisholm Cemetery and pending Council approval, will seek to work with known families or citizens who want to honor these heroes. The Chisholm Cemetery contains veterans of each conflict in American history back to the War of 1812.
9. Once Council approves moving forward, the committee will create an advertising campaign using traditional media and social media, while working with local organizations to solicit the first 30 orders, the committee recommends a minimum of 30 and believes this can be quickly achieved.
10. Those who previously donated will either have their donations refunded or can use the existing donation to acquire bricks using the new price.
11. The total start-up cost for the campaign is estimated to be around \$7500 to purchase, engrave, and install the bricks. The project is expected to take 8 weeks to complete, including the initial advertising period.

The start-up cost would be off-set by a very large donation from the American Legion. The break-even point will be 150 bricks.

Council Member Larkin also reported they have a sample letter to go out to persons who have already bought a brick with their options. The committee wants to be as flexible as they can so everybody who has already participated gets exactly what they want.

6.12. Discussion and action regarding a Resolution amending Resolution No. 2019-03 related to costs and purchasing of bricks, size of bricks and engraving method for the Veterans Memorial Monument.

Council Member Bloom made a motion to approve the Resolution amending Resolution No. 2019-03 related to costs and purchasing of bricks, size of bricks and engraving method for the Veterans Memorial Monument.

Council Member Larkin seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull stated he did have some serious concerns.

Council Member Bloom withdrew the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull stated he has concerns about number three regarding the 8"x8" pavers to be purchased by families or sponsors. I do not believe that the memorial should be turned into an advertising venue for anyone. I believe every name that's on there should be restricted to a living or a deceased veteran and that the only other symbols or wording that can be put on there are the symbols of the five branches. As far as the 8"x8" pavers, if somebody wanted to buy a brick and put the symbols on it, I would be okay with that. But, I don't think that anyone else, and I definitely do not believe we should have sponsorships or advertisements on a memorial. That, to me, is extremely tacky. I do believe the Council has been cheated out of its ability to choose the color of the bricks, that was never brought to us. The six-inch base of concrete, I agree with that. I'm fine with the American Legion donating, as long as they realize they are donating and there won't be any recognition on the memorial for that donation. That's an advertisement to me. As far as the 33 veterans, I'll take the three oldest that you have on your list. Herman, I know that you moved fast on this because of what you felt was a necessity, but I really do think you over-stepped your authority.

Council Member Larkin affirmed that he admitted that.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull stated that if the Council says this all has to be put on hold until we approve it, that could be a consideration. I do have a question for Lisa. Since this is City property, a city activity, do we have to bid?

City Administrator Palomba responded she did not believe so, but would confirm that with the City Attorney.

Council Member Larkin stated he believes we should allow veterans' organizations to purchase bricks. The back of the monument we have now has an extremely large symbol and says Daughters of the American Revolution on it. It's the size of the entire monument. I see no reason if the Marine Corps foundation wants to buy a brick, they are honoring other veterans. I see no problem with the Terry Fisher Post being able to buy a brick. They are donating money. The committee determined that all bricks will have a standard look and I showed the brick in here at a previous meeting, where the top half of the brick says "Honoring Those Who Have Served" and then three lines for the names. Other monuments give primary contributors some recognition.

Council Member Bloom stated he agrees with Mr. Turnbull. He asked if there is some way to restrict some sponsors.

Council Member Larkin stated he didn't know if we can constrict right now.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull stated it should only be a veteran's name. If it is any other wording, it is advertising. That sets others above the name of the veteran who is being honored.

Council Member Larkin asked if he thinks a family should be able to buy one and not have the family name on it.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull stated if they want to buy one for one of their veterans, they should buy it for the veteran.

Council Member Balkum stated the whole purpose of the memorial is to honor veterans. There should be no American Legion recognition.

Council Member Bloom pointed out they are not asking for anything. They are just offering to pay for it. This has been on the agenda a lot of times and the committee is just trying to get it done.

Mayor Short stated as a veteran himself, I don't know where we draw the line in the wording. I'm sorry, but I agree with a lot of what Mr. Turnbull is saying on the sponsorship side of it. It's one thing to have the name of a veterans' post or a veterans' organization on them, but where do we draw the line. It is going to be advertising at some point.

Council Member Larkin asked if we can approve certain paragraphs of this and move forward with approval?

Council Member Bloom pointed out that at Arlington Cemetery, all names are the same. You don't know what they were, just their name.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull stated the Vietnam Memorial is the same way – there is no rank. Nobody is above another. I think that's the way it should be. I could see letting organizations buy the large bricks and put an emblem on them.

Council Member Bloom made a motion to table Items 6.11 and 6.12 until the next meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a vote of 4-0 (Council Member Larkin voted Nay).

10. STAFF REPORTS

- 10.1 Financial Report for February 2019**
- 10.2 Building Official Report for February 2019**
- 10.4. Sheriff's Report for February**

No Reports

11. UPDATES, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF

- 11.2. City Accounting RFQ Update**
- 11.3. Future Agenda Items**

No updates, discussion, or direction to Staff

No Reports

12. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 12.1.** Mayor's announcements including events, area happenings, and general information
- 12.2.** Council Member Balkum's announcements including communications, community engagement, Keep McLendon-Chisholm Beautiful Committee and MC50 Committee
- 12.3.** Council Member Larkin's announcements including NCTCOG 9-1-1 Board and Veterans Memorial Brick Campaign Committee
- 12.4.** Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull's announcements including budget and finance
- 12.5.** Council Member Bloom's announcements including Economic Development Advisory Panel and Emergency Services Corporation
- 12.6.** Council Member Herren's announcements including roads and transportation and Economic Development Advisory Panel

No Reports

13. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Turnbull made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 12:15 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lisa Palomba
Lisa Palomba, City Secretary

Keith Short
Keith Short, Mayor

