

7/28/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 10:38 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

All members of Council were present with Councilmember McAuliffe of District D attending via zoom from 4101 Main La Marque, TX 77568.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bell provided invocation and veteran citizen Alexander Parks led the pledge.

4. RESOLUTIONS

4.I. Resolution No. R-2022-0043

Vice-Chair Tanya Griffin and Parks Board Member Tamera Smith spoke to share their appreciation for the consideration and their excitement for the opportunity to apply for the grant. Working together with the City to uplift the current teams who operate at the Mahan Park location as well as the children of the community as a whole is a priority for the Parks Board.

Councilmember Carlson questioned what projects would be addressed by receipt of this grant, it was determined that this would address items pursuant to the baseball fields, fencing, and additional recreation needs with the exclusion of the boating ramp as that is being addressed by an outside grant.

Mayor Pro-Tem Compian made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-0043. Councilmember Carlson seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Bell addressed the addendum item Ordinance No. O-2022-0010.

***Councilmember Carlson stepped out of the meeting at 11:01 and returned at 11:05.*

Councilmember Carlson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2022-0010. Mayor Pro Tem Compian seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.I. Recall Petition

This item was delayed pending third-party validation.

5.II. Review And Discuss Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Departmental Budgets And All Funds

***Mayor Bell called for a short recess at 11:18 am and reconvened at 11:41 am.*

Mike Wood and Irene Mathis of Aquametrics gave a presentation introducing new Ally Meter technology, allowing for more remote access and better data collection to benefit both the City as well as the community.

**Councilman Carlson exited the room at 11:49 am and returned at 11:51 am

A discussion ensued with council speaking with both the representatives of Aquametrics and Utility Billing Supervisor Lee Barrera regarding feasibility of exchanging the meters, a phased implementation strategy, the necessity of the exchange, and other items of Council concern.

James Osteen(), will citizens still be able to shut-off their own water without contacting the City.

Jackie Pennington (925 Cypress)- is their data or additional cities to reference for this technology as it appears to be a customer expense, and as a customer she has questions.

**Mayor Pro Tem exited the room at 12:39 pm and returned at 12:40 pm

City Manager noted significant budget cuts to adhere to budget allotments due to the rollback. The proposed budget also includes a 2% COLA for all staff.

Utility Billing:

Utility Billing Supervisor Lee Barrera gave a brief synopsis of the department's accomplishments and objectives most notably the near completion of the AMI meter exchange project, full completion barring a remaining 20 meters or less.

Discussion regarding the proposed meter technology in addition to the 10-year life assets was of interest to the Council and further clarification of budget methodology was required. Council also engaged Mrs. Barrera as well as Public Works Director Rick Sailer in a discussion relating to the proposed water meter update, the benefits and limitations of the new meters and system, as well as the impact of this technology on water loss.

**Mayor broke for lunch at 1:40 p

5.III. Items For The Good Of The Order

Citizens were allowed to speak in respect to Citizens Participation:

Robert Michetich (24 N Curlew) spoke requesting multiple polling location

Mayor Pro Tem Compian shared his condolences and remembrances of former Councilmember Clent Brown.

Michael Carlson - Noticed Mayor Pro-Tem's Rainwater Barrel Seminar to be held in September and thanked the public for their participation in this government.

Kimberley Yancy - thanked all that attended her Pop Up Party and asked that everyone help one another in the interest of family and community as COVID numbers are rising. Shared her Scripture of Purpose Luke 1:31 "With God all things are possible".

C. McAuliffe- Thank you to everyone for their patience and she plans to return in person next week and reiterated the importance of staying safe in the face of this spike in COVID.

Mayor Bell shares his sentiments in the passing of former Councilmember Clent Brown. He also asked for the public to share in the process of preparing the budget and participate in the (5) days of budget discussions. Democracy is messy, stressful, maddening, and uncomfortable however it is how our government works. No matter what side you are on the processes must be followed and everything will

happen the way it should be. We respect the people and the processes that are being engaged.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

7. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No actions were taken.

8. ADJOURNMENT