



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING JULY 29, 2019

Members Present:

Mayor Linda Langerhans
Councilmember Charlie Kiehne
Councilmember Gary Neffendorf
Councilmember Tom Musselman
Councilmember Bobby Watson

Members Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Kent Myers, City Manager
Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director Public Works and Utilities
Daniel Jones, City Attorney
Steve Wetz, Police Chief
Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief
Russell Immel, Information Technology Director
Lea Feuge, Public Information Officer
John Culpepper, Emergency Management Director
Kris Kneese, Assistant Director Public Works and Utilities
Garret Bonn, Assistant City Engineer
Brian Vorauer, Patrol Lieutenant
Jeff Rich, Water/Wastewater Superintendent
David Fellers, Vegetation Management Superintendent
Lee Stubblefield, Electric Superintendent
David Kellam, Senior Accountant
David Jung, EMS Director
Lori Seewald, EMS Accounts Administrator
Kerry Schmidt, Landfield Superintendent
Jennifer Krupa, Special Event Coordinator
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the City Council present, Mayor Langerhans called the regular meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2019, in the City Hall Conference Room, 126 West Main Street, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one wished to speak at this time.

3. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, REVIEW AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated at this meeting we plan to discuss funding for local organizations, Enterprise Funds, and other special funds. He stated this is the second Budget Meeting and the third Budget Meeting will be held with Gillespie County Commissioners to discuss the City/County shared services. He also reminded the City Council that the proposed Budget is a work in progress. He also recommended holding an additional Budget meeting after the meeting with Gillespie County to discuss the proposed budget.

The City Council agreed by consensus to hold an additional Budget meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2019 at 4 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

a. Funding for Local Organizations

i. Convention and Visitor Bureau

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the past history of the funding for CVB.

Ernie Loeffler, President/CEO of CVB, reviewed the proposed budget and the special request for a historical documentary in conjunction with the 175th Anniversary Celebration. He also reviewed the increases in personnel and operation costs.

The City Council discussed the marketing plan, salary increases and the Retail Coach contract.

ii. Chamber of Commerce

Penny McBride, President/CEO of Chamber, reviewed the proposed budget and the membership levels. She also reviewed the new tier member point system and stated the City is currently at the Platinum Level.

The City Council discussed the tier member point system.

iii. Economic Development Commission

Tim Lehmborg, President of EDC, reviewed the proposed budget and the benefits EDC has received from the Retail Coach contract.

The City Council discussed the proposed budget.

b. Proposed FY2020 Budgets

i. Electric Fund

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated the proposed Electric Fund Budget is \$12,515,406, which is a small increase from the previous budget and there is no need to increase electric rates.

Lee Stubblefield, Electric Department Superintendent, reviewed the proposed budget. He stated this budget includes the first payment for a Revenue Bond for the Electric Services building and first payment for the decorating lighting project.

ii. Water Fund

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated the proposed FY 2020 Budget includes the second phase of the water and wastewater rate increase.

Kris Kneese, Assistant Public Works Director, reviewed the budget and the expenses of several capital projects. He also reviewed the different uses of surface water and ground water.

The City Council discussed the timeline for the proposed annexations in regard to water supplies. They also discussed the irrigation at the Sports Park.

The City Council agreed by consensus to hold an Executive Session on August 5, 2019 to receive legal advice regarding the 290 E. annexation.

iii. Golf Fund

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated the Golf Course is included in two different funds including the City's Golf Fund Budget and the proposed Budget from Touchstone. He stated the proposed FY2020 Golf Fund Budget is \$130,659 and the Touchstone Budget is a total deficit of \$205,122 excluding capital costs.

Councilmember Musselman suggested paying off the current Golf Course loan and keep the funding in General Fund.

iv. Solid Waste Fund

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the proposed budget and the reasons for the increase.

Garret Bonn, Assistant City Engineer, reviewed proposed major expenses and the reasons for the losses with the Recycling Center.

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director Public Works and Utilities, stated of the users of the Center 60% are City residents and 40% are County residents.

The City Council agreed by consensus to add the Recycling Center to the August 5th City Council and County Commissioners Joint Meeting.

v. EMS Fund

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the proposed budget and stated this Agenda Item will also be discussed at the August 5th City Council and County Commissioners Joint Meeting.

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief, reviewed the replacement plan and reasons for the ambulance.

vi. Tourism Fund

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the Tourism Fund and the proposed increases. He stated the first request is for funding support for the new historical film that CVB is proposing for the 175th Anniversary and the second request is for a full-time Fort Martin Scott Director.

The City Council agreed by consensus to support the request for the historical film.

Mayor Langerhans reviewed the proposed plan for Marktplatz that Market Platz Redevelopment Committee is working on.

Tim Crenwelge, Chair of the Market Platz Redevelopment Committee stated the restroom/tourism center project is estimated at \$1.2 million. He also stated currently there are four committee members working on grant funding and donations.

vii. Drainage Fund

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the Drainage Fund and the expenses for the new Vegetation Management Program.

Garret Bonn, Assistant City Engineer, reviewed the drainage fees, additional equipment, and the timing of adding the fourth employee. He also discussed the areas in town that will be focused on.

viii. Food and Wine Fest Fund

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the Food and Wine Fest Fund.

The City Council expressed concerns on the amount of time the City spends on preparing for this event instead of the volunteers. They also discussed addressing the planning for the 175th Anniversary involvement.

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated he will set up a meeting with the Food and Wine Fest coordinators.

ix. Other City Funds

Emergency Management Fund

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the proposed budget and stated this Agenda Item will also be discussed at the August 5th City Council and County Commissioners Joint Meeting.

John Culpepper, Emergency Management Coordinator, reviewed the reasons for the increase.

Debit Services Funds

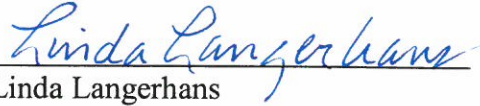
Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the accounts for property tax revenues and debt service payments for outstanding bonds and special revenue notes. The change in this fund is the retirement of the 2010 GO bonds and increased payments for the Limited Tax Notes. He also reviewed the Police Forfeiture Fund, Capital Project Fund for water and wastewater improvements, Animal Shelter Fund, Parks and Recreation Donation Fund and the Health Insurance Fund.

The City Council discussed the Fort Martin Scott Administrative position and agreed by consensus to postpone this request. They also discussed the Affordable Housing position the Chamber requested and agreed not to fund this position at this time.

Mayor Langerhans stated the Chamber is putting together a committee to look at this position and ways to fund it.

4. ADJOURN

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Kiehne, to adjourn the Monday, July 29, 2019 City Council Special Meeting at 7:27 p.m. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.


Linda Langerhans
Mayor

ATTEST


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary