

**CITY COUNCIL AND GILLESPIE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT
JOINT WORKSHOP MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021 – 8:30 A.M.
CITY HALL - FIRE TRAINING ROOM
126 W. MAIN STREET
FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS 78624**

City Council Members Present:

Mayor Charlie Kiehne (left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.)
Councilmember Jerry Luckenbach
Councilmember Tom Musselman
Councilmember Kathy O'Neill
Councilmember Bobby Watson

Members Absent:

None

County Commissioners Present:

County Judge Mark Stroehrer
Commissioners Donnie Schuch
Commissioner Charlie Olfers
Commissioner Kevin Kramer
Commissioner Neffendorf

Members Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Kent Myers, City Manager
Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities
Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief
Daniel Jones, City Attorney
Brian Vorauer, Police Department Lt.
Eric Whiting, Information Technology Director
Jason Lutz, Development Services Director
Regan Rabke, Fire Marshall
Andrea Schmidt, Parks Department Director
Laura Hollenbeak, Finance Director
David Kellam, Assistant Finance Director
Krista Wareham, City Accountant
Garret Bonn, Assistant Engineer
Lea Fugue, Public Information Officer
Justin Calhoun, Emergency Management Coordinator
Frank Stead, Fire Department Safety Officer
David Jung, EMS Administrator
Lori Seawall, Account Administrator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kiehne called the work session meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council and Gillespie County Commissioners to order at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 2, 2021. Mayor Kiehne and County Judge Stroeder announced a quorum of the City Council and Commissioners present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed up to speak.

3. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, REVIEW AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the budget schedules. He noted these numbers are preliminary figures. Staff was seeking feedback from City Council and County Commissioners.

A. Economic Development Commission Funding

Tim Lehmberg, EDC, reviewed his request for \$240,000, increase of \$100,000. There hasn't been an increase for the last 6 years and has moved his last funds in reserves to his operating fund. He would like to put funds back into reserves.

The consensus from the City Council and Gillespie County Commissioners Court was to support but encouraged next time EDC should request smaller annual increases.

B. Gillespie County Health Services

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the changes to the State Law regarding health permit fees.

Kelli Olfers, Health Director, reviewed the Health and Safety Permit and fees. The growth that the Health Department has experienced has created more staff time.

C. City/County Emergency Management Services

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the proposed budget.

Justin Calhoun Emergency Management Service Coordinator, reviewed the proposed budget and what was experienced during the ice storm related to the East and West Tower Generator.

D. City Fire Department

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the proposed budget and possibility of an ESD to finance a new station, equipment, and operations.

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief, and Frank Stead, Fire Department Safety Officer, reviewed a PowerPoint on the data for calls.

Chief Bizzell stressed the importance of the new Fire Station being in the area of the calls coming from.

The County Commissioners discussed the need to look at County Assistance District especially with the new Tax Rate caps.

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief, noted the two trucks needing to be replaced were originally purchased by County. He also reviewed the need to replace the radio system due to it's age.

The City Council agreed by consensus to look at creating an Ad Hoc Committee (2 County Commissioners and 2 City Councilmembers) to review Emergency Service District.

E. County Rural Fire Services

Larry Crump, reviewed the figures for the County Rural Fire Services.

F. City EMS Department

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the City EMS Department increase:

- Six new paramedics
- Increase EMS charge of \$100 per call
- New ambulance due to new increase of calls (paying out over 3 years)
- Salary increases for part-time EMS

David Jung, EMS, reviewed how they arrived at the \$100 increase for the EMS charges.

G. Law Enforcement Center (LEC)

Judge Stroher, County Judge, reviewed the LEC budget and noted the increase to the proposed budget. He also noted the need for additional secured filing cabinets for the jail.

H. Combined Emergency Dispatch Center

Judge Stroher, County Judge, reviewed the proposed budget. He noted that the following:

- new phone system
- 10 satellite phones,
- travel expenses due to CELO requirements
- Extra pay for 4 Communication Specialists.

I. Housing Coordinator Position

Kent Myers, City Manager, provided information on the joint request from Chamber, City and partnership within the Community. He requested the City and County to each consider funding \$25,000.

Todd Eidson, Chamber President, noted the need for a contract employee to spend full time on workforce housing. He provided the need for an expert in this field. The position would pay \$75,000 to \$80,000 plus provide a cell phone. He reviewed the sources of payments from other organization that would help fund the position.

Councilmember O'Neill, member of the Task Force, provided the research she has done on affordable housing and found that we needed a expert. She stated this position would be a for one year contract employee.

The City Council discussed the needs for this position and the need to make them a contract employee who will report to a committee of state holders.

The County Commissioners discussed the position and how they would like to see more funding from the community.

J. Sports Park

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the history of the Sports Park.

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager and Public Works/Utility Director, reviewed the new interest from private individuals. The City is currently working with the Soccer Association and they have developed a plan. He noted the Little League has currently not developed a plan. He stated the City has earmarked \$850,000 out of Water Department Budget, to fund the affluent irrigation pond, which will extend the currently location of the lines to the fields.

Dan Kemp, Soccer Association, stated the association will take on the maintenance of the field. He noted the association has found portable lighting. He noted they have pledges from private sector but can get more with a commitment from the City and County. Currently, there are 500+ kids in the program and there is a need for the following:

- Better grass
- Removable of rocks for safety reason
- Restrooms/Concession Stand

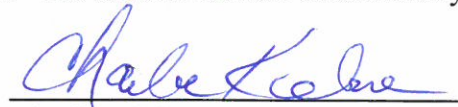
K. American Rescue Fund

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated the City is estimated to receive \$2.8 million and the Gillespie County is estimated to receive \$5 million from the Department of Treasury. He reviewed the different items the funds can be spent on. He also reviewed what the City is proposing to use their funding for.

Eric Whiting, IT Director, reviewed the Broadband PowerPoint presentation and the need to extend Broadband services to other areas of Gillespie County.

4. ADJOURN

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Luckenbach, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to adjourn the Monday, August 2, 2021, City Council Workshop at 11:20 a.m. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.


Charlie Kiehne
Mayor

ATTEST


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary