



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL AND GILLESPIE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT WORKSHOP

AUGUST 3, 2020

The City of Fredericksburg City Council and Gillespie County Commissioner's Court met in a Workshop session on Monday, August 3, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. This meeting was held remotely via Zoom Teleconferencing, and in-person attendance was not available. Members of the public attended the meeting remotely by web or telephone via Zoom Teleconferencing. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

Members Present on the Teleconferencing:

City County:

Mayor Gary Neffendorf
Councilmember Charlie Kiehne
Councilmember Tom Musselman
Councilmember Polly Rickert
Councilmember Bobby Watson

Members of City Council Absent:

None

Gillespie County Commissioner's Court:

County Judge, Mark Stroehrer
Commissioner Pct. 1, Charles Olfers
Commissioner Pct. 2, Keith Kramer
Commissioner Pct. 3, Dennis Neffendorf
Commissioner Pct. 4, Donnie Schuch

Members of County Commissioner's Court Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Kent Myers, City Manager
Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities
Daniel Jones, City Attorney
Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief
Steve Wetz, Police Chief
Brian Jordan, Development Services Director
Russell Immel, Information Technology Director
Andrea Schmidt, Parks Department Director
Lea Feuge, Public Information Officer
Kelli Olfers, Gillespie County Health Department Director
Tammie Loth, Human Resource Director
Laura Hollenbeck, Finance Director
Kris Kneese, Assistant Director of Public Works and Utilities

Garrett Bonn, Assistant Engineer
Braxton Roemer, Police Lt.
Brian Vorauer, Patrol Lt.
David Kellam, Assistant Finance Director
Krista Wareham, City Accountant
Frank Stead, Fire Department Safety Officer
Catherine Kuhlmann, Infection Control Officer/ Justice of the Peace Pct. 2
Dave Wisniewski, Interim Gillespie County Emergency Management Coordinator
Lori Seewald, Accounts Administrator
David Jung, EMS Director
Jennifer Krupa, Special Events Coordinator
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

County Staff Present:

Mary Lynn Rusche, County Clerk
Dana Smith, Human Resources
Buddy Mills, Sheriff
John Keller, Information Systems Administrator
Les Metzler, Director of Dispatch

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Neffendorf called the special meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council to order at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 3, 2020, via Zoom Teleconference. After Roll Call, Mayor Neffendorf announced a quorum of the City Council present and Judge Stroehrer announced a quorum of the County Commissioner's Court present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Neffendorf reviewed the different ways the public could provide comments. He stated the City did not receive any written citizen comment.

3. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, REVIEW, AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION

A. Gillespie County Health Services

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the proposed Gillespie County Health Services.

Kellie Olfers, Gillespie County Health Department Director, noted the only increase in her proposed budget is for purchase of a laptop.

B. City/County Emergency Management Services

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the proposed budget for City/County Emergency Management Services. He reviewed the recruiting for the Emergency Management Coordinator.

Dave Wisniewski, Interim Gillespie County Emergency Management Coordinator, stated a new certification stated program is being required. He noted there are several certification programs, but the State has not decided on which certification to use.

C. City Fire Department

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the budget proposed for the City Fire Department. He noted there are no new employees or capital improvements.

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief, stated the Fire Department tried to maintain funding the same as last year. He stated that during the mid-year several line items were reduced, such as training, but some training will need to occur in the coming year.

D. County Rural Fire Services

Mark Stroehrer, County Judge, reviewed the proposed County Rural Fire Services budget and noted the only increase is a generator.

E. City EMS Department

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the proposed City EMS Department budget.

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief and Frank Stead, Fire Department Safety Officer, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on a summary of calls and the future need of an additional ambulance. They also reviewed the transfer process for patients.

Mark Stroehrer, County Judge, discussed the possibility of getting a private ambulance service to locate to Gillespie County.

F. Law Enforcement Center (LEC)

Mark Stroehrer, County Judge, reviewed the proposed Law Enforcement Center budget.

G. Combined Emergency Dispatch Center

Mark Stroehrer, County Judge, reviewed the proposed Emergency Dispatch Center budget. He also reviewed a letter written by Les Metzler requesting a salary increase for dispatching personnel. He also noted the replacement of the phone system.

Les Metzler, Dispatch Director, reviewed the proposed increase, and the difficulty of retaining dispatchers at the current pay rate. He noted that there are currently six openings in dispatch.

Roger Bunker, Information Technology, reviewed the new County phone system and the differences from the current system.

The City Council discussed the proposed dispatch increase and the possibility of revisiting in January. The City Council reviewed by consensus to support the \$.35 per hour increase for dispatch employees.

H. City Animal Shelter

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed County funding for the Animal Shelter.

Steve Wetz, Police Chief, provided comments presentation regarding the changes to the Animal Center, adoption rate, and operational costs.

I. Sports Park

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

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works and Utilities, reviewed the following:

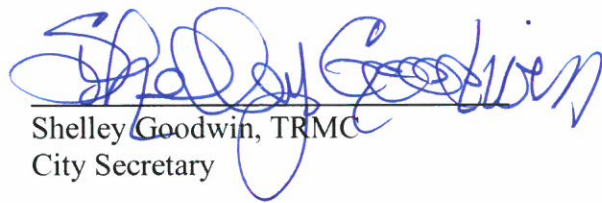
- History of a local individual who was willing to invest in the Sports Park, mainly baseball and softball. But since COVID-19 this effort has taken a step back.
- The Soccer Association is currently working on a plan for the soccer portion of the Sports Park.

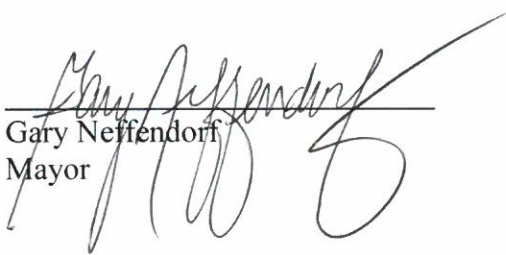
- Irrigation system located at the County Fair Grounds.
- Approached by another individual who has received a grant and looking to make an investment in sports facilities.

4. ADJOURN

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Musselman, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to adjourn the Monday, August 3, 2020, City Council and Gillespie County Commissioner's Court Joint Meeting at 9:59 a.m. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary


Gary Neffendorf
Mayor