



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL AND GILLESPIE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 5, 2019

Members Present:

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

Gillespie County Commissioner's Court

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

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
Brian Jordan, Development Services Director
Andrea Schmidt, Parks Department Director
Russell Immel, Information Technology Director
Lea Feuge, Public Information Officer
Laura Hollenbeak, Finance Director
Kelli Olfers, Health Department Director
Kris Kneese, Assistant Director Public Works and Utilities
Garret Bonn, Assistant City Engineer
Braxton Roemer, Special Services Lieutenant
Brian Vorauer, Patrol Lieutenant
David Kellam, Senior Accountant
David Jung, EMS Director
John Culpepper, Emergency Management Director
Dave Wisniewski, Fire Marshall

Evan Williamson, Staff Engineer
Lori Seewald, EMS Accounts Administrator
Janelle Chapman, Accounting Clerk
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the City Council present, Mayor Langerhans called the special meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council and Gillespie County Commissioner's Court to order at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 5, 2019, in the City Hall Fire Training Room, 126 West Main Street, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624.

2. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, REVIEW AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION

A. FY2020 Budget

Kent Myers, City Manager reviewed the history of the Joint Meeting between the City and the County. He also reviewed the process and the topics for the meeting.

i. Gillespie County Health Services

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the proposed budget and stated the proposed County Contribution is \$59,536.

Kelli Olfers, Health Department Director, stated this is a two-person office and if additional services added, then an additional employee will be needed in the future. She stated she also feels the fee schedules need to be reviewed to cover the actual time and expenses.

ii. City/County Emergency Management Services

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the proposed budget and stated the proposed County Contribution is \$88,090.

John Culpepper, Emergency Management Coordinator, reviewed the reasons for the budget increase. He also stated since he is retiring in January. If his replacement is not able to continue the training inhouse, then there will be additional expenses for outsourcing training.

iii. City Fire Department

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the proposed budget and stated the proposed County Contribution is \$723,694. He stated the reasons for the increase is due to a new pumper truck, 3 new employees, SCBA breathing equipment.

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief, provided the reasons for needing to replace the pumper truck, SCBA breathing equipment and buying the trailer to carry the compressor to refill the breathing equipment. He also stated once the pumper truck is ordered it will take a little over a year to build.

iv. County Rural Fire Services

Mark Stroehrer, County Judge, stated that the City participate in the Rural Fire Department Funding and the FY2020 contribution is proposed at \$87,000.

v. City EMS Department

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the proposed budget and stated the proposed County Contribution is \$661,469. He also reviewed the reasons for the increase in the budget.

Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief, stated he is asking for a new ambulance due to the years and mileage on the old ambulances. He also reviewed the request for new Heart Monitors.

vi. Law Enforcement Center (LEC)

Larry Crump, County Auditor, reviewed the operations of the Law Enforcement Center. He stated the proposed City contribution is \$186,623; he reviewed the reasons for the increase.

vii. Combined Emergency Dispatch Center

Mark Stroehrer, County Judge, reviewed the proposed budget and the reasons for the increase. He stated the City contribution is \$1,591,889; he explained the proposed four new employees will decrease the overtime expenses.

viii. City Animal Shelter

Kent Myers, City Manager, reviewed the proposed budget and stated over a third of the animals turned in or surrendered are from a County resident. He also reviewed the reason for the increase in the budget.

ix. Sports Park

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated the Sports Park Bond might have failed, but there is still a need for sports fields in the community. He stated Clinton Bailey and Andrea Schmidt have been working with local sports organizations and private citizens to fund these facilities. He reported that the City Council has asked that funds be set aside in the budget for utility extensions for a park.

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director Public Works and Utilities, stated in June a meeting was held with local sports organizations to discuss the long-term needs and funding for a park. He stated meetings have also been held with private individuals regarding the building of baseball fields and soccer fields. He also stated the City's proposed budget includes funding for restrooms.

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated because of the unknowns at this time, the City is not currently requesting funds.

x. Relief Route

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated at the July 23rd Open House there were over 400 attendees. He reviewed the criteria and the process being used to narrow down the route. He also discussed the different route options currently being considered.

The City Council and Commissioners Court reviewed the process for narrowing down the routes and the effects the remaining routes will have on traffic.

xi. Street Bond Project

Clinton Bailey, Assistant City Manager/Director Public Works and Utilities, stated with the 2016 Transportation Master Plan several projects rose to the top. He reviewed the top projects and their estimated cost. He also stated the City is considering a bond proposal for the May or November 2020 ballot.

xii. Recycling Center

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated the City Council is considering several options regarding the deficit to the Recycling Center. He also stated both City and County residents use the Recycling Center.

Garret Bonn, Assistant Engineer, stated the market has fallen on recycling products and currently the only items being recycled are cardboard and metal and the remainder of the items go to the landfill.

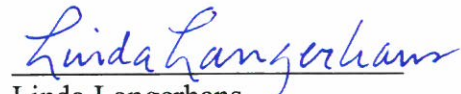
xiii. Other Budget related items

Kent Myers, City Manager, stated the Chamber of Commerce has requested an Affordable Housing employee, but the City feels this is not just a City issue but a community issue. He also reviewed the EDC's request for funds to create a film for the 175th Anniversary Celebration and to use for tourism.

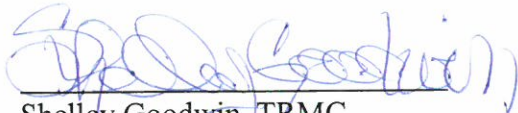
Brian Jordan, Development Services Director, reviewed the recent and upcoming annexations. He also reviewed the changes the Legislature passed in the last session and how it will affect the City's annexation plans. He also reviewed the incoming subdivisions being developed.

3. ADJOURN

With no other business Mayor Langerhans closed the Monday, August 5, 2019 City Council and Gillespie County Commissioners Court special meeting at 9:54 p.m.


Linda Langerhans
Mayor

ATTEST


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary