



CITY OF MORGAN'S POINT RESORT

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Council Chambers/ Library
Morgan's Point Resort City Hall
8 Morgan's Point Blvd.

MINUTES

August 13, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER at 6:00PM

Members Present: Mayor Dwayne Gossett, Donna Hartman, Ronald Snow, Bruce Leonhardt, Dennis Green, and Robbie Johnson

Staff Present: City Manager Andrew Bill, Utilities Director Jesse Measles, Chief of Police Charles Cline, City Attorney Neale Potts, Finance Director Kathryn Norris, Fire Department Chief of Training Officer Rhea Cooper, Fire Chief Taran Vaszocz-Williams, and City Secretary Althea Anthony

INVOCATION led by Pastor Jeremy Franks

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Presentation to Althea Anthony for years of service. City Secretary Althea Wall was presented a plaque by Mayor Dwayne Gossett for her dedicated 16 years of service to the City. Council members wished her well.

Texas Municipal Clerk Association Past President Linda Lopez and other supporting members were present to present Althea for her 7 plus years as a member of the Association.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

*Chairperson to The Mary Ruth Briggs Library Anne Lochausen, 75 Willow Run, reported that the summer reading program was a complete success. She also recognized Pam Robinson for organizing the event and commented that the Library has an open invitation for volunteers. She announced that the beginning of November there will be an Art Show at the MPR City Event Center. Date will be announced on the MPR Website.

*Joel Berryman along with Raymond Lucien of Texas First Bank commented that the City's Banking Depository Institution was up for selection/review and were present for any questions the City might have.

*Jim Enyeart, Citizen, former Mayor, and Council member recognized Althea Anthony for service.

*Barbara Lynam, 52 Cliffwood Drive- inquiring about status of street repairs in Section 8A.

*Police Chief Cline- recognized new non-paid Reserve Officer Josh Borsma in training.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Review and consideration of minutes from the July 9, 2019, regular meeting.** Mayor Gossett entertained a motion. A motion was made by Donna Hartman to approve minutes as corrected and seconded by Ronald Snow. All motioned "Aye." Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. None scheduled.

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Discuss and consider Resolution 2019-18: Variance Request - Mr. & Mrs. John Forrest - 79 Oakmont Cir.

It was brought to the Council's attention that the graph of setback lines on the City's website was incorrect regarding a 20 foot setback. The newest information had not been added. It was recommended by Donna Hartman as a motion that this Resolution be *tabled* to next meeting with correction and to include minutes of Planning & Zoning who had originally approved this graph/map. A second motion was made by Ronald Snow. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

4. Discuss and consider Resolution 2019-19: Select a Banking Service Provider as required by the Public Funds Investment Act.

City Manager Bill advised that both Horizon Bank and Texas First Bank offered almost identical proposals, with minor differences, one being Horizon Bank is not a local bank. It is based in Salado but with future plans to build in Belton. Horizon Bank offers APR of .10% over the prior months TexPool Prime Rate, on all accounts. It was commented that to change Bank Institutions would be a very drawn out process that entails a lot of work, and at this time would not be an appropriate time to change. After lengthy discussion a motion was made by Donna Hartman to adopt Resolution 2019-19 with a change to section of the 4th "Whereas" to 1 year as opposed to 3 years and remain with Texas First Bank and revisit next year. A second motion was made by Ronald Snow. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

DISCUSSION

5. Propose two dates for Notice of Public Hearing for Setting Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

After brief discussion, Council members agreed on Public Hearing dates, August 28th and September 10th, both meetings at 6 PM.

ORDINANCES

6. Discuss and consider Ordinance 2019-07: Building Permit Inspection Fee Increase

City Manager informed Council that the need existed to increase Building Permit fees. Adjustments have not been made since the year 2000, almost 20 years. He expressed that the Tax Payers are subsidizing the Building Inspections to the Builders. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the increase. It was agreed to table this ordinance for further research and comparisons from other Cities. A motion was made by Robbie Johnson to table Ordinance 2019-07 to next meeting. A second motion followed by Dennis Green. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

7. Discuss and consider Ordinance 2019-08: 2019/2020 EDC Budget and Work Plan.

With no comment or questions, a motion made by Dennis Green to approve Resolution 2019-08 followed by a second motion by Donna Hartman. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

8. Discuss and consider Ordinance 2019-09: Set New Water Rate.

City Manager Bill advised Council there has not been any water rate increases to keep up with fixed operating costs for the past 10 years. The only water rate increases were to keep pace with the City of Temple bulk purchase increases. This puts the City severely behind on operating costs, to say nothing of addressing expected growth. The Water Fund is way below the General Fund due to 10 years of not keeping up with fixed cost, and Mr. Bill recommended passing these rates now because it's an emergency, as evidenced by the unseasonably wet year, and under collection in revenue. The independent water rate study advises the City to restructure the rates to pay for all fixed operating costs and asset depreciation in the base rate, which is not how the rates are currently structured. If passed as presented, the new rates would cover approximately 67% of the current fiscal year budget, to say nothing of next fiscal year.

A motion was made by Donna Hartman to approve Ordinance 2019-09 followed by a second motion by Ronald Snow. All present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

BOARD, COMMITTEE, OR OTHER REPORTS

9. **Active Auxiliary Report-** No Attachment provided. Bonnie Wilson, Vice President gave the auxiliary report. "Water Aerobics on our last week and has been a complete success." She thanked Barbara Horton, the Aerobic Instructor. The Kids Fishing Derby was a huge success with 235 Registered Kids. TX Parks & Wildlife provided the Rods and Reels. Thanks to the Temple Elks Club for bobbers and hot dogs, and Police and Fire Departments their help and for the Community service. BBQ Cook off had 20 cook teams and was a complete success. Going to try something new the 20/20 BBQ Cook off and 20/20 Chili Cook Off will be done together on 3rd weekend in September. Accepting applications for Miss Flame deadline is September 3rd. Will announce Miss Flame at the September 10th Council Meeting. Next Auxiliary meeting is September 12th at the Fire Station.

10. **City Council.** Donna Hartman acknowledged Administration, Water, Police, Fire, Maintenance Departments for their Budgets but also for all the departments that work in the heat. She recognized Mark Wilkerson for receiving from TCEQ the Certificate for Consumer Service Inspection.

Dennis Green requested that Maintenance Fee be included on the Agenda for discussion.

STAFF REPORTS

11. **Fire Department Update.** Fire Chief Taran Vaszocz-Williams . For Wild Fire Season the department received PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) worth \$15,000 from a Heart of Texas Forest Service Grant. The Fire Department has had successful Fire Season performance in all Structure Fires this month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. **Consider the appointment of Mrs. Ophelia Rodriguez for City Secretary as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.074.**


City Council convened into closed Executive Session at 7:05 PM.

13. **Reconvene into Open Session to Discuss, consider and possible action on offer of employment for City Secretary.**

The City Council reconvened to Open Session at 7:15PM.

Mayor Gossett entertained a motion. Donna Hartman made the motion to appoint Ophelia Rodriguez as City Secretary, with Dennis Green making the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – Bruce Lionhardt made the motion to adjourn meeting, with Ronald Snow making the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.


Dwayne Gossett, Mayor
City of Morgan's Point Resort

ATTEST:


Ophelia Rodriguez, City Secretary