



CITY OF MORGAN'S POINT RESORT

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

MINUTES OF

November 12, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Meeting was called to order by Mayor Gossett at 6:00 p.m. Invocation was led by Mayor Pro-tem Donna Hartman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiances to the US and Texas Flags led by Boy Scouts Troop #118.

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

Staff Present: City Manager Andrew Bill, City Secretary Ophelia Rodriguez, Finance Director Kathryn Norris, Utilities Director Jesse Measles, Maintenance Director B.J. Schieble, Chief of Police Chuck Cline, Fire Chief Taran Williams and Fire Department Training Specialist Officer Rhea Cooper

Special Guest: State Representative Hugh Shine, and Wife and family of the late Trooper Thomas Nipper.

There were 44 Citizens present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Representative Hugh Shine stated that 2 years ago we had lost a gentleman of our community Senior Trooper Thomas Nipper. Rep. Shine stated that during the last legislative session, he and others were successful in passing 2 Resolutions. One on behalf of Trooper Nipper in honoring his life and the second designating a portion of HI35 located between Midway Drive in Temple, Texas and 6th Street exit in Belton, Texas. He said funds need to be raised and he has spoken with the district engineer of TX Dot. TX Dot advised they are ready and willing, once they are given the go ahead. Rep. Shine said \$25,000 must be raised, and that he himself has made phone calls to business leaders and the community. He has received from \$5 to \$2500 in donations and that donations can be made on line to the 100clubcentex.com/trooper-nipper-memorial-highway-.../ Karen Stagner announced in honor of Senior Trooper Thomas Nipper, the annual Morgan's Point Resort BBQ Cook-off will be named "Trooper Tom Nipper Memorial BBQ Cook-off. The cook-off will establish an annual Scholarship for a High School Senior toward a career as a First Responder. In closing, as the sponsor Rep. Shine shared the Resolution #1468 of the 86th Texas Legislature that was passed.

Fire Chief Taran Williams presented Heather Bankhead with the Community Service Award. Heather was recognized for selfless and exemplary service to the Morgan's Point Resort Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire Chief Taran Williams also presented a "Letter of Promotion" to Fire Fighter Mark Wilkerson, advancing him to Fire Specialist. Mark was recognized for his driven passion, knowledge and dedication he continually gives to the Fire Department.

***Citizen Les Minor-** Expressed his concerns with the proposed hiking trail into Kleypas & Oakmont Park. The concerns were the loss of privacy, possible loss of view that he has enjoyed for the last 20 years. He also comment his concern for the safety due to being adjacent to a bluff. He added he felt Oakmont Park would be

more appropriate for a trail and suggested that the community should have some input. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman advised that the EDC would be having a meeting on December 5th and encouraged attendance with the issue.

***Citizen Ann Phelps-** Stated she also had the same issues with the hiking trail and safety concerns regarding the bluff as Mr. Minor. She asked if the EDC would consider putting the trail below the bluff since currently there appears to be a trail that could use some upkeep. Last issue was the tennis court lights causing her entire back yard to be very bright. (Enlightened) LOL. Her suggestion was to consider installing timers.

***Citizen Andrea Hankins-** Thanked Ms. Phelps for her comments on the lighting. Mrs. Hankins also asked the City to consider cutting out the lighting more often, due to the night sky being good for the environment. In closing Mrs. Hankins stated she had attended the Oct 7th meeting, and was so proud and pleased to hear from the Audit firm that the City was well on their way to financial stability. She thanked the City Council, City Manager Andrew Bill and his staff for cleaning up and correcting the financial disarray the City had endured.

***Citizen Ronaelle Perillo-** Commented that the money being used for a very short trail could be better utilized in other areas: Resurfacing the tennis courts that are being used on a daily basis, better playground equipment. She added that as an exercising walker, there would be no benefit for such a short trail, hopscotch would be the extent of its use and said the money could be repurposed to better utilize the open space we have.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discuss and take appropriate action for minutes of the October 8th 2019 Regular Session and October 17th, 2019 Special Session

Mayor Gossett asked Council for any corrections or discussion of minutes and if Council would prefer to combine or vote separately. Council member Green made the motion to combine both sessions, with Council member Ronnie Snow making the second motion. With no discussion or corrections, Mayor Gossett then entertained a motion. Council member Dennis Green made the motion to approve both set of minutes as written. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman made the second motion. All present voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

2. RESOLUTION

Discuss and take appropriate action- Resolution 2019-23 Appointment to Planning & Zoning Commission

Mayor Gossett invited Mr. Lamar McDaris to introduce himself. Mr. McDaris stated he wanted to get involved with the City. His expertise is in GIS mapping and is currently employed with Bell County 911 Com Center and is looking forward to serving. Mayor Gossett entertained a motion. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-23 for Lamar McDaris to be appointed to the Planning & Zoning Committee. Council member Ronnie Snow made the second motion. All present voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

3. ORDINANCE

Discuss and take appropriate action- Ordinance 2019-07 Regarding Permit Fees

It was discussed that the only changes (increase) were in the inspection fees. Re-inspection fee remained the same at \$25.00. Building square footage remained at \$0.06 per square foot. Mayor Gossett entertained a motion. Council member Robbie Johnson made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-07. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman made the second motion. All present voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

4. DISCUSSIONS and Take appropriate action

Maintenance Fees- plan on how to do away with them- Mayor Pro-tem Hartman commented she thought it could be part of a problem since this year’s maintenance fee budget has already been set for \$100,000. The City would have to take the time to find other ways to get revenue streams. Council member Green commented about gradually decreasing a third at a time. Mayor Pro-tem Hartman and Mayor Gossett added that decreasing a bit at a time, could decrease the incentive to pay. Lengthy discussion followed. Council member Ronnie Snow asked for City Managers suggestion/plan. Mr. Bill stated reviewing the numbers and growth projection, depending on the City’s tax base and growth that the City has on the next 2 budgets, he advised it should not be

done this budget. He recommended looking at next budget cycle which starts, May, June and also when MPR gets the tax rolls and see the projections, and that time could be a good time discuss letting the maintenance fees go and letting them go all at once. Mr. Bill suggest best time frame to re-visit would be April, May June and once tax rolls have been received.

Tax Freeze for seniors 65 and over- Mayor Gossett stated at this time tax freeze cannot be done and entertained if members had any comments. Mayor Pro-tem Donna Hartman stated that she agreed with the Mayor. After coming out of the City's financial situation, that the City worked so hard to get back to stability, at this point the City definitely could not do the freeze. She added there are many factors, demographics and the impact it would have on others with limited budgets, etc. City Manager Bill advised that if Council were not to approve freeze, property owners could take a petition and have a referendum to take to the voters and have the community vote. He added deciding on this now would not have a major impact on your 2020 tax since these have already been set.

5. COMMITTEES, DEPARTMENT STAFF, COUNCIL REPORTS

Library Report- Anne Lochausen, Library Chairman, reported that they welcomed their newest member Shawn Knuckles. They hosted the first Annual Book Sale along with the Art Show, which was a success, there were over 75 people present. There were several local artists that participated. First place for People's Choice Award went to Shawn Knuckles for his painting "Meditation", 2nd Place to Maxine Huddleston of her painting of Denali in Alaska. Anne thanked the City for the use of the Event Center, the Volunteers, and especially Joe Stanfield and Shawn Knuckles. Next volunteer day will be next Wednesday, November the 20th from 1pm to 3pm.

Auxiliary- Karen Stagner President of Auxiliary reported. Gift Card Raffle tickets still available and the drawing will be held at the November Sale. 2020 Caribbean Cruise taking reservations on the Carnival Freedom Ship, deposits due by November 21st. November Bake Sale set for November 23 bake goods on sale and vendors will be on hand along with Hot Dogs & BBQ Sandwiches. Pancake breakfast on November 9th was a success. Christmas Lighting contest again this year with several categories, judging will take place Dec 13 to 16th. In 2021 going to do an Alaska Cruise fundraiser is being planned. Arrangements are in the works with "Your Travel Agent" in Belton, Texas.

Website Presentation- The Website presentation was hosted by Citizen and Website Manager Jimanne Durkee and City Manager Andrew Bill. Citizens participated in the instruction of viewing the MPR Website on cellphones.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Gossett entertained a motion. Council member Ronnie Snow made the motion to adjourn. Council member Dennis Green made the second motion. All present voted "Aye". Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.



Dwayne Gossett, Mayor
City of Morgan's Point Resort, Texas

ATTEST:



Ophelia Rodriguez, City Secretary
City of Morgan's Point Resort, Texas