

Minutes

White Settlement City Council Workshop



City Hall, 214 Meadow Park Drive
White Settlement, Texas

March 4, 2021

6:30 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the open meeting to order at 6:35 PM announcing a quorum of council members present as follows:

Council Member Moore,
Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock,
Council Member Munoz,
Council Member Grudzinski, and
Council Member Geesa

Executive Staff present included City Manager Jeffrey J. James and City Secretary Amy Arnold. Other staff present included Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght), Communications Director Rich Tharp, Police Chief J. Bevering, City Marshal M. Wilson, City Marshal R. Rogers, and Communications Manager Aaron Hall.

WORKSHOP

- 1) Discuss and consider options for water utility customer credits in response to the recent winter storm events.

City Manager Jeff James provided information to members resulting from research in to what other municipalities are doing for their residents. Mr. James provided options including cutting fees/ penalties and waiving leak adjustment fees. Mr. James explained a 2000 gallon credit for residential and commercial customers "across the board" for all accounts. The credit would be \$2.80 for residential and \$13.86 for commercial accounts. Mr. James explained the city is not receiving a credit from the City of Fort Worth.

Staff and council members discussed options for residents who do not use up to the 2000 gallon credit amount, including options of providing a specific dollar amount to these customers. City Attorney Drew Larkin mentioned credits are okay however, the city cannot legally give money to private individuals or companies regarding this issue. Mr. James noted software ability to provide credit to all customers, even one who do not reach the 2000 gallon amount, will be looked at and resolved by staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock made a motion to approve utility customer credits as presented, being waiving 100% leak adjustment fees, no fees, and a 2000 gallon credit to all customers. Council Member Munoz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- 2) Discuss and consider recommendations of the City Manager as mentioned in his winter storm After-Action Report.

City Manager Jeff James discussed needs resulting from the winter storm after action report including the need for five generators. Mr. James explained the need for generators at well sites (5 @ 60K each) and 3 large propane generators at fire and police departments as well as at the convention center (3 @ 60K each) to be used as a warming / cooling locations during these type of events). Mr. James stated the generators currently at the fire and police stations are 20 years old and worked during the event; he would like to think about what to do for the future and put items in place.

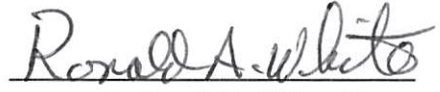
Staff and members discussed at length emergency planning, winterizing pump stations, communication including an Incode notification system and drop box, mutual aid agreements, and possible available funding assistance. Council Member discussed the importance of emergency planning for future storms of all types as well as concerns regarding the inability to communicate. City Manager Jeff James listed suggested programs in response. Mr. James discussed current mutual aid agreements and benefits of being in these agreements.

Prior to adjourning the meeting Mr. James confirmed goals with council members as being planning for future events, generators, and communication options.

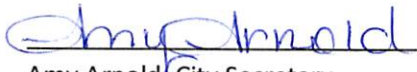
ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further discussion, Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Approved this 6th day of April, 2021.


Ronald A. White, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy Arnold, City Secretary

