



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL
CITY OF WHITE SETTLEMENT, TEXAS
6:30 PM – December 7, 2021
City Hall – Council Chambers
214 Meadow Park Drive, White Settlement, TX 76108**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of members present as follows: Council Member Paul Moore, Council Member Amber Munoz, Council Member Christina Grudzinski, Council Member Gregg Geesa and Council Member Elect Eddie Delgado.

Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Spurlock was absent due to work conflict.

Executive Staff present included City Manager Jeffrey J. James, City Secretary Amy Arnold, and City Attorney Drew Larkin. Other staff present included Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Elias, Community Services Director Rich Tharp, Finance Director Krystal Crump (Foght), Building Official Robert Nunley, Public Works Director Larry Hoover, Police Chief J. Bevering, Fire Chief Brandon Logan, City Marshal Randy Rogers and Communications Manager Aaron Hall.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor White offered the invocation led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There were no speakers.

PRESENTATIONS

STAFF PRESENTATIONS:

1. City Manager presentation of items of community interest.

City Manager Jeff James informed council members that staff is still reviewing and gathering information for item ten therefore the item will not be presented at this meeting. A slideshow was presented of events held since the last meeting and upcoming events included the parade, chili cook-off, toy drive, grease roundup, Splash Dayz season pass sales, blood drive, bulk pickup, community clean-up, Christmas tree roundup and city hall closings during the holidays.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Grudzinski made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Geesa seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Approval of the consent agenda included:

2. Approval of City Council meeting minutes:
 - a. November 2, 2021;
 - b. November 10, 2021

OATH OF OFFICE

3. Present Oath of Office to Council Member Place 4 Elect, Eddie Delgado, for the term November 2021 through November 2024.

City Secretary Amy Arnold administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Elect, Eddie Delgado.

4. Present Oath of Office to Council Member Place 5 Elect, Gregg Geesa, for the term November 2021 through November 2024.

City Secretary Amy Arnold administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Elect, Gregg Geesa.

A brief recess was held at this time to allow for photos and new members to take their seat at the dais.

5. Discuss and take action with respect to the election of Mayor Pro-Tem. For this item, nominations for the position of Mayor Pro-Tem will be considered one at a time.

Prior to member discussion, City Secretary Amy Arnold read into record, at the request of Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock, a statement from Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock. The statement will be attached to final approved minutes.

Council Member Geesa nominated Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock for a second term in the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Council member Munoz seconded the nomination which carried unanimously.

6. Administer Oath of Office to Mayor Pro-Tem.

City Secretary Amy Arnold will administer the Oath to Mayor Pro Tem Spurlock at a later date.

DELIBERATION AGENDA

7. Hold a Public Hearing and consider a resolution selecting Veterans Park Improvements at 8901 Clifford Street, White Settlement, Texas, as the Community Development Block Grant - Covid Program Project.

Community Services Director Rich Tharp presented the item explaining the resolution gives authority to proceed with the CDBG-CV funding application process in the amount of \$250,000.00. Mr. Tharp stated James DeOtte Engineering identified a qualifying park improvement project at Veterans Park to include: a playground, outdoor fitness trail equipment, sidewalks, tables and bench seating improvements. The total requested grant project cost is projected to be \$269,698.00, and the City would pay the remaining difference of \$19, 699.00 prior to April 2023. Project construction could begin in late 2022. Mr. Tharp concluded by noting the grant funding is separate from and not a part of the CDBG funding historically used for public works projects.

Mayor White opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 pm. Patricia England of 852 McCully Street addressed the City Council in opposition to the item. Mayor White closed the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Council Members discussed location of proposed project and noted the item authorizes application with final project, if grant is awarded, to be selected at a later date; providing services to the community and confirming the amount of 19K as contingent.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the resolution. Council Member Munoz seconded the nomination which carried unanimously.

8. Discuss and consider a recommendation from the Park & Recreation Board to name the Senior Center in honor of Mr. Gary Lewis.

Community Services Director Rich Tharp presented the item as recommended by the Senior Center Council mentioning Mr. Lewis' service to the community over the years, his passing in August of this year, and the current location of the senior center being the location of his childhood home.

Council Member Munoz made a motion to approve naming the Senior Center in honor of Mr. Gary Lewis. Council Member Moore seconded the nomination which carried unanimously.

9. Discuss and consider a Professional Services Agreement between the City and Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) for Engineering Services related to Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP) Support Services to comply with Senate Bill 3 of the 87th Texas Legislature.

Public Works Director Larry Hoover presented the item explaining amendments to several sections of the Texas Code require Water Utilities to prepare, update and implement an Emergency Preparedness Plan that demonstrates the utilities' ability to provide emergency operations during an extended power outage at a minimum water pressure of 20 pounds per square inch (psi). Mr. Hoover explained the required implementation of at least one TCEQ option to demonstrate the ability to maintain operations during an extended power outage. Mr. Hoover mentioned agreement phases and related deadlines which are required to be met for the city to be in compliance, the lump sum fee of \$42,500.00 to be funded by the Water Sewer Fund, legal review of the agreement finding no concerns and staff recommendation for approval.

Council Members discussed the completion of the first of the three phases (Critical Facilities Notification) as well as confirming the agreement will assist in creating a plan to meet state requirements.

Council Member Delgado made a motion to the agreement. Council Member Munoz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

10. Discuss and consider a change order for RFP 2020-005 - CIP Improvements to Tumbleweed Trail, for an amount not to exceed \$270,000.00.

This item was removed as mentioned during City Manager presentation. No discussion was heard.

11. Discuss and consider a resolution authorizing the casting of the allocated votes for the appointment on the Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors.

City Manager Jeff James explained the item and process for selection of TAD Board of Directors.

Mr. Daniel Bennett of 408 Pemberton removed his request to speak in support of nominee Gary Losada as Mr. Losada is present to speak on his own behalf.

Mr. Gary Losada of 802 Dove Creek Trail, Southlake, TX, addressed council members regarding his application to continue to serve as a member of the TAD Board of Directors. Mr. Losada expressed his gratitude for previous votes in favor of his membership, mentioned activities and accomplishments of the board of directors during his tenure and expressed his desire to continue working for the public.

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the resolution and casting ten votes for Gary Losada. Council Member Geesa seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor White announced City Council would convene in Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. after first reading the following statement:

12. Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may convene into Executive Session to deliberate regarding the following matters:

Sec. 551.071 Consultation with Attorney: The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to seek legal advice from the city attorney about any matters listed on the agenda and the following:

- a. Gary Ritchie v. City of White Settlement

Sec. 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property: The City Council may deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, including consideration of offers made on such properties, including 7945 White Settlement Road.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

13. Take action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.

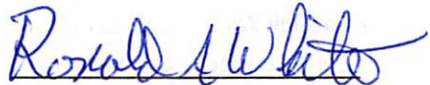
Mayor White announced City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:28 p.m.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further discussion Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Approved this 4th day of January, 2022.


Ronald A. White, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy Arnold, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

