

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JAN 9TH, 2020
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: @ 6:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Solis, Hart, Lorenzini, Newton, Fahey

PUBLIC COMMENTS: “This time is set aside for the public to address the City Council on matters listed on the Consent Agenda as well as other items not included on the Regular Agenda. If your comments concern an item noted on the Regular Agenda, please address the Council when that item is open for public comment.” (The Brown Act requires the public be given the opportunity to address the Council before action is taken. If there is a Consent Agenda, there is no other opportunity for public comment on items on the Consent Agenda.) The Council has the right to reasonably limit the duration of each speaker to three minutes. Speakers may not cede their time. The Council may ask questions but may take no action during the Public Comments portion of the meeting, except to direct staff to prepare a report, or to place an item on a future agenda.

SPEAKERS: Speakers, please stand at the podium and speak loudly so the entire room can hear you.

The mayor will recognize you and ask that you state your name and mailing address so that the City Staff can follow up on any issues requiring City action, or provide you with information, if appropriate.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Discussion/possible action - All matters listed under the consent calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by **one motion** unless any member of the Council wishes to remove an item for discussion, or a member of the audience wishes to comment on an item. The City Clerk recommends approval of the following consent calendar items:

- John Hammond from Rotary Club of Montague present. Hammond spoke about the balloon fair. Hammond will be working with the Clerks Office to update the contract and they will be hosting meetings to gather volunteers for the event.

MINUTES: 12/5

Motion made by Fahey to approve meeting minutes from 12/5, seconded by Solis. All Ayes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Sheriff’s update for Dec 2019 – Not present.

City Engineer update for Dec 2019 – Verbal report given by Smith.

Planning Commission update for Dec 2019 – Verbal report given by Hammond.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion/possible action on the tree removal in the alley on the East side of 12th and 13th: Haines present. Haines advised that a tree fell on her neighbor’s property and it did damage and now she is concerned about her residence. Dunn contacted tree trimmers and had one bid for \$1500 and Haines will give Dunn a card for another tree trimmer. Agenda item tabled.
2. Discussion/possible action on the City sewer line at 331 S 9th St: Motion made by Fahey to have Public Works clean the sewer lines before city events, seconded by Hart. All Ayes.
3. Discussion/possible action to approve increasing the water and sewer rates for 2020: Motion made by Hart to approve increasing the water and sewer rates for 2020, seconded by Fahey. All Ayes, Lorenzini Noes.
4. Discussion/possible action to approve hiring a City of Montague Code Enforcement Officer: Tabled for workshop on January 15th at 6:30 PM to combine Animal Control and Code Enforcement.

5. Discussion/possible action on the City council commissioner duties for 2020: Motion made by Solis to approve the City council commissioner duties for 2020, seconded by Fahey. All Ayes. (Commissioners list attached for 2020)
6. Discussion/possible action on the City of Montague Employee Handbook & Policy and Procedures: Lorenzini advised council should look at the City of Montague Employee Handbook & Policy and Procedures every year to stay current with the new laws. Tabled for workshop. Motion made by Newton to appoint Newton, Fahey, Kleier, Dunn, as an Ad Hoc committee to review the City of Montague Employee Handbook & Policy and Procedures, seconded by Solis. All Ayes.
7. Discussion/possible action on the City of Montague Employee wage tables: Motion by Hart to appoint Newton and Hart as the employee wage table Ad Hoc Committee to review as finance commissioners, seconded by Newton. All Ayes.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS for December 2019

- Fire Department – See attached
- Public Works – See attached.
- Water/Sewer – See attached.
- Animal Control – See attached.
- City Clerk – See attached.
- Code Enforcement
- Treasurer – See attached.
- Pool – City Clerk will contact Perham to schedule a pool dinner workshop.
- Library – Possible donation from the Rain Rock Casino.
- Commissioners/Council Statements and Requests: Members of the council may make brief announcements, reports, or request staff to report to council on any matter at a subsequent meeting.
 - Commissioner Fahey: Fahey advised that at the Lola dinner code enforcement was a topic. Reached out to Dunsmuir for more information on updating ordinances.
 - Commissioner Newton: Would like to do a quarterly letter from all the department heads to make a Newsletter with important information and highlights for the citizens. Newton advised the Christmas went great and was very organized.
 - Commissioner Hart: Rotary is working on their MOU for the Balloon Fair.
 - Commissioner Solis: Emailed the Librarian regarding the budget.
 - Commissioner Lorenzini: Would like to have a community events workshop in March. Would like to have an event permit for events not ran by the city requiring them to have insurance.

Motions by Fahey to adjourn meeting, seconded by Solis. All Ayes.

ADJOURN @ 7:55 PM

ATTEST:

CITY OF MONTAGUE

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SARA KLEIER, CITY CLERK

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TIFFANIE LORENZINI, MAYOR