



STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday February 13, 2018

1. Call to Order Time:6:00pm

2. Old Business

A. Meeting with the School Board

The City and The School Board are to have a meeting at 5pm on the second Monday in March at the district office.

B. Discussion of Council Position #3

Mr. Carmody spoke briefly about Mr. Gourneau's discussion with MRSC

3. New Business

A. Picking Colors for the Water Tower

They picked the new color of the water tower before they went back and discussed Council Position #3

4. Visitor Comments

We heard from many citizens during the visitor comments. First was Jacqueline Renteria of 327 N. 5th Ave who was concerned because her car got broken into and there was no officer on in Mabton on duty at the time. Wants to know why there is not always an officer on duty.

Tia Salinas of 423 Pine St. stated that she sees people in the middle of the night on bikes with trailers. She says that there was a homeless person sleeping in the post office on a Saturday in December.

Antonio Moreno of 405 Washington St. said there were many criminals coming by his home in the middle of the night to sell him things. He says that they come by all the time and he knows who they are and where the stuff came from but the police say that they can't do anything about it.

Carol Zavala of 228 Rose St. said that there used to be a curfew in place and she was wondering why we could not bring that back because that would help with the crime problem.

Rachel Ruelas 309 Maple St. made the comment that maybe they could ticket them for pulling around carts etc. because they have no business pulling around those carts at that time of the night.

There was much dialogue during this discussion but Sergeant Reed stated simply and effectively that people have rights and that laws have changed that make imposing a curfew off the reservations unconstitutional. The main thing is to make sure that people call 911 with a problem and that the police department is doing as much as they can but they are understaffed at times and things will happen.


City attorney Mr. Carmody added that this is not just a problem for Mabton but a problem for the county/state/ country that there are not enough law enforcement to catch all the problems that will come up and stressed the importance to do your best to take precautions so not to fall victim to these problems.

Juan Mendoza of 545 Cedar St. came in to talk about his water bill. There was a leak found on his property and the water bill came out to \$743 with the overage. The council agreed to credit him \$311 which is half of the overage for the extra water.

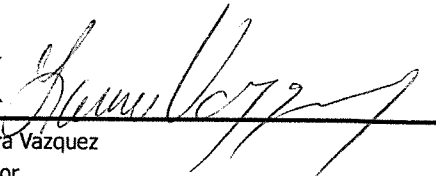
Antonio Moreno spoke again about the reading of his water meter. He stated that the reading they had on his meter was wrong and he wanted us to re-read it. We agreed to check again and if the meter reading was wrong to correct the bill.

5. Adjournment:

Time:7:04pm

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Joshua Roberson
Deputy City Clerk

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Laura Vazquez
Mayor