



CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday February 27, 2018

Present: Council Members Mark Gourneau, Sophia Sotelo, Arturo De La Fuente, Diana Castaneda, Vera Zavala, Mayor Laura Vazquez, Police Chief Phin Haglin, City Attorney James Carmody, City Engineer Jamin Ankney, City Treasurer Michelle Coronado, Deputy City Clerk Joshua Roberson

Absent: Fire Chief Luke Cussins, City Clerk Sylvia Sanchez

1. Call to Order Time:7:08pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call
 - Approval of Absence of City Clerk to Attend the Bike & Walk Conference
3. Vote on the Meeting Agenda

There was an addition to the Meeting Agenda. There was the addition of "I" to New Business the Fire Hydrant for Golden Gate Hop Ranches after the conversation during the Study Session.

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Arturo to approve the Meeting Agenda with the addition. The Meeting Agenda was approved 5-0

4. **Visitor Comments** (At the discretion of the presiding Chair, Visitor Comments may be accepted on individual business items only and will be limited to 2 to 5 minutes.)

We heard from George Garza 311 6th Ave who did not understand how he could be into shut off with all the money he paid from previous. Michelle explained that they only paid

the past due from previous and the current bill was still due this is how they ended up in shut off again. Mr. Garza said that ordinance were not law because they were not in the constitution and he would see us in court.

Rachel Ruelas 309 Maple St. stated that her son came in and that Sylvia told her that all accounts had to be current that there was no longer an allowance for a past due balance. The city explained that this was simply a misunderstanding and that nothing in our ordinance had currently changed. She was also upset that she had to stand in the cold during the Executive Session and thought that it should be at the end of the regular meeting so that people could go home.

5. Consent Agenda (The following will be enacted by one motion. There will be no discussion separate of these items unless a Council Member requests separate discussion. The item will be removed from the Consent agenda and added to New Business.)

- A. Approve Study Session Minutes for Tuesday February 13, 2018
- B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday February 13, 2018
- C. Approve Payroll Warrant Register Number #9106, #9110, #9169 to #9176 & Direct Deposit in the amount of \$12,821.73 in the amount of \$23,625.64 Note: #9177, #9178 were voided due to printing error
- D. Approve Claim Voucher/Payment Number #9182 to #9209 & EFT Deposit in the amount of \$4,365.52 in the amount of \$76,273.44 Note: #9182 was voided due to printing error

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Arturo to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was approved 5-0

6. Public Hearing:

Start Time:7:12pm

End Time:7:15pm

- Closeout of the General Sewer Plan

There was no public comment on the General Sewer Plan.

7. Old Business

- Approval of Merit Increase for the Chief of Police

There was no motion for approval. The Merit Increase for the Chief of Police did not carry.

8. New Business

- A. Progress Estimate No. 12 Equipping Well No. 6 in the amount of
13,870.92

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Sophia to approved Progress Estimate No. 12.

Progress Estimate No. 12 was approved 5-0

- B. Resolution 2018-08 Declaring a State of Emergency for Repair of Well
No. 6

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Arturo to approve Resolution 2018-08. Resolution

2018-08 was approved 5-0

- C. Change Order No. 5 Reservoir No. 2 in the amount of\$1,455.27

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Sophia to approve Change Order No. 5. Change

Order No. 5 was approved 5-0

D. Change Order No. 7 Equipping Well No. 6 in the amount of \$7,150.00

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Arturo to approve Change Order No. 7. Change Order No. 7 was approved 5-0

E. Approval of Resolution 2018-05 Amendment No. 4 G & O Engineering Contract Well #6 for Emergency Rehabilitation in the amount of \$36,100.00

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Vera to approve Resolution 2018-05. Resolution 2018-05 was approved 5-0.

At this time there was another addition because of some confusion. The addition was E1 for the actual Well Repair Contract in the amount of \$148,815.41

E1. (Added) Approval of Well Repair Contract with G & O in the amount of \$148,815.41

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Arturo to approve the Well Repair Contract. The Contract was approved 5-0

F. Approval of Resolution 2018-06 Amendment No. 5 G & O Engineering Contract for the Monitor of City Hall in the amount of \$9,720.00

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Diana to approve Resolution 2018-06. Resolution 2018-06 was approved 5-0

G. Approval of Resolution 2018-07 Amendment No. 6 G & O

Engineering Contract in the amount of \$11,777.50

There was a motion by mark and a second by Diana to approve Resolution 2018-07. Resolution 2018-07 was approved 5-0 Note: This took place after item "C"

H. Approval of Ordinance 2018-1114 Setting Wages for Staff

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Diana to approve Ordinance 2018-1114.

Ordinance 2018-1114 was approved 5-0

I. (Added)Allowing the Install of a Fire Hydrant at Golden Gate Hop Ranch

There were some stipulations added to this. The council and planning commission alike were ok with this idea provided that Golden Gate bear the all cost and put a meter on the hydrant so that we would know ow much water was actually going through the hydrant. There was a motion by Mark and a second by Vera to approve the install with the stipulations. The fire hydrant was approved 5-0

9. Staff Reports

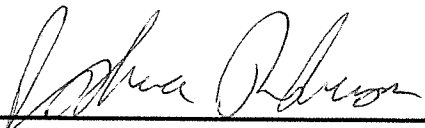
Mr. Carmody: City Attorney shared that there was someone actually interested in leasing our water right. He wants to do some more investigation into what it actually entails to do so. He also said that we will probably hear more about the Robert Gannon Annexation very soon.

10. Mayor's Report

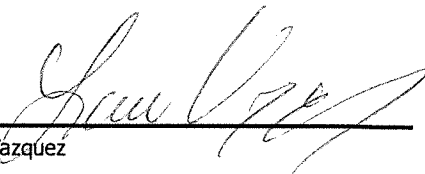
- Inspire to donate playground equipment from their old center. All they ask is for some manpower to help taking it down.
- Grace Brethren Church is going to have their youth program working on a community service project. There should be somewhere between 40-75 people participating.

11. Adjournment:

Time: 8:09pm

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Joshua Roberson
Deputy City Clerk

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Laura Vazquez
Mayor



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.

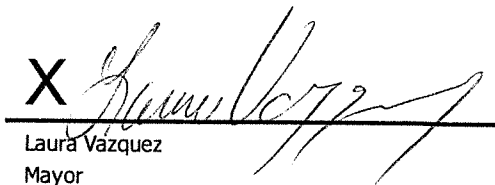
Antonio Moreno spoke again about the reading of his water meter. He stated that the reading they had on his meter was wrong and he wanted us to re-read it. We agreed to check again and if the meter reading was wrong to correct the bill.

5. Adjournment:

Time:7:04pm

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Joshua Roberson
Deputy City Clerk

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Laura Vazquez
Mayor