



## CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

Tuesday July 10, 2018

6:00pm

1. Call to Order Time:6:02pm
2. Old Business
  - A. Mayor's salary increase.

The mayor had a statement prepared that was read by Council Member De La Fuente at a previous meeting. The mayor explained that she has worked many more hours than the job description entailed she feels it is more work than the pay she is currently receiving. Previous statement included the main reason she is asking for a pay increase is for her work at the Waste Water Treatment Facility. The city is currently out of compliance at the Waste Water Treatment Facility after the Department of Ecology came in and the resignation of the Waste Water Treatment Operator. In order to stay in compliance and avoid fines etc. there needs to be someone out there at least 4 hours a day. There is no one on staff to work this position right now so the mayor is and has been working a set number of hours a day. She has also been checking things on the weekend to avoid overtime.

There was a concern that if they increased the pay that there was no way to go back once the positions were filled. The Sunset Clause was explained and helped address the concern. City Attorney Mr. Carmody explained that this would be conditional up front so that it could go back to normal once the city filled the vacant positions. The actual amount of the increase was also discussed; the mayor wanted \$1300 a month on top of her original \$500 stipend. Council Member Sotelo stated that she should get 20 hours a week at \$12 an hour for the time that she is working out there. There was discussion enough at this time that they agreed to discuss it at the regular meeting.

### 3. New Business

#### A. 2018 Revenues and Expenditures & Annual Report

City Treasurer Michelle Coronado explained the budget. There are several accounts that are in the negative at this point and the city council was confused about how this came to be. The treasurer explained that these are the numbers once the accounts are in balance this is the actual numbers. Council Member Gourneau questioned misuse of funds and there was more discussion on how the money was paid out and every transaction was approved through the council.

#### B. Mabton Police Vehicles Surplus

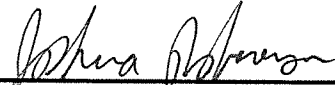
Officer Cox explained that he would like to surplus 12 PD cars that are not really in use and use this money as match in part to help with a grant that will get one of the new cars that would be part of the contract with the County. This would also save the city a lot of money on insurance on cars that currently are not really in use.

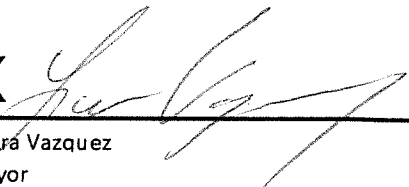
#### 4. Visitor Comments

Rachel Ruelas 309 Maple St. commented throughout the meeting. Her main concern/opinion was that the city should try and get someone qualified to do the work at the WWTF not give more money to the mayor when she has no experience with this kind of work. It was explained that this is exactly what they are trying to do and that the mayor would only be filling in until such time that these positions could be filled.

Antonio Moreno 405 Washington St. commented throughout as well. He stated that he worked with WSU and that they may have some luck finding some qualified people for the job in question there; he was unsure exactly which ones but said that it is a very science heavy environment.

5. Adjournment: Time:7:20pm

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Joshua Roberson  
Deputy City Clerk

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Laura Vazquez  
Mayor