



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday March 27, 2018

Present: Council Members Mark Gourneau, Sophia Sotelo, Arturo De La Fuente, Diana Castaneda, Vera Zavala, Mayor Laura Vazquez, City Attorney James Carmody, City Clerk Sylvia Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk Joshua Roberson

Absent: Police Chief Phin Haglin, Fire Chief Luke Cussins, City Treasurer Michelle Coronado

1. Call to Order Time:7:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call
3. Vote on the Meeting Agenda

There was one addition to the meeting at this time. Council added item "B" under New Business approval of public hearing for UGA Expansion for the meeting on April 24th. There was a motion by Mark and a second by Arturo to approve the Meeting Agenda with the addition.

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 Marisela Mireles 1817 Young St. (Grandview) she was here in regards to the handling of her father's funeral in the Mabton Cemetery. She was upset because they were asked to leave before the casket was lowered. There is no ordinance in place to support this but by the request of the state it is becoming a universal policy. The other issue was that

this has not always been past practice. The city apologized for the problem and the mayor/council issued a \$500 refund of the Saturday/weekend service fee. We also heard from Rudy Cortez father in law of the deceased and long-time Mabton resident who suggested that if this is going to be policy that it should definitely be relayed to the family and discussed in full at our staff meetings so that there is not anymore confusion.

Next we heard from Nicholas Mejia 716 2nd St. concerned about a ticket issued by the Mabton Policy Department that he claimed that they had no right to do so. He stated that this was the under the authority of the Clean Air Authority and not the police department and he felt it unfair that the ticket was issued. The police Chief was on vacation for this meeting so we were unable to hear the police department's side. Mr. Carmody stated that he understood the citizen's concern and said he would look into it; he further advised that this issue was definitely something that would have to be challenged in court and if he felt it was unfair that was the place to challenge nothing can be done at a council meeting.

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 March 13, 2018
- B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday March 13, 2018
- C. Approve Payroll Warrant Register Number #9258 To #9265 & Direct Deposit in the amount of \$15,200.26 in the amount of \$34,625.00
- D. Approve Claim Voucher/Payment Number #9257 & #9266 to #9296 in the amount of \$81,994.99 Note: Check #9297 to #9330 were void due to printing error

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

6. New Business

A. Approval of the Utility Extension Agreement with Golden Gate Hop Ranches

There was a motion by Mark and a second by Diana to approve the Utility Extension Agreement. The Agreement was approved 5-0

B. (Added)Setting Public Hearing for Gannon Annexation for April 24th

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

7. Staff Reports

Council Member Arturo De La Fuente stated that the two street “black” street lights and they still do not work. Joe (Public Works) stated that he checked the fuses and the power and has not figured out what is wrong with them but he will keep working on them. They should also check the warranty because they have not been there that long.

Council Member Vera Zavala stated that “Free Dump Day” was not very well organized and they were closing before the advertised time. She said that they need to be better in the future.

8. Mayor’s Report

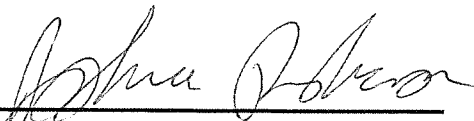
She has talked with WSDOT and asked about the easement at Governor’s Park. She stated that in talking to them we can get a permit allowing us to beautify they area that is theirs the only

requirement is that no trees or permanent structure be set up there in the area in case they ever do need to use it.


The mayor is also working on dog tags she stated that there were 28 dogs purchased in first area she checked and she counted around 160 dogs.

9. Adjournment:

Time:8:03pm

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Joshua Roberson
Deputy City Clerk

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Laura Vazquez
Mayor