



STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday July 23, 2019

1. Call to Order Time:6:00pm

There was nothing scheduled for Study Session so this time was used to discuss the items on the regular council meeting.

City Attorney James Carmody discussed the new Ordinance 2019-1143 for Firework Permits. The new permit will change the fee as follows:

- From January 1st- June 30th the fee will be \$15
- From July 1st –July 3rd the fee will be \$25
- On July 4th the permit fee will be \$30

If not purchased before the 4th of July and is intended to be for December 31st the permit fee will remain \$25.

Also discussed was new Ordinance 2019-1144 for Yard Sale Permits.

The new permit for this will change as follows:

- Conducting a yard sale for up to 3 consecutive days will be \$10 and allowed one weekend a month.
- Conducting a yard sale for a full month is \$50 and can be done every month throughout the year.

The mayor handed out a brochure/book from the AWC called “53 Ideas on How We Can Govern Better” she said that she found it very useful.

Council Member Gourneau had a few things to bring up:

- Down stop sign at the corner of 3rd St. and Pine St. The mayor stated she would have Public Works investigate and fix it if possible tomorrow.
- When will, the roads that were graded, be “sprayed” because it the work they did will not last if it is not sprayed soon.

- Why are we not giving our one officer as many hours as he wants to work to try and help cut down on the crime? We should be letting our one officer work as much as he would like to keep things under control. There is money in the budget and council wants to know why it is not being spent on keeping things under control. The mayor explained that just because there is money doesn't mean that things should be going around spending recklessly; her other point is that one person can only work so much before they cannot keep that pace anymore.

The mayor also told council about the purchasing of a new mower. She explained that she found something that will make Public Works job much easier and she found it for a very good deal. She also explained that she didn't necessarily need their approval but she just wanted to make sure they were informed.

2. Visitors Comments

We heard from Rachel Ruelas of 309 Maple St. throughout the meeting. She had something to say about the yard sale permits and other citizens conducting business under yard sale permits all year.

Later she said that she would like to see Mabton institute a curfew the same way that Prosser does and she felt that this would help clean Mabton streets/parks up if people were not allowed to hang around until all hours of the night.

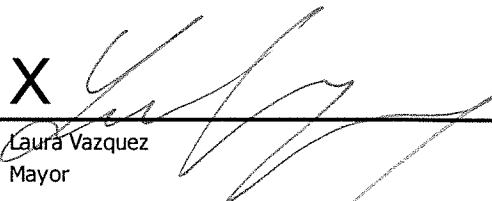
We also heard from Ann Morales soon to be resident of 304 3rd Ave. She had some questions about first and foremost the General Facility Charge for her water and sewer hookups. She stated that \$3500 and \$4500 were not in her budget and it will cause a delay in her progress getting the house built and moved in. The mayor explained that this was a new charge for us but every other city has one; it is legitimate, necessary, and actually lower than many other cities. Mrs. Morales also had several other basic questions about moving in to the city and what she could do.

3. Adjournment:

Time:6:40pm and reopened actual close 6:56pm

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Joshua Roberson
Deputy City Clerk

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Laura Vazquez
Mayor