



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday April 27, 2021**

Present: Council Members Arturo De La Fuente, Vera Zavala, Sophia Sotelo, Diana Castaneda, Mayor Laura Vazquez, Police Chief David Marks, City Clerk Sylvia Sanchez, City Treasurer Jamison Horner

Absent: Council Member Mark Gourneau, Fire Chief Luke Cussins

1. Call to Order Time: 7:04pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call

Council Member Gourneau called and explained that he was not able to attend the meeting because he had to work. There was a motion by Sophia and a second by Arturo to approve Councilman Gourneau's absence from the meeting. Excused 4-0

3. Vote on the Meeting Agenda

There was a motion by Sophia and a second by Vera to approve the Meeting Agenda. Approved 4-0

4. 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 April 13, 2021

B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday April 13, 2021

C. Approve Payroll Warrant Register April 27, 2021 Number #12043 to #12044 & EFT in the amount of \$44,931.44.

D. Approve Claim Voucher/Payment April 27, 2021 Number #12045 to #12068 & EFT in the amount of \$44,299.06.

There was a motion by Sophia and a second by Diana to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved 4-0

5. New Business

## A. First Quarter Financial Report.

Jamison gave us an overview of Revenues and Expenditures for the year. She broken it doing into where finances should be, where we were last year, and what 25% of the total budget for the year would look like for reference. Jamison first explained Revenues; she stated that the General Fund was fairly healthy at this point, but the biggest portion of Property Tax would not be until next month. She explained that Water and Streets are showing as well below the projection for this point but there are actually Capital Projects happening in these funds and the grant money etc. will not come in until these projects are underway. We are a little low on the Water and Sewer Revenue and Jamison anticipates that this is due in part to the prohibition on shut off and late fee charges.

Expenditures were next and Jamison explained that our Expenditures at this point of the year are lower than they were last year; this is due in part to open staff positions, but this will change shortly. The Cemetery Fund has quite a bit of Revenue up to this point in the year, it is good news to the fund in Sales. The Water and Sewer Funds have both spent more that projected; they have both had some major repair issues that will hopefully balance out as the year progresses.

Lastly, she went through Total Cash and Investments. Jamison explained that we have spent approximately \$69,000 more money than we have brought in for the year, but this is typical for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

## B. Approval of **Ordinance No. 2021-1171** An Ordinance of The City of Mabton Amending Mabton Municipal Code Chapter 2.04 to Adjusting Provisions for City Councilmember Compensation and Adding Additional Provisions for Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

They mayor took a minute to explain that this change was not for the people that are currently in council positions. This change will not take place for anyone until they are elected/re-elected. The heart of the discussion was rather council would make \$40, which they are already receiving, or an increase to, \$60 per meeting. Council was asked 1 by 1 which amount they thought was appropriate; it went thus: Diana \$60, Sophia \$40, Vera \$60, Arturo \$60.

There was a motion by Vera and a second by Arturo to Approve Ordinance No. 2021-1171.  
Approved 3-1

It was put on record the other changes in the ordinance that were already agreed upon. The mayor will now make \$700 per month; and there are now an additional \$20 per meeting allotted for the council member the year that they are elected Pro Tem.

C. Approval of **Resolution 2021-07** Authorizing Mayor to Award the Washington Street Overlay Project to Wheeler Excavation

There was a motion by Sophia and a second by Arturo to approve Resolution 2021-07. Approved 4-0

D. Approval of Contract for Wastewater Testing and Services Between the City of Mabton and Randall Peters

There was a motion by Sophia and a second by Diana to Approve the Contract. Approved 4-0

E. (Additional) Approval of the Construction Engineering Supplemental Agreement with Gray & Osborn Inc. for the Washington Street Overlay Project in the amount of \$37,600

There was a motion by Sophia and a second by Vera to Approve the Agreement. Approved 4-0

## 6. Staff Reports

Chief David Marks wanted to mention that he would like to give Officer Martin a "Lifesaving Award"; this was something that happened and was mentioned at a meeting a few months ago but ordering the medals takes some time.

Jamison wanted to mention that there is an organization that is helping with rental and utility assistance. Nuestra Casa is based in Sunnyside and has given a lot of help to our residence and we thank them for their help.

Sylvia had a friendly reminder that this is a very busy time for the cemetery, and we will be cleaning it on Tuesday. Please let everyone know that this will be taking place.

## 7. Mayor's Report


The mayor explained that she wanted to let council know what was going on before she did it. She has decided that they are going to bring back a Public Works being on-call. She stated that they will typically not be doing anything but the time when they actually do have to work will definitely be worth the time when they do not have any work to do.

The mayor also wanted to take a second and that Arturo and Vera for coming down and helping her with the Community Dump Day. There were 51 total dumps, and dumps and tires together were a total \$278 earned to go against fees. We will see how feasible this is once we find out how much the fees ended up for the event.

## 8. Adjournment: Time: 7:30pm

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Laura Vazquez, Mayor



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Joshua Roberson, Deputy City Clerk