



STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday May 11, 2021

1. Call to Order Time: 6:02pm
2. Old Business
3. New Business

A. Recognizing Officer Martin for Winning a Lifesaving Award

October 10, 2020 Officer Martin assisted Sheriff's Office with unresponsive male who had overdosed on narcotics; pulled from semi and performed CPR until. As a result of Officer Martin's actions, the male regained consciousness and began breathing on his own.

The chief explained that the reason it took so long to recognize Officer Martin was that the COVID Pandemic slowed the production of the medals.

B. Discussion of Ordinance 2021-1172 Regulating Temporary Use of City of Mabton Fire Hydrants by Private Persons and Rental of Meter to Monitor Water Consumption from Fire Hydrant.

This ordinance was included to spark conversation. City staff have brought this up in the past and in looking have found the municipal code to reflect the same rate as was included in 1976. Council Member Arturo stated that there was a different rate that was charged during the time that he was employed for the city. City staff is going to look into it to find a different ordinance that may not have been updated in the municipal code. They are also going to see what comparable rates are from other cities.

C. Discussion of Resolution 2021-08 Approving Renewal of the Small Works Roster Interagency Agreement MRSC and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Agreement

This is standard practice and has been in place for some time. There was no further questions or comment.

D. Water Rate Update

Jamison explained that there is about a \$60,000 discrepancy in the water fund so we will have to raise rates to make up the difference. Jamison explained that there are several ways to raise rates; we could change base rates, increase usage rates, or any combination of the two. Some of the pros and cons of each were talked about in detail. Jamison then asked council for their opinion on which avenue they would like her to pursue further. Council all agreed that there was going to have to be an increase but that they trusted Jamison's judgement on which way was most effective. Jamison is going to bring more solid numbers for an upcoming meeting.

While waiting for Representative Jeremie Dufault Jamison explained, at the mayor's request, that we had received over \$30,000 in assistance for our residents from Nuestra Casa in Sunnyside. She explained that Nuestra Casa came in and asked the city directly for residents who needed assistance and simply issued us a check for the balance of 12 of the furthest past due accounts; that have actually made payments on their bill since the COVID Pandemic started.

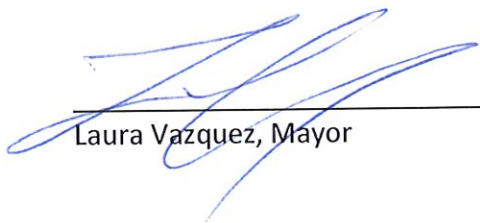
E. Legislative Update with Representative Jeremie Dufault

Representative Jeremie Dufault stated that there were a few big things happening in the legislature. House Bill 1137 Elevated Road Maintenance and Preservation in Transportation Budget Funding.

The Blake Decision made all hard drugs decriminalized this will take effect in 2023. He stated that this was very concerning to him but either way this was a major change to be aware of.

4. Adjournment:

Time: 6:37pm



Laura Vazquez, Mayor



Joshua Roberson, Deputy City Clerk