



COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday February 8, 2022

1. Call to Order Time: 6:00p.m

2. Old Business

A. Discussion of increase of cemetery fees

There was discussion on increasing the cemetery fees. Mayor Ruelas mentioned that this was talked about at the last meeting. Mayor mentioned to the council that they could now discuss what the new prices would be. We heard from council member De La Fuente who wanted to know the total cost of a funeral now. \$2450.00 was the price given. Council Member Zavala did agree on the increase but wanted to keep it at small increase. We heard from Public Works Director Juan who wanted to add that the increase in cemetery fee would also be used to help pay for a new lowering device or equipment that has been worn out. Juan did mention that his thoughts were that they could purchase it with Covid monies. The lowering device is needing to be purchased soon as there currently is no back up. Mayor Ruelas asked for the estimate of a new lowering device. Juan gave out the estimate he had which was \$4,500.00- \$7,000 and the newer one being \$6,000-\$9,000. Treasurer Josh explained he would investigate if this could possibly be purchased through Covid monies. Council member Zavala asked about the City's current awning. Juan mentioned it is also in need of repair. It was explained by Juan that there was no bundle offer and by doing so we would have to ask for bids before purchasing. We heard from Council member Carrasco who mentioned increasing the fees no more than \$50-\$75.

Mayor also discussed the payment for services. Mayor questioned if we could accept half the funds for the cemetery the week before and the rest the day before burial. Treasurer explained they could pay for the plot before, but as to pay half that would be considered Gifting funds.

3. New Business

A. Discussion on advertisement for the City's Official Newspaper

City Clerk Sylvia Explained that this was done every year. Council Member De La Fuente asked if we could go with a certain company and Sylvia explained it would go to whoever bid on the advertisement.

Authorized Visitor Comment:

We heard from Mike who wanted to talk about a memorial bench for the former City employee of Mabton Oping Hutson. There was discussion as to how to start the project. There was also discussion of waiting until the Main Street project was done since there would be new sidewalks placed.

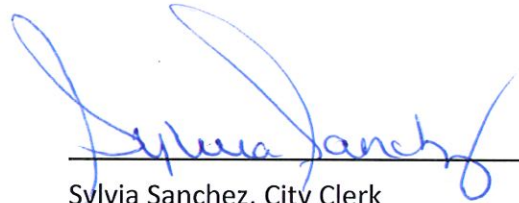
We heard from Pastor Bueno from the SDA Church. Pastor Bueno wanted to explain his priority here in the City of Mabton. Pastor Bueno would like to have a reevaluation of the current contract that the church has with the city.

4. Adjournment:

Time: 6:31p.m



Rachel Ruelas, Mayor



Sylvia Sanchez, City Clerk