



City Council Work Session Minutes

February 17th, 2022

6:30 pm

Mayor Calvin Woodrey called the Council work session to order at 6:02pm. All members of Council and necessary members of administration were present. The Mayor asked for City Manager Marcos Nichols to get us started. CM Nichols asked for Fire Chief, Darrell Yater to discuss the motion regarding the EMS Rates. He began by stating this is something that is done every year by Medicare. We typically follow suit with their increase. He informed Council that the amount we actually collect is far less than what it is billed. We do soft billing, meaning we send out their bill three times, if it is not paid, the City writes off the expense. The top three payers for ambulance transporting is Medicare at 24%, Medicare HMO at 22%, and then Medicaid at 18%. Typically private insurance companies are at 2%. He finished by stating that only those that are transported are billed, and the return is very low.

Police Chief, Pat Carr discussed the motion regarding a Dodge Durango Police Vehicle Purchase, this vehicle will be an unmarked cruiser for the Chief to drive. The Honda that the old chief drove will be used by the detective most likely. Two vehicles were budgeted for purchase by the Police department during the 2022 fiscal year.

Service Director, Rob Leichman discussed the motion regarding the purchase of a 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 Pick-Up Truck to be used as the meter reading truck. Public Works budgeted \$50,000 to purchase a new vehicle for this purpose in the 2022 fiscal year. This truck will not be used for any other purchase but will allow for the meter reader to have all necessary tools with him at all times. This will be a gasoline 4x4 truck.

Income Tax Commissioner, Linsey Hobbs discussed the Ordinance regarding the insertion of Section 891.21 – Report of Property Rentals and Leases Required. This Ordinance will require landlords to report their tenants and those living in the household of 16 and older to report to the tax department to help keep tabs on those living in the City. Rental residents should be reporting this information themselves to the City but most do not. Council asked if Ms. Hobbs truly felt that this was the best way to do things for the Tax department.

Ms. Hobbs explained that yes she felt this was the best way to do this, giving her an expected time frame as to when these forms would be arriving. She stated it is an easy process for both the landlords and tax department, most landlords would already know how to do this as multiple other municipalities around the City already have this as a normal process.

City Clerk, Laura Daley discussed the vacancies on our Boards and Commissions Rosters. She worked through the worksheet she provided to fill in the necessary vacancies that needed to be filled by Council. After those positions were filled, she discussed those that needed to be filled by community members stating that she would work with Sharon to advertise those positions on our City's Facebook page. There was one vacancy on the Personnel board, several on the Community Reinvestment Area housing Council and a new board would be needed for the Charter Review board. A new Board is required every 5 years and can be made up of Community members and Council members.

City Manager, Marcos Nichols discussed the Correspondence on the agenda, explaining that all fund balances were in compliance and within the fund balance requirements. He then discussed Motions related to then and nows. Explaining that then and nows are required when an invoice arrives before a proper P.O. has been set up. This action keeps us in compliance. He finished by stating that he and Council would need an executive session but that could wait until the end of the regular Council meeting due to time constraints.

The Council Work Session was adjourned at 7:25pm.