

YOLANDA FORD
Mayor

VASHAUNDRA EDWARDS
Councilmember at Large Position No. 1

CHRIS PRESTON
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmember at Large Position No. 2



REGINALD PEARSON
Councilmember District A
JEFFREY L. BONEY
Councilmember District B
ANTHONY G. MAROULIS
Councilmember District C
FLOYD EMERY
Councilmember District D

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Missouri City, Texas, met in regular session on **Monday, September 16, 2019**, at the City Hall, Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, 77489, at **7:00 p.m.** to consider the following:

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmembers Edwards, Pearson, Boney, Maroulis, and Emery; City Manager Snipes, City Attorney Iyamu, and City Secretary Jackson.

2. The **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Elkins High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Ford proclaimed October 3, 2019, as "Public Administration Day" in the City of Missouri City, Texas.

There were no **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

5. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Snipes provided weather updates and encouraged residents to visit the City's website. Snipes noted the Employee BBQ cook-off was set for September 27 and non-emergency offices would be closed beginning at 11 a.m. Snipes stated he was elected as a fellow in the National Academy of Public Administration. Snipes announced the following upcoming events: Oktoberfest on September 21; MCTX Job Fair and "Doing Business with the City workshop" on September 24; National Night Out Kick-off party on September 28; National Night Out on October 1; and, Community Night Out on October 5.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Consider approving the minutes of the special and regular City Council meetings of September 3, 2019 and the special City Council meeting of September 7, 2019.
- (b) Consider an ordinance changing the zoning classification of an approximate 14.11 acre tract of land from SD, suburban district to LC-3, retail district; providing for an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan; providing a penalty; and consider the ordinance on the second and final reading. The subject site is located south of Vicksburg Boulevard and State Highway 6, east of the Oakwick Forest Estates residential subdivision and west of a Firestone Complete Auto Care.

Councilmember Emery moved to approve the Consent Agenda pursuant to recommendations by City Staff. Councilmember Pearson seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ACTIONS

- (a) There were no **Zoning Public Hearings and Ordinances.**

(b) Public Hearings and related actions

- (1) Public hearing on the approval and adoption of the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2020.

Director of Financial Services Portis presented on the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2020.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to open the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

With no public comments, Councilmember Maroulis moved to close the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilmember Boney moved to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 City Budget as presented, by record vote. Councilmember Pearson seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ayes: Mayor Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Preston, Councilmembers Edwards, Pearson, Boney, Maroulis, and Emery
Nays: None

Councilmember Emery moved to ratify the increase in property tax revenues reflected in the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2020. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (2) First of two public hearings to receive comments regarding the City's proposed tax rate of up to \$0.630000.

Councilmember Pearson moved to open the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. Councilmember Maroulis seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Bruce Zaborowski, 7915 Chancel, stated the tax proposal had no exemptions for senior citizens and would like unification of the City.

Lionel Walton, 2311 Doverglen Drive, expressed concerns regarding the proposed tax rate.

Councilmember Maroulis moved to close the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. Councilmember Emery seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Ford announced that the City Council of the City of Missouri City was scheduled to vote on the proposed tax rate of up to \$0.630000 at a public meeting to be held on Monday, October 7, 2019, in the City Council Chamber located at 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, at 7:00 p.m.

There were no **APPOINTMENTS.**

9. AUTHORIZATIONS

- (a) Consider authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to the existing contract for ditch cleaning and excavation services.

Assistant Director of Public Works Brouhard stated the request was to negotiate and execute two (2) amendments to the ditch cleaning and excavation contract as follows: amendment number one was to increase the overall contract limit by 25% from \$120,000 to \$150,000; and, amendment number two was to remove the \$40,000 per year cap.

Councilmember Emery moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to the existing contract for ditch cleaning and excavation services with Texas Drainage Inc. Councilmember Pearson seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (b) Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a one (1) year contract extension with Wells Fargo Bank for depository services.

Councilmember Emery moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a one (1) year contract extension with Wells Fargo Bank for depository services. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. ORDINANCES

- (a) Consider an ordinance amending the personnel policy of the City of Missouri City to provide for certain vacation leave; and consider the ordinance on the second and final reading.

Councilmember Emery moved to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Boney seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (b) Consider an ordinance authorizing the crediting of updated service credits in the Texas Municipal Retirement System for certain City of Missouri City employees who have membership in such-system; providing for increased annuities for certain City of Missouri City retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees; providing an effective date; and consider the ordinance on the first of two readings.

Mayor Pro Tem Preston moved to adopt the ordinance. Councilmember Pearson seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There were no **RESOLUTIONS.**

12. CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Emery invited everyone to the Missouri City Police Officers Association golf tournament on September 20. Councilmember Boney stated he attended the Congressional Black Caucus Leadership Conference and spoke to the National Forum for Black Public Administrators group. Councilmember Maroulis noted Channel 13 has featured businesses in the City and encouraged everyone to support local business owners. Councilmember Pearson congratulated City Manager Snipes for being selected a fellow. Pearson also thanked staff who worked with TxDOT for the turn rounds on Texas Parkway.

13. ADJOURN

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Minutes PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____ 2019.

Maria Jackson, City Secretary