

## MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 19, 2018

1. **Call to order.** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Bert Echterling.
2. **Invocation.** Pastor David Tenberg with Point of Truth Church provided the Invocation.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Council, Staff, and Citizens joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Roll Call.** Councilmembers present: Jimmy Rogers, Jeremy Stivener, Brenton Lane, Bert Echterling, Jim Mastergeorge, and Steven Tindell. Councilmember Steve Janics was absent.
5. **Approve Minutes from: June 5 2018 and June 19, 2018.** Councilmember Jeremy Stivener motioned to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2018 and June 19, 2018 meetings as written. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Mastergeorge seconded this motion. Voting in favor; Rogers, Stivener, Lane, Mastergeorge, Tindell and Echterling. There were no opposing votes and motion carried unanimously.
6. **Citizen Comments.** None.
7. **Recognitions from the Robinson Police Department regarding promotions, new hires, and reassignments.** Chief of Police Phillip Prasifka recognized the promotion of Corporal Gary Young to Sergeant; the promotion of Officer Ryan Collins to Corporal; the reassignment of Officer Whitney Krempp from Patrol to the Criminal Investigation Division; and welcomed our newest Officer Angela Lolmaugh to the Robinson Police Department.
8. **PUBLIC HEARING: Conduct a public hearing, consider and possible action on Ordinance No. 2018-010 providing for amendments to the FY 2017-2018 budget to reflect appropriation transfers as outlined in Exhibit A of the ordinance.** Mayor Echterling opened the Public Hearing at 6:07 PM. City Manager Craig Lemin presented this item and provided a brief summary of the proposed amendments to the FY 2017-2018 budget to include the primary drivers for each transfer. After no additional comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:17 PM. Councilmember Jeremy Stivener questioned the decreased revenue in the Sewer Fund. Mr. Lemin said this is typically due to winter averaging. Councilmember Jeremy Stivener motioned to approve Ordinance 2018-010 as presented. Councilmember Jimmy Rogers seconded this motion. Voting in favor: Rogers, Stivener, Lane, Mastergeorge, Tindell, and Echterling. There were no opposing votes and motion carried unanimously.
9. **Consider and possible action approving Resolution 2018-005-R authorizing participation in the Texas Comptroller Public Accounts Cooperative Purchasing Program.** City Secretary Jana Lewellen presented this item and stated the proposed Resolution would renew the City's participation in the Texas Comptroller Public Accounts Cooperative Purchasing Program allowing the City to make the most of our dollars by

using the State of Texas buying power. Councilmember Jimmy Rogers motioned to approve Resolution 2018-005-R as presented. Councilmember Jeremy Stivener seconded this motion. Voting in favor: Rogers, Stivener, Lane, Mastergeorge, Tindell, and Echterling. There were no opposing votes and motion carried unanimously.

**10. Consider and possible action approving the proposal from Walker Partners for engineering services for the South Pond Reroute and Downstream Gravity Extension in the amount of \$198,500 to be paid from Wastewater bond funds.** City Manager Craig Lemin and Clark Gauer with Walker Partners presented this item. Mr. Lemin stated the proposal covers all of the engineering including boundary and ROW verification, topographic surveys, preliminary & final design, franchise utility relocation, bidding, construction administration, construction staking and the resident project representative to insure the project is completed according to the design. Mr. Lemin said this project will reroute the South Pond lift station flows away from the Moonlight lift station. Mr. Lemin also stated it will also reduce flows to South Pond by diverting some current flows to the new gravity line, increase capacity at both the South Pond and Moonlight lift stations, and should also greatly reduce the odor problem at the Moonlight lift station. Councilmember Jimmy Rogers asked for a timeline. Mr. Gauer stated they should be ready to bid the project by the end of the year, and begin in early 2019. Councilmember Brenton Lane asked who would perform the geotechnical soil investigation and for a cost estimate. Mr. Gauer said Langerman Foster would normally conduct this testing, and would typically run between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Councilmember Lane asked why this is necessary. Mr. Gauer indicated that portions of the gravity sewer are estimated to be 17 to 18 feet deep, so in order to received the best bids, knowing the depth of rock would be beneficial. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Mastergeorge motioned to approve the proposal from Walker Partners as presented. Councilmember Brenton Lane seconded this motion. Voting in favor: Rogers, Stivener, Lane, Mastergeorge, Tindell, and Echterling. There were no opposing votes and motion carried unanimously.

**11. Consider and possible action approving the Environmental Health fee schedule changes and the revised Cooperative Agreement with Waco-McLennan County Public Health District for term of 10/1/2018 to 9/30/2023.** Communications and Public Information Director Destiny DeLillo presented this item. Mrs. DeLillo stated at the April 3, 2018 City Council Meeting, the council approved an increase to the funding level agreed to by participating cities and the county, increasing the City of Robinson's contribution level by \$.30 per person per year over the next five-year term of the agreement (the current base is \$1.50 person). Mrs. DeLillo said with the Cooperative Agreement expiring on September 30<sup>th</sup> the revised Cooperative Agreement outlines some additional proposed changes to the agreement. Mrs. DeLillo stated the Health District is also requesting approval of an increase in fees for the Environmental Health program due to increases in expenses since the last change in 2010. Councilmember Jimmy Rogers asked if online courses would still be available. Mrs. DeLillo indicated they would be. Councilmember Jeremy motioned to approve the Environmental Health fee schedule changes and the revised Cooperative Agreement with Waco-McLennan County Public Health District for term of 10/1/2018 to 9/30/2023. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Mastergeorge

seconded this motion. Voting in favor: Rogers, Stivener, Lane, Mastergeorge, Tindell, and Echterling. There were no opposing votes and motion carried unanimously.

**12. Consider and possible action submitting the nomination of a qualified person for the position of Trustee, Places 11-14, expiring October 1, 2018 for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.** City Secretary Jana Lewellen presented this item. Following a brief discussion by Council regarding potential nominations, Mayor Echterling requested to table this item to the August 7, 2018 meeting to give Council time to consider nominees. No action was taken.

**13. Consider and possible action regarding restructuring the Waco Metropolitan Area Regional Sewer System (WMARSS) and consider authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of intent regarding the restructuring.** City Manager Craig Lemin presented this item. Mr. Lemin said as Council is aware, there has been discussion for the past year and a half regarding restructuring WMARSS. WMARSS is currently owned jointly by the seven-member cities and each city bears the responsibility for all liabilities, both civil and criminal. In addition, each city is responsible for all costs, operating and capital, equal to their percentage of ownership and capacity. Mr. Lemin stated as such, it creates inefficiencies that negatively impact future operations of the WMARSS plants and collection system as each city's council must approve debt to cover improvements or expansions as well as address major system issues. In addition, each must apply separately for any grants or low interest financing that may be available. Mr. Lemin stated after significant discussion and exploring available options, the WMARSS Board agrees that the best available option is for the member cities to transfer ownership to one-member City and they operate the system. Mr. Lemin said the City of Waco is willing to take on that ownership, and he attached letter of intent outlines this change over. Mr. Lemin said before the City of Waco undertakes the expense of moving forward with this process, they ask all member cities sign the letter of intent which outlines the goals and objectives of the transfer and provides propositions that will establish the parameters of negotiating a new WMARSS Agreement. Mr. Lemin said signing the letter of intent does not represent a commitment and/or agreement to enter into a new contractual commitment unless a unanimous agreement of all WMARSS participants can be achieved. The letter only represents a commitment to pursue an alternative structure to address the system inefficiencies. Mayor Bert Echterling asked when the City anticipates needing extra capacity. Mr. Lemin indicated five years. Councilmember Jimmy Rogers voiced his concern with the proposed agreement and feels this could give away our ability to grow. Mr. Lemin stated this is only a letter of intent to continue to pursue an alternative, and our request for any future capacity cannot be denied. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Mastergeorge motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of intent as presented. Councilmember Steven Tindell seconded this motion. Voting in favor: Stivener, Lane, Mastergeorge, Tindell and Echterling. Motioned carried by a vote of 5-1 with Councilmember Jimmy Rogers voting in opposition.

**14. Discussion regarding the purchase of a new fire engine for the Robinson VFD.** Fire Chief Gerald Groppe and Steve Ostrom with the Robinson Volunteer Fire Department provided a brief overview regarding the current state of their fire engines, and are requesting the replacement of the 1999 Pierce engine with a new engine. Council requested that City Manager Craig Lemin look into financing options to be included in the proposed FY 2018-2019 Budget. No action was taken.

**15. Executive Session: Under the provisions of Government Code 551, the Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss:**

- a. Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Govt. Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.072, to discuss real estate transaction.*

*Council entered into Executive Session at 7:58 PM.  
Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:17 PM.*

**16. Consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session:**

- **Resolution 2018-006-R authorizing the sale of certain surplus real estate property located in Robinson, Texas also known as a 0.1171-acre tract of land being Block 4, Lot D3 on the plat or map of the Old Town of Robinson on file in the Deed or Plat Records of McLennan County, Texas.** Councilmember Brenton Lane motioned to approve Resolution 2018-006-R authorizing the sale of certain surplus real estate property located in Robinson, Texas. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Mastergeorge seconded this motion. Voting in favor: Rogers, Stivener, Lane, Mastergeorge, Tindell, and Echterling. There were no opposing votes and motion carried.

**17. Councilmember requests for items to be placed on future agendas.** Councilmember Jimmy Rogers requested a discussion item regarding programs to better inform citizens regarding their water usage.

**18. Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.