

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 3, 2023

OPENING ITEMS

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Bert Echterling.
2. **Invocation:** Councilmember Jimmy Rogers provided the invocation.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance was said aloud.**
4. **Roll Call:** Councilmembers present: Mayor Bert Echterling, Jimmy Rogers, Jeremy Holland, Brittany McLean, Michael Baker and Jim Mastergeorge. Councilmembers absent: Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy Stivener.
5. **Citizen Comments:** Linda Vaughn, Robinson Chamber of Commerce, covered 2022 accomplishments and provided upcoming announcements: January 2022 – Quarterly networking luncheon and a ribbon cutting for Throw It Again Tackle; February 2022 – Semi-annual membership meeting; March 2022 – Business after hours at Bevy Boutique; April 2022- Quarterly networking luncheon and promotion for the Siesta Fiesta at Michelle’s Bling shopping center; May 2022 – Promotion of the monthly Sip’n Shop at Designs by Denise and The Bevy Boutique; June 2022 – Business after hours at Himes Services to celebrate Flag Day and a ribbon cutting for Our Hospice House Resale Shop; July 2022 - Annual membership banquet – 65th year Anniversary, Gordon Collier provided entertainment; August 2022 – Quarterly networking luncheon, Business after hours sponsored by Addax Insurance at K4 Construction, promotion of a back to school bash at Michelle’s Bling, ribbon cutting for Bush’s Chicken; September 2022 – ribbon cutting for CrossFit 818 and First Responder appreciation day; October 2022 – Quarterly networking luncheon and ribbon cutting for Launch Pad Espresso; November 2022 – ribbon cutting for MoTech Performance Services and a joint networking breakfast with Hewitt and McGregor Chambers; December 2022 – Annual Christmas parade, promotion of the Christmas event at Michelle’s Bling and Throw It Again Tackle, promotion of an open house at The Bevy Boutique and Designs by Denise. Twenty-nine (29) new members for the 2022-year, total of approximately 140 Chamber members. Linda introduced two board members in attendance: La’Kenya Greathouse and Cynthia McCoy. Upcoming: website is being updated; the next board meeting will be January 17th at 5:30PM at Atmos Energy; Board Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month and are open to the public; Joint ribbon cutting for Texas Documents Solutions with other chambers in the area on January 9th at 11:30PM at 6807 Woodway Drive; Semi-annual Chamber membership meeting, Thursday, February 9th at 6:00PM at the Hampton Inn & Suites South, sponsored by Blanek’s Custom Catering who will provide dinner; Quarterly networking luncheon is January 19th at noon at Tejun, guest speaker will be newly elected District Attorney Josh Tetens and the Annual Membership Banquet is July 20th at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame. Please check the chambers newsletter and website for calendar events. Ms. Vaughn thanked the council for all the support and asked for suggestions.

PRESENTATION

6. Presentation: Mike Vogelaar, Greater Waco Sports Commission

Mr. Vogelaar provided a recap of the 2022 year for council. He covered recruited events, created events and event enhancement. Economic impact of the Ironman events were discussed and community impact was also included. Mr. Vogelaar recapped with: January – renewal of Ironman Festival for 7 years; February – 6 McLennan County Resident Scholarships were given out; March – Created TEAM Waco, logo, and podcast series; April – Social “Meet & Greet” & Training; May thru July – Races, social media campaign and online store; August thru October – fundraiser night, continued promotions, Ironman. Mr. Vogelaar asked council what else would they like to see from GWSC. Councilmember Mastergeorge commented more promotion of local events such as the Little League World Series and Equestrian events. Mr. Vogelaar gave wacosports.org as a resource for events.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Approve Minutes: December 6, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Rogers made a motion to approve the December 6, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Councilmember McLean seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Echterling, Rogers, Holland, McLean, Baker and Mastergeorge. There were no opposing votes, the motion carried 6-0.

8. Discussion regarding the contract and franchise end date for solid waste services through Waste Management and the potential for a two-year contract extension.

Craig Lemin, City Manager presented the item along with comments from Assistant to the City Manager, Destiny DeLillo: At the April 3, 2018 city council meeting, council approved an agreement with Waste Management to provide Solid Waste and Recycling Services for the City of Robinson. The contract has a five (5) year term which went into effect on July 1, 2018 and is set to automatically renew for another two years if no notice is given by either party to terminate the contract. Notice to terminate must be given at least 180 days prior to the contract renewing. The current contract is set to renew on June 30, 2023 so we are bringing this before council to ensure there is enough time allotted, if necessary, to implement Council's decision. In doing so, city staff would like to bring a couple of things to Council's attention. One is the time the process to implement a request for proposals requires from staff. With the new digital water meters set to be installed in January, our fear is the amount of staff time necessary for its implementation would hinder the amount of staff time available to perform a proper request for proposals process. It was a major change for customers to go from setting out bags of trash at the curb to utilizing carts. The change in setouts and services that accompanied the switch to a new solid waste provider has taken most of the contract for everyone to get settled in on, so there are concerns about what potentially could accompany a change in providers or services. Comments of technology, satellite program as well as having hazardous waste collection were mentioned as benefits with Waste Management. Mr. Lemin stated the route in Robinson is a difficult route and there was a learning curve in the beginning. It is Council's decision to extend the contract or move forward with a new bid.

Council agreed for the City Manager to move forward with a two-year extension. Mr. Lemin stated a contract would be brought back for approval by council.

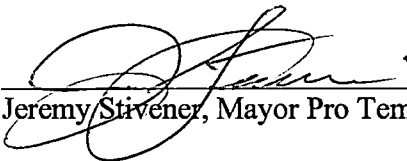
9. Consider and possible action approving the proposal from Duke's Root Control, Inc. for an I / I (Infiltration and Inflow) Micro Detection Study.

Greg Hobbs, Utility System Director presented the item: Duke's Root Control, Inc will provide for the labor, materials, equipment and services to inspect sewer lines. The study area will include sections of our collection system that flow to our South Pond lift station. The purpose of the study is to identify the locations where rain water is entering our collection system. By identifying the problem areas, we can establish a plan to address the problematic lines and reduce infiltration that is flowing to the lift station. Doing so will free up capacity at the South Pond Station for new development. In turn will also reduce the amount of wastewater flow sent to Waco for treatment. The City will be utilizing the HGAC Contract #SC01-21 at a total cost of \$94,500.00 (Contract amount of \$90,000.00 along with 5% Contingency of \$4500.00)

Councilmember Rogers made a motion to approve the proposal from Duke's Root Control, Inc. for an I / I (Infiltration and Inflow) Micro Detection Study. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Echterling, Rogers, Holland, McLean, Baker and Mastergeorge. There were no opposing votes, the motion carried 6-0.

10. Mayor and Councilmember updates and requests for items to be placed on future agendas. None given.

11. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.


Jeremy Stivener, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Misty Cryer, City Secretary

