

# *City of Beasley*

**MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY – AUGUST 20, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.  
BEASLEY CITY HALL  
319 SOUTH 3<sup>RD</sup> ST., BEASLEY, TX 77417**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Kenneth Reid called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Council Members Jerri Lindemann, Yvonne Meyer, Carolyn Sabrsula, and Douglas Harris were present. Al Becan was absent.

**Approve minutes from July 16, 2019 meeting:** Ms. Meyer made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Mr. Harris seconded. *Motion carried*

**Mayor Announcements:** City has purchased a new 2019 John Deere diesel lawn mower for \$13,398.57 from Shoppa's Farm Supply in E. Bernard.

Marvin Edwards is trimming trees around town – Baseball Park, Pavilion, Gazebo Park, City Hall and City Hall Park. Debris will be placed in Cemetery Square for the County to pick up and dispose of.

Texas Water Development Board is hosting a series of workshops over the next few weeks to talk about the Flood Infrastructure Fund that can be used to fund mitigation projects. Think of the type of projects that should be funded and how they should be funded – through loans or grants or a combination of both.

Letter from FBC Community Development was received today informing that Phase 2 of the Sanitary Sewer System has been recommended in the amount of \$240,582 and will be prepared and submitted for execution.

## **Communication from the public**

**Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council may not discuss or take action on any items not posted on the agenda.**

There was no public attendance.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Discuss updated/corrected Year 2018 Audit**

Mr. Sandersen presented Council with a revised 2018 Year Audit. Mr. Harris recommended that Council approve the 2018 Year Audit and Ms. Meyer seconded. *Motion seconded.*

**B. Discuss zoning suggestions**

Mr. Harris briefly reviewed the zoning draft making some suggestions that Council will take home and study.

**NEW BUSINES**

**A. Discuss and act on letter from Carrie Surratt, Tax Assessor/Collector for the City of Beasley**

- i. Certify that the anticipated tax collection rate for 2019 Tax Year for City of Beasley is estimated at 100%**

Ms. Meyer made the motion to accept the anticipated tax collection rate for 2019 Tax Year as having been estimated at 100%. Mr. Harris seconded and the *motion carried.*

**B. Discuss and act on having received the following:**

- i. 2019 Tax Year Taxable Value of New Property**  
**ii. 2019 Tax Year Appraised Value of All Properties**  
**iii. 2019 Tax Year Taxable Value of All Properties**

i.	2019 Tax Year Taxable Value of New Property	\$ 220,910
ii.	2019 Tax year Appraised Value of All Properties	\$52,818,584
iii.	2019 Tax Year Taxable Value of All Properties	\$34,697,199

Mr. Harris made the motion to accept the taxable and appraised values of new and all property totals as submitted and Ms. Sabrsula seconded. *Motion carried.*

**C. Discuss and act on changing hours for City Hall from four days a week to five days a week**

City Hall went into Closed Session at 7:02 p.m.

**D. Close Open Session and go into Closed Session under Government Code §551.074**

**E. Discuss salary increase for City employees**

**F. Return to Open Session under Government Code 551.074 to act on matters discussed**

Open Session returned at 7:36 p.m.

Ms. Meyer made the motion to change the days and hours for City Hall working Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Lindemann seconded and the *motion carried.*

Ms. Meyer made the motion to increase the hourly employees by \$1.00 an hour each, bookkeeper by \$225.00 and the custodian to \$150.00 monthly effective October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Lindemann seconded and *motion carried.*

**G. Discuss proposed 2019-2020 budget**

Ms. Andel will make some changes and send to Council to review.

**H. Discuss and act on the proposed 2019 Tax Year Preparation**

The 2019 tax year effective tax rate is \$0.361612/\$100 - \$0.265733 for maintenance and operations and \$0.095879 for interest and sinking. The rollback tax rate of \$0.382870/\$100 - \$0.286991 for maintenance and operations and \$0.095879 for interest and sinking. Ms. Andel suggested the rollback tax. Ms. Meyer made the motion to accept the proposed 2019 rollback tax rate to reduce the taxes from \$0.402801 to \$0.382870/\$100 and Mrs. Lindemann seconded. *Motion carried.*

**I. Discuss and act on increasing water and sewer rates**

Residential and commercial minimum rates will not increase; however, the rate will increase from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons over the 2001 gallon rate for residential and \$2.50 to \$3.00 per 1,000 over for commercial. Ms. Meyer made the motion to increase the rates as stated effective October 1<sup>st</sup> and Mr. Harris seconded. *Motion carried.*

**J. Discuss and act on choosing new bank**

The City received only one bid and that was from First National Bank of Bellville and they have a branch in Wallis, Texas. Mr. Harris made the motion to transfer from First National bank of East Bernard to First National Bank of Bellville and Ms. Sabrsula seconded. *Motion carried.*

**K. Discuss and act on check signers**

The current signers are Kenneth Reid, Jerri Lindemann and Al Becan. It was recommended Mr. Becan be removed due to his many absences. The new signers will be Kenneth Reid, Jerri Lindemann and Carolyn Sabrsula. Ms. Meyer made the motion to remove Mr. Becan and appoint Ms. Sabrsula and keep Kenneth Reid and Jerri Lindemann as the check signers. Mrs. Lindemann seconded and the *motion carried.*

**L. Discuss and act on selecting a credit card company**

Ms. Sabrsula made the motion to select Bolletta as the City's credit card company to process transactions on line with a 3% convenience fee added to the user. Ms. Meyer seconded and the *motion carried.*

**M. Discuss and act on bringing City Hall restrooms up to ADA Standards**

This item has been tabled until more bids can be obtained.

**Financial Report:** Ms. Wanda Andel presented Council with a Financial Statement showing the General Fund with \$109,777.26 and the Water/Sewer Account with \$113,045.16. Ms. Meyer made the motion to accept the report, pay the bills and Mrs. Lindemann seconded. *Motion carried.*

**City Building Report:** The following permits were issued for a total of \$80.00:

#0839	06/20/2019	Ruperto Maravilla	7108 Ave. C	Swimming pool	\$ 10.00
#0840	07/01/2019	Michael Cortez	314 N. 5 <sup>th</sup> St.	Electrical	\$ 10.00
#0841	07/01/2019	Taqueria Las Cazuelas-7103 Loop 540 -		Sell tacos	\$ 50.00
#0842	07/03/2019	Padilla, Maria	325 N. 4 <sup>th</sup> St.	Electrical	\$ 10.00
#0843	07/16/2019	Rodriquez, R.C.	7420 Ave. E	Electrical	waived

A mobile home safety inspection was done on 419 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. #2 with a few items needing to be addressed before renting out.

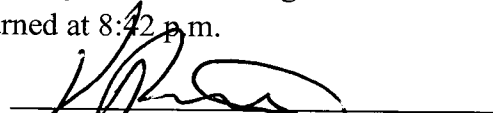
A list of mobile homes inside the city limits will be sent to CenterPoint along with a letter stating permits are required and must be issued by the City prior to power being turned on.

**Water/Sewer Report:** Both the Waste Water Treatment and Water Plants are running smoothly. There are a few water leaks that will be repaired shortly.

**Adjournment:** Mrs. Lindemann made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Harris seconded. *Motion carried* and meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
G. B. Michulka, Recording Secretary

  
Kenneth Reid, Mayor