

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MINERAL WELLS CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL ANNEX
March 1, 2016 - 6:00 pm

City Councilmembers present were Mayor Mike Allen, Mayor Pro-Tem John Upham, Councilmembers Clif Wright, Brian Reagan, Thomas Lively, and Wayne Johnson. Councilmember Underwood was absent. A quorum of City Councilmembers was present.

Staff members present were City Manager Lance Howerton, Police Chief Dean Sullivan, Fire Chief Mike Pool, Finance Director John Moran, Public Works Director Kelly Jones, City Clerk Juanita Formby, and City Attorney George Gault.

Mayor Allen called the meeting to order, Pastor Guy Weathers of Indian Creek Baptist Church of Mineral Wells gave the invocation, and the Pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas were recited.

CITIZEN COMMENT

No one was present to speak.

Mr. Reagan moved and Mr. Upham seconded to approve the following **Consent Agenda** and the motion carried 6-0:

1. Consider minutes of previous meeting held February 16, 2016.
2. Consider approval of budgeted expenditures over \$500.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

3. Mr. Jones presented an ordinance which would amend the City's Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan. He talked about the two significant droughts the area has suffered in the past six years; the most recent one resulting in dangerously low lake levels and prompting the City to seek alternate means of providing water to her some 30,000 water customers. Fortunately, the drought broke and Lake Palo Pinto filled, but it was considered prudent to put conservations measures in place ahead of another crises. Restrictions will be in place even when the lake is full, a measure which has been taken by many Texas cities. Mr. Jones discussed the triggers that would cause staff to implement the five (5) progressively restrictive stages, and described the restrictions which would be enforced in each stage. Following the discussion, Mr. Reagan moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to pass and approve an ordinance amending Division 3 Water Conservation and Drought Plan of Chapter 90, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mineral Wells, Texas by adopting a revised Water

Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan; and providing for an effective date. Motion carried 6-0.

4. Fire Chief Pool told the City Council that the antenna used for transmission of Fire/EMS radio traffic currently mounted on the Welcome Mountain water storage tank will be disabled when the City's water tanks undergo refurbishment, to commence in the next few days. In anticipation of this, Chief Pool contacted North Rural Water Supply Corporation and negotiated an agreement to install the antenna on their elevated water storage tank located on Shattles Road in north Mineral Wells. This will actually enhance the use of the frequency, as it will be at a higher elevation and separated from the police frequency. The Agreement anticipates a term of ten (10) years with an additional ten (10) year renewal, at no cost to the City. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Upham moved and Mr. Reagan seconded to adopt an ordinance authorizing execution of the subject agreement, and the motion carried 6-0.

5. There was no further business to come before the City Council, so the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

/s/ Mike Allen, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Juanita Formby, City Clerk

APPROVED: March 15, 2016