

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MINERAL WELLS CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL ANNEX
May 3, 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 Tammy 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, Youth Minister David McClure of the 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

Sgt. Patrick Adams of the Mineral Wells Police Department had signed to speak. He introduced several newly-inducted 4th Responders; Mark Alcorn, Thomas Lively, Mickey West, Randal Anderson, and Karen Horton. Fourth Responders are members of the community ministry who respond to serious accidents, weather events, etc. when victims may be in need of comfort and counseling.

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 April 19, 2016.
2. Consider approval of budgeted expenditures over \$500.
3. Consider resolution declaring certain items as surplus property and authorizing disposition of said items.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

4. Mr. Howerton said that the City ordinance prohibiting the sale/possession of synthetic marijuana, commonly called "K-2" has been rendered unnecessary by state law. Recent legislation has made K-2 a controlled substance and its regulation is now the purview of the State. City Attorney George Gault recommends repeal of the City's 2010 ordinance regulating same. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Reagan moved and Mr. Upham seconded to pass and approve an ordinance repealing Article IV *Illegal Smoking Products* of Chapter 66 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mineral

Wells, Texas; to repeal the ordinance regulating the sale/possession of "K-2", synthetic marijuana. Motion carried 6-0.

5. Mr. Howerton reported on a recent project "Envision Mineral Wells", which was led by Wes Jurey retired CEO of the Arlington, Texas Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of Envision Mineral Wells is to identify the most critical issues faced by Mineral Wells; assess specific actions that will positively impact our community; prioritize critical issues and put those ideas and recommendations into action. Of 160 local citizens invited, approximately 120 participated in three goal-setting meetings between September 2015 and January 2016. At the most recent meeting, the citizen group convened to review a draft of the Final Report and took action to unanimously recommend approval of the Phase 1 Final report by the City Council. Phase 1 of the process involves setting goals and objectives. Mr. Howerton presented the Phase 1 Final Report for the City Council's consideration. Mayor Allen and Councilman Wright expressed gratitude to those who participated and appreciated their enthusiasm for formulating a plan for the future and their desire to see the plan through. Councilman Reagan took exception to some parts of the plan which he felt are vague and obscures the unique identity of Mineral Wells. Following the discussion, Mr. Wright moved and Mr. Upham seconded to adopt the Phase 1 Final Report of Envision Mineral Wells. Mr. Reagan abstained, and the motion carried 5-0-1.
6. On a related matter, Mr. Howerton presented a Personal Services Agreement between the City and Mr. Wes Jurey, who led the Envision Mineral Wells Phase 1 effort. Mr. Howerton recommended engaging the services of Mr. Jurey for the next phase, which is implementation of the recommendations. The cost to the City for his services will be \$2,500 monthly plus expenses, and the agreement contemplates a six month term, with a six-month extension if needed. Monies for this are available in the Economic Development Fund. Mr. Reagan moved and Mr. Johnson moved to approve the Agreement as presented, and the motion carried 6-0.
7. Mr. Howerton introduced Mr. James Friend of The Arts Hub, a local group who wishes to conduct various classes and activities in theater, drama, music and the arts, to include conducting summer camp activities in the arts for local young people. The Arts Hub had hoped to lease the North Oak Community Center for this purpose, but that building is undergoing repairs from vandalism. In the alternative, staff presented a Use Agreement that would allow The Arts Hub to provide their programs out of the Activity Center under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation Department. The Agreement contemplates a one year term with a lease payment of \$450 monthly. This is thought to be a positive contribution to the community and staff recommends approval of the Agreement. Mr. James Friend also addressed the City Council and talked about the

programs The Arts Hub hoped to provide, and his and his staff's qualifications to provide same. Following the presentation, Mr. Wright moved to adopt a resolution authorizing approval of the Facility Use Agreement with The Arts Hub, Mr. Lively seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

8. Mrs. Formby said that the Mayor's Committee on Boards and Commissions had reviewed three applications, for the Fire Code Board of Appeals, the Library Advisory Board, and the Board of Adjustment/Building and Standards Commission. Vacancies exist on each of these Boards. The Committee now recommends the appointment of Ms. Kathryn McLaughlin to an unexpired term on the Fire Code Board of Appeals to a term which will expire on March 31, 2018; the appointment of Mrs. Lori Schmidtke to the Library Advisory Board to an unexpired term which will expire March 31, 2019; and the appointment of Mr. Paul Schmidtke to an unexpired term on the Board of Adjustment/Building and Standards Commission, his term to expire on March 31, 2017. Each of these prospective appointees were present at this meeting, and each were enthusiastic about an opportunity to serve. Mrs. Formby advised that if the City Council chose to accept these recommendations, the net result would be a full complement on each of the Boards regularly used by the City, except there would remain one vacancy on the Fire Code Board of Appeals. Mr. Reagan moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to accept the recommendation of the Mayor's Committee on Boards and Commissions, and make the recommended appointments as described above. Motion carried 6-0.
9. There was no further business to be considered, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

/s/ Mike Allen, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Juanita Formby, City Clerk

APPROVED: May 17, 2016