

CITY OF TODD MISSION CITY OF TODD MISSION
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2019

I. Call to Order

City Manager Neal Wendele called to order the meeting of the Todd Mission City Council at 2:00 pm on October 10, 2019 at City Hall 21718 FM 1774, Todd Mission, TX.

II. Roll Call

The following people were present:

Mayor George Coulam
Council member Mike Eubank
Council member Hal Merritt
Council member Christy Pendley
Council member Heather Moon- Whinnery
City Manager Neal Wendele
City Secretary Julie Lunsford
Fire Chief- Cassandra Malone

III. Certification of a Quorum:

Four Council Members and the mayor were present. Quorum was certified.

IV. New Business

-Neal Wendele called meeting to order

-Pledge

-Public Comments – It is noted that there is a member of the media present.

-Closed public comments

- - Presentations/ Public Announcements – none

- Minutes of last meeting approved. Council Member Hall Merritt makes a motion to approve. Council Member Heather Moon -Whinnery 2nd. Unanimous.

- Police Report- Neal Wendele reports that Chief Hagan as tendered his resignation official Friday October 11th, 2019 and will have more information moving forward.

- Administration Report - Neal Wendele gives report.

- Financial Update – Neal Wendele lets council know the city has about \$40,000 in available funds. Our budget is upcoming so we will be looking at a preliminary budget next meeting. The city determines priorities through its budget and asks council to let him know if there is anything specific, they would like put into the budget. City manager Neal Wendele updates that through the interlocal agreement with the county there is work being done and several rights of ways are being cleared. Also, the interlocal and mutual aid agreements between Montgomery county ESD and the hospital districts are working well.

- Emergency Services- Chief Malone lets council know total calls from February 2019 till today is 61. Chief Malone also updates that the department had a meet and greet with Magnolia department that went very well. Chief Malone let council know she has an agreement with Magnolia and Whitehall for servicing the faire if we have a large fire since we do not have a tanker. There is also an agreement on wrecks for assistance if there is something Todd Mission can not get to. Chief Malone updates council on county contracts which will be voted on by October 16th. Once approved will give the department \$37,500 for the year.

1. **FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION-** Selection of an Audit and Financial Reporting firm. Neal lets council know he reached out to 5 different auditing firms with only 2 interested. One is a firm recommended by our accountant and the other recommended by the city attorney. The firm that was suggested by the city attorney is no longer interested so Neal presents the information for the remaining firm - McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot PLLC. With this firm the cost will be capped at \$12, 000 but expect the actual cost to be \$8000-\$9000. Council member Mike Eubank makes a motion. Heather Moon 2nd. Unanimous.
2. **FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION-** Replacement street signs. Neal asks council member Hal Merritt if there was something specific, he would like addressed as he requested this topic be placed on the agenda. Council member Merritt says he noticed some broken and or missing street signs and would like council to consider an ongoing program to assure street signs are in good repair. Merritt notes the importance of visible street signs for emergency services. Neal lets council know what Grimes county does for county and private roads and notes that city roads we can make our own choice. Neal advises the county will provide signs that are white with blue letters at no expense or the city can provide its own at a

cost of about \$40-\$80 each. It was council member Heather Moon-Whinnery's opinion that it would be safer to redo the city street signs at our expense. Council member Merritt agrees. Neal Wendele lets council know that we can add this to next year's budget and create a plan to replace street signs. Heather Moon asks for options to choose from. Hal Merritt makes a motion to adopt a sign replacement plan to be placed on next agenda. Heather Moon-Whinnery 2nd. Unanimous.

3. **FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION-** An Interlocal Cooperation Contract For the Failure to Appear Program. Hal Merritt makes a motion. Heather Moon-Whinnery 2nd. Unanimous.

4. **FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION-** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal cooperation contract with the Texas Department of Public Safety for the use of certain of their law enforcement related forms, publications, and other supplies, and declaring an effective date. Council member Hal Merritt makes a motion. Heather Moon 2nd. Unanimous.

V. ***Council member Christy Pendley makes motion to close the meeting. Council member Hal Merritt - 2nd motion. Unanimous. The meeting was closed at 2:24 pm.***