

CITY OF TODD MISSION CITY OF TODD MISSION
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2020

- Call to Order

City Manager Neal Wendele called to order the meeting of the Todd Mission City Council at 2:00 pm on February 13, 2020 at City Hall 21718 FM 1774, Todd Mission, TX.

- Roll Call

The following people were present:

Council member Brett Bratcher

Council member Hal Merritt

Council member Christy Pendley

Council member Heather Moon- Whinnery

City Manager Neal Wendele

City Secretary Julie Lunsford

- Certification of a Quorum:

Four Council Members were present. Quorum was certified.

- New Business

- Neal Wendele called meeting to order

- Pledge

- Public Comments – Tim Yosik 11467 Inwood Dr. expresses concerns regarding littering on Inwood Dr. Neal Wendele provides information that there are state laws & fines in place for littering. Mr. Yosik asks if signs posted with fines would be an option. Neal Wendele responds that the city is in the process of a sign project.

- Closed public comments

- Presentations/ Public Announcements – none

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. CONSIDERATION – APPROVAL OF MINUTES Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 9, 2020.
 - b. CONSIDERATION- Approve and authorize the 2019 investment policy for the fiscal year of 2020 with no changes from 2019.
 - c. CONSIDERATION- Approve and authorize the Navasota Examiner as the official newspaper for the fiscal year of 2020.
 - d. CONSIDERATION- Approve Prosperity Bank as the City’s depository bank for the fiscal year of 2020.

Council member Brett Bratcher makes a motion to approve all consent agenda items. Council member Heather Moon -Whinnery 2nd.
Unanimous.

- Police Report

Interim Chief Keith Winford reports since the last meeting there were a total of 20 calls. 18 of those calls were county and 2 Todd Mission calls. No accidents, no arrests, 8 citations and 4 warnings issued. Interim Chief Winford lets council know he had his first TCOLE audit last week and everything was in order. Winford also presents the mandatory annual racial profiling report.

- Emergency Services Report-

Neal Wendele lets council know the fire department recently has received a donation of equipment and has several members currently in training.

- Administration Report -

- Financial Update – Neal Wendele reports the city has a little over \$200,000 in Texas Class and we should be receiving 4th quarter and December tax payment tomorrow. Neal Wendele lets council know that the city has currently \$20,000 over what we received last festival and that if things stay normal, we should have about \$80,000 increase over last year's revenue.
- General Update- Neal Wendele lets council know there are a couple of lots being cleared that we will discuss further in the agenda regarding a burn ordinance.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION- A resolution to designate authorized signators for the Hurricane Harvey- Infrastructure CDBG Disaster Recovery program 20-065-056-C167. Council Member Hal Merritt makes a motion to approve. Council Member Brett Bratcher 2nd. Unanimous.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, A resolution adopting required CDBG-DR Civil Rights policies. Council Member Hal Merritt makes a motion to approve. Council Member Heather Moon-Whinnery 2nd. Unanimous.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION- A resolution to Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. Council Member Hal Merritt makes a motion to approve. Council Member Heather Moon-Whinnery 2nd. Unanimous.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION- Approval of the order of election for the May 2, 2020 election to elect three City Councilmembers to Positions 1,2 & 3. Consideración y acción posible en aprobar la orden de la elección para que la elección del 2 de mayo de 2020 elija dos la ciudad Councilmembers a las posiciones 1, 2 y 3. Council Member Heather Moon-Whinnery makes a motion to approve. Council Member Cristy Pendley 2nd. Unanimous.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION- An ordinance permitting outdoor burning within the corporate limits of the City of Todd Mission consistent with the outdoor burning rule of the Texas commission on environmental quality. Neal Wendele advises that this ordinance would be the city getting in line with already state law and requiring a permit before burning so the city/ fire department is aware. Also, this gives the city the opportunity to let the citizen know the TCEQ requirements. Council Member Hal Merritt asks the definition of residential trash. Hal is directed to page 3 for the definition. Council member Heather Moon- Whinnery asks if burning leaves and limbs would require a permit. Neal Wendele responds no, that is exempted with TECQ, but the TECQ rules would still apply. Council member Brett Bratcher expresses concern over the way the ordinance is written. Brett Bratcher notes that we have no land fill or garbage service for large items that may need to be disposed of. Brett Bratcher states that the ordinance goes a lot further than TECQ. Neal Wendele responds that the only added portion is the requirement of a permit for land clearing purposes and domestic burning and everything else is in line with TCEQ state law already. Council member Heather Moon- Whinnery suggests tabling to allow to review the TECQ rules and to possibly edit the proposed ordinance. Council member Hal Merritt notes he does not have an issue with permitting, but does not want to embellish the state law. Neal Wendele strongly suggest leaving in the permitting requirements because it is a mechanism to know that someone is trying to move in. Neal Wendele suggests to table this for future discussion until all of council has read TECQ rules as council had many questions and concerns.

Council Member Heather Moon – Whinnery makes a motion to table. Council member Cristy Pendley 2nd. Unanimous.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION- Levy of Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax. Hal Merritt suggests clarification of a definition of a business with regards to hotels/ air b n b be placed on next agenda. Council member Brett Bratcher makes a motion to approve rate at 7%. Council member Heather Moon Whinnery 2nd. Unanimous.

- ***Council member Hal Merritt makes motion to close the meeting. Council member Heather Moon- Whinnery - 2nd. Unanimous. The meeting was closed at 2:49 pm.***