

CITY OF TODD MISSION CITY OF TODD MISSION  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2020

- Call to Order

City Manager Neal Wendele called to order the meeting of the Todd Mission City Council at 2:00 pm on March 12, 2020 at City Hall 21718 FM 1774, Todd Mission, TX.

- 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

- Certification of a Quorum:

Four Council Members were present. Quorum was certified.

- New Business

- Neal Wendele called meeting to order

- Pledge

- Public Comments –

- 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 February 13, 2020. Council member Brett Bratcher makes a motion to approve all consent agenda items. Council member Hal Merritt makes a motion to approve. Council member Heather Moon -Whinnery 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

- **Police Report**

- No report given as Interim Chief Keith was absent.

- Emergency Services Report-**

- Tom Godfrey gives report. 19 calls in 2020. 103 total since the department has been active. Tom Godfrey shows council the wildland/ bunker gear purchased with grant money. Tom lets council know TMVFD will be holding a 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday fundraiser and also notes the department will be holding a gun raffle as well.

**- Administration Report -**

- Financial Update – Neal Wendele reports the city has a little over \$190,000 in Texas Class and we should receive \$32,000 reimbursement from the state soon for police software the city had to purchase up front. Neal Wendele lets council know that for the Harvey grant he has attended the anti-fraud meeting required and the grant kick-off meeting will be coming up and is part of the grant process.
- 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.
- Emergency Services- Neal Wendele lets council know that he and Assistant Chief Corerra met with the new St. Josephs ambulance services director about possibly placing a station on city property. Neal explains that this would be a county decision and there is an interest. Tom Godfrey gives an update on TMVFD working with medical dispatch with the county to page the fire department when there is a situation of stroke or cardiac arrest because they carry an AED on the trucks and could make a difference if St. Joseph ambulance is further away.

**FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION-** To approve Certification of Unopposed Candidates. Council Member Heather Moon – Whinnery makes a motion. Council member Cristy Pendley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION-** To approve the Order of Cancellation of the May 2, 2020 election. Council member Heather Moon Whinnery makes a motion. Council member Mike Eubank 2<sup>nd</sup>- Unanimous.

**FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION-** Pay adjustment for Interim Chief of Police. Neal Wendele explains that Keith Winford has been fulfilling the duties at the standard rate since October and has been doing a fair amount of work over and above what a regular officer would do. Neal

suggests a \$5 an hour increase until a permanent chief is hired. Neal lets council know the ad for hiring a new chief will run on the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month. Council member Hal Merritt makes a motion. Council member Heather Moon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION-** - Transfer of \$3,000 From Police Payroll to Building Maintenance for electric and water line relocation. Tom Godfrey explains that the well is installed although there isn't water lines or power and new wire will have to be run. Council member Heather Moon makes a motion. Council member Hal Merritt 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 explains that the copy in the packet has a strike through the "Persons desiring to use fire for the Disposal of Domestic Waste must receive a Domestic Waste Burn permit from the City of Todd Mission" and he recommends an alternative of using language from TCEQ that "the outdoor burn must not cause nuisance or traffic hazard". Council member Hal Merritt makes a motion to approve. Council member Heather Moon-Whinnery 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION-** Discuss Short-Term Rental Ordinance. Neal Wendele defines a business as retail space open to the public and advises not changing this until we look at zoning regulations because most of this is based off zoning. Neal also notes that the topic of short term rentals is being heavily litigated right now and suggests seeing how events play out in the courts a little more. Neal notes we can readdress when we start looking into zoning unless council would like to address now. Council member Heather-Moon Whinnery and Hal Merritt agree to leave definition of a business as is. No further action taken.

- *Council member Heather Moon - Whinnery makes motion to close the meeting. Council member Hal Merritt - 2nd. Unanimous. The meeting was closed at 2:22 pm.*