

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
December 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Video Conference

In order to assist in maintaining the health of Council Members, staff and the public during COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held by video conference.

Council or staff present in City Hall: No one.

Council Members attending via video: Mayor Brandt Rydell
Council Member Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Anderson
Council Member Robert Garcia

Others attending: Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney
Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

Mayor Brandt Rydell took a roll call, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

There were no citizen comments.

BOARDS & COMMISSION PRESENTATION

1. Animal Control Appeals Board and Shelter Advisory Committee update.

Melanie Rathke, Board Chair – gave a presentation on the Board’s focus and accomplishments in 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Animal Control Appeals Board update as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. Approve minutes from the November 12, 2020 regular City Council meeting and November 16, 2020 Special Called Council meeting.**
- 3. Consider reappointment of Joan Maxfield as the Taylor representative on the Williamson County and Cities Health District Board.**
- 4. Concur with Preliminary Financials for October 2020.**
- 5. Consider Ordinance 2020-21 amending the FY2019-2020 budget.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

6. Introduce Ordinance 2021-01 amending the Sign Ordinance.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director – gave a presentation on a proposed ordinance that would amend the Sign Ordinance based on a set of recommendations from the Main Street Advisory Board regarding proposed amendments to the sign ordinance related to sign regulations

in the Downtown Sign District, and additional recommendations from staff regarding political signs on City property.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01

AN AMENDMENT TO THE TAYLOR CITY CODE, CHAPTER 24 SIGNS, AMENDING SECTION 24-2, DEFINITIONS, AND SECTION 24-3, GENERAL PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE SIGN ORDINANCE AS AMENDED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

First reading. No action taken.

7. Introduce Ordinance 2021-02 amending the Subdivision Ordinance for Updates to Pavement Design Criteria and associated elements of the Engineering Manual.

Jim Gray, Public Works Director – gave a presentation on updating the pavement design criteria and associated elements of the City’s Engineering Manual. The proposed minimum pavement section would require adding 8 inches of lime treated subgrade to collector and local street sections while leaving the existing asphalt and base requirements as they are currently.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02

THIS ORDINANCE AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 2009-37, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-32, AND ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03 WHEREIN AN ENGINEERING MANUAL WAS ESTABLISHED AND SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED FOR MINIMUM STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS FOR ALL PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, WITH STANDARD DETAILS FOR EACH TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT; AND THIS ORDINANCE ESTABLISHES A REVISED ENGINEERING MANUAL FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE REVISED ENGINEERING MANUAL ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED INTO THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

First reading. No action taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

8. Receive Legislative update from Texas Municipal League about the upcoming 87th Legislative Session.

Monty Wynn and Jesse Ancira, Jr., Texas Municipal League – gave a presentation on the election and upcoming legislative issues in the 87th Texas Legislature.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to receive the TML update as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

9. **Consider Authorizing Award of the Construction Contract for the Mustang Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project to Archer Western Construction, LLC.** Troy St. Tours, HDR Engineering – gave a presentation on the bid proposal from Archer Western Construction, LLC. for constructing needed improvements at the Mustang Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Three contractors submitted bid proposals for the Base and Alternate Bid Items. Archer Western was the low responsive bidder for both items.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to accept the Base and Alternate Bids of Archer Western Construction, LLC. for the combined total of \$1,583,440 for constructing the Influent Lift Station and Clarifier No. 3 improvements. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

10. **Update and possible direction to staff regarding the maintenance of landscaping in public rights-of-way.**

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director - provided an update to the July 16 and August 27, 2020 Council discussions on right-of-way maintenance regarding the responsibility of property owners to maintain landscaping within alleys and the parkway portion of the public rights-of-way. Staff requested direction from Council on the mowing of major corridor rights-of-way and tree trimming of trees overhanging the street. City Council directed staff to take responsibility for mowing major corridors on a routine basis and develop a funding proposal for FY 2021-22 to provide funds to address tree trimming needs.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to receive the rights-of-way maintenance update as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Mayor Rydell read the Executive Session items. City Council adjourned into executive session at 7:34p.m.

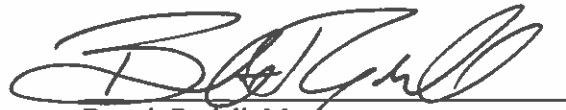
Executive Session I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas authorize and allow such a closed meeting and which Rules conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

- a. 4th Street Litigation

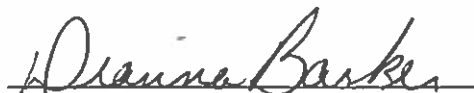
City Council reconvened into regular session at 7:50p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna Barker, City Clerk

