

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LIVE OAK
WILL BE HELD AT THE LIVE OAK COUNCIL CHAMBERS
8001 SHIN OAK DRIVE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE MEETING

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued **March 16 2020**, and all updates therewith the City of Live Oak, City Council will conduct a Regular Meeting as a telephonic and videoconference meeting in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

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Meeting ID: 852 5286 9157

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mary M. Dennis called the November 24, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Completed

3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Mary M. Dennis – Remote
Councilman Mendell Morgan – Remote
Councilman Bob Tullgren – Remote
Councilman Ramon Norris- Present in the Council Chamber
Councilman Ed Cimics – Remote
Councilman Aaron Dahl – Present in Council Chamber

STAFF – All staff members were present in the Council Chamber

Scott Wayman, City Manager
Leroy Kowalik, Finance Director
Dan Pue, Police Chief
Linc Surber, Fire Chief

Mark Wagster, Director of Public Works
Clarissa Rodriguez, City Attorney - Remote
Donna Lowder, EDC/Executive Secretary
Deborah L. Goza, City Secretary

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. November 10, 2020

2. November 5, 2020 (Special City Council Meeting)

B. City Council to cancel the last council meeting, December 29, 2020 due to the holidays – Mayor Dennis

Councilman Tullgren made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilman Morgan

Vote FOR: Councilmember voted unanimously to approve - passed 5/0

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance regarding increase in the water rates- Mr. Kowalik

Mr. Kowalik provided an overview of the upcoming water rate increase, as the last change to the rates was in 2017 and the city increased its wastewater rates in November 2019. The budget contains a proposed water rate increase equal to an average of 10%. Since the last increase to water rates which was in 2017, the City installed the fixed base metering system, and the General Fund loaned the Utility Fund \$500,000 to purchase. The loan repayment was deferred by one year, but we will need to begin repayment next year. The City needed to replenish the Utility Renewal and Replacement Fund for all the various projects, including the tank painting project. And lastly, the revenue from our water utilities was lower because of the COVID situation and the rainy season early last year. For the residential customers, the rate increase would rise as more water is being consumed. It is essential in keeping our Utility Funds in a stable financial position. The City will likely see a decrease in our Utility Funds balances at the fiscal year end (September 30) primarily due to the effects of COVID and the wet seasons early in the year. This water rate increase will only affect the residents on the Live Oak Water System. SAWS sets the rates for all other residents that receive their water from SAWS. The rates will be effective January 1, 2021. We would get the word out through various means including water/sewer bills, Facebook, marques, etc. Although Council did not want to increase rates, they reluctantly supported it. Councilman Cimics asked about SAWS input on their rates and Mayor Dennis indicted tat SAWS was not raising their rate.

Councilman Tullgren made a motion to approve an Ordinance amending the Water Rate Schedule increasing the residential and commercial sewer rates for the City of Live Oak water customers; seconded by Councilman Dahl

Vote FOR: Councilmembers Morgan, Tullgren, Norris, Cimics and Dahl- passed 5/0

- B. Discussion and possible action to accept and award a bid from N.G. Painting, L.P. to re-paint the Million gallon ground storage and Five Hundred Thousand gallon elevated storage water tanks on IKEA RBFCU Parkway, and further authorize the City Manager to enter a construction agreement, and authorize a change order up to 10% of the base bid - Mr. Wagster

Mr. Wagster came before City Council to provide an overview of this agenda item. The internal and external coating systems on the 1,000,000 gallon ground storage and 500,000 gallon elevated storage water tanks are scheduled for rehabilitation. The city engineer developed plans specifications and bid documents for this project. N.G. Painting, L.P. was the low bidder on this project with a base bid of \$590,200. This type of construction project requires more flexibility for unforeseen obstacles once construction begins. Pre-authorization of a change order not to exceed 10 % of the base bid will allow the project to move along quickly in the event additional work is required. N.G. Painting, L.P. is based in Kerrville, Texas. The contractor successfully re-painted the Cherrywood ground storage tank in 2014, and more recently re-painted the stairs, handrails, and steel beams in the fire station hose tower earlier this month. In addition, Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union will cover the cost to re-paint the exterior coating system on the ground storage tank for placement of the organizations logo on the tank. Reimbursement for re-painting the exterior of the tank including the RBFCU logo is estimated at \$140,000.

Councilman Cimics made a motion Move to accept and award the Base Bid in the amount of \$590,200 from N.G. Painting, L.P. to re-paint the Million gallon ground storage and Five Hundred Thousand gallon elevated storage water tanks located on IKEA-RBFCU Parkway; authorize the City Manager to enter a construction agreement with N.G. Painting, L.P.; and authorize the City Manager to enter a change order for additional construction work not to exceed 10% of the Base Bid; seconded by Councilman Tullgren

Councilman Cimics asked if he could get a schedule list of towers that will be in need of painting.

Vote FOR: Councilmember Morgan, Tullgren, Norris, Cimics and Dahl- passed 5/0

7. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

- A. City Council Members report regarding discussion of City issues with citizens.

Councilman Cimics asked about some sightings of someone riding through Woodcrest Park on an electric scooter and people walking their dogs off leach.

8. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CITY COUNCIL AND STAFF

- A. City Council

Councilman Morgan and Councilman Norris wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Tullgren wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and asked about the status of the K9 Memorial.

Mayor Dennis announced that there was a great turnout for the Grinch Event and thanked everyone who attended, including the Fire Departs from Universal City.

- B. Staff

Mr. Wayman announced that the ribbon cutting ceremony for Aspire at Live Oak Apartments on Thursday, November 19th at 3p.m was well attended and thanked Animal Control for their partnership with Aspire for adoptions during the Ribbon Cutting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Councilman Cimics made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Dahl. The City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mary M. Dennis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah L. Goza, City Secretary