

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 11, 2019
WALTER WARD – MAYOR
EBBIE LOVER – MAYOR PRO TEM
JANEEN LUCAS – COUNCIL MEMBER
SHEARON COLEMAN-COUNCIL MEMBER
LATOYYA WRIGHT-YOUNG-COUNCIL MEMBER

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Walter Ward called meeting to order at 8:09 PM.

B. PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Mayor Walter Ward

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge was led by Mayor Walter Ward

D. Roll Call- Precious Wafer, City Secretary

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A quorum was present

E. Motion to the agenda with changes- Motion to Approve Agenda

- Motion to the Floor- Councilwoman, Shearon Coleman
- Second Motion- Councilwoman, Janeen Lucas
- Vote-Majority

F. APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES (with corrections to changing title of new hire position to Assistant Secretary)

Minutes read by Secretary, Precious Wafer

Motion to Accept Minutes- Councilwoman, Latoyya Wright-Young

Second Motion- Councilwoman, Janeen Lucas

Vote-Majority

G. CITIZEN COMMENTS- Mayor Walter Ward made an executive decision to place Citizen Comments after old business items on the agenda, beginning July 9, 2019.

H. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Report NOT Prepared- Mayor Walter Ward discussed technological concerns related to Quick books software system

I. APPOINTMENTS

- Interim Fire Chief- Kristin Fleming- tabled
- Assistant Fire Chief- Named: David Coleman

J. REPORTS- Artis Anderson

• **GAS SYSTEM-**

- TML-Inspection 6/12/2019
- 5 Potential New Customers
- Customers must complete all paperwork before installation of service
- Specs pertaining to job site description must be submitted to office personnel to create cost estimation per all new project(s)
- Mayor Ward expressed liability/risk to the city if work is performed without prior authorization
- Emergency calls include: City of Easton; Direct Number, Artis Anderson, and Andrew Erwin (Mayor Ward reiterated the importance of answering cell phones)
- Only authorized personnel can assist or work

• **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Task to be completed: **COMPLETE ALL ANNUAL/YEARLY TASK**

- Methodic Testing on all meters
- Weed Eat
- Painting all meters
- Test Odor

- **FIRE/SAFETY REPORT-Fleming**
 - June 3, 2019-Fire Training 1st Meeting- **Operational Lifesaver**
 - Resolved the communication system issue with Gregg and Rusk County
 - Quarterly Report Complete and Pending report
 - Future Trainings Pending
 - 2 applications picked-up at festival table
- **TURNIP GREEN FESTIVAL-**
 - Meeting Scheduled: June 29, 2019 (9:00 AM)

OLD BUSINESS ITEM (S)-

- Purchase of New Backhoe. Paperwork must be submitted to financial institution
- DIMP Survey- Follow-up with consultant to complete survey
- Railroad Commission Corrections- Attempting to communicate with Jack Carter to seek consultation of services related to updating all earmarked manuals related to compliance per federal and state regulations, requirements, and/or procedural guidelines

NEW BUSINESS ITEM(S)

- City Hall Renovations (Mayor Ward commended table conversation)
- Seeking Partnership with City Administrator, Georgina Ybarra; Kendelton, Texas
- Employment Law Updates Conference-Texarkana, Texas: June 21, 2019 (Precious Wafer & Mayor Pro-Tem- Ebbie Lover)

ANNOUNCEMENT-

- Gregg County- Heavy Trash Project- Saturday, June 22, 2019 (8:00 AM- 1:00 PM)
- SWEPCO SETTLEMENT COMPLETED
- New City Ordinance- CURRENTLY EFFECTIVE
- Next Board Meeting- July 9, 2019
- Special Recognitions/Community Presentations: (Submission Deadline: June 25, 2019)

CITIZEN COMMENTS-

- Agenda Format
- Employee Concerns

Adjournment

Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Ward made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem, Ebbie Lover seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM

Approved Date:

Published Date:

Authors Signature: *Precious Wafer, City Secretary*