

The Childress City Council met in Called Session Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 2020, at 12:00 p.m. in the Expo Center, Mashburn Event Center, 1100 7<sup>th</sup> St., Childress, TX 79201.

Mayor	Cary Preston
Aldermen	Marino Rodriquez Gary Clark John Preston Mike Dietrich
City Manager	Kevin Hodges (absent)
City Attorney	Steve Bird

Mayor Pro Temp, Alderman Rodriguez led invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment:**

Two citizens commented on a residential water bill.  
Council referred to Water Office to answer inquiry and resolve issue.

Discussed health insurance options. Council was provided City Manager recommendation, that if Medical Cost Sharing solution is chosen by Council, would advocate for option that provides employees with co-pays and co-insurance. There are two Medical Cost Sharing solutions presented: one without copays and a \$3,000.00 deductible to meet in order to have low cost prescriptions (398.56 monthly); the second includes copays and co-insurance (\$471.74 monthly). Advised the City Manager recommendation of these two plans would be to opt for the co-pays and co-insurance, and have the entirety of the plan (except the smoking penalty/additional rate which will be paid by employee) \$471.74 paid for by the City.

Motion to proceed with recommendation of City Manger Kevin Hodges, in providing 3 part Medical Cost Solution (Sedera, Supplemental Insurance, MEC with Co-pays) made by Alderman Dietrich; Seconded by Alderman Clark. All Ayes.

Discussed resuming utility cutoffs and penalties and providing ability to establish repayment plans effective July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Water Committee has applied the same formula to all accounts in arrears, ensuring fairness for repayment plans. Motion to resume cutoffs and penalties, allowing for repayment plans as presented made by Alderman Preston; Seconded by Alderman Clark. All Ayes.

Mayor Preston arrived, and took over Mayoral duties of meeting.

**First Reading of Ordinance 03072020 – City Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics**

**ORDINANCE NO. 03072020  
City Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics Ordinance**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHILDRESS, TEXAS ADOPTING THE CITY COUNCIL RELATIONS POLICY AND CODE OF ETHICS ADOPTED MARCH 9, 2020, AND ALL AMMENDMENTS THEREAFTER, AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, EFFECTIVE DATE, PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Childress enacts this City Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics to foster a culture of integrity for those who serve the municipality and our citizenry; and  
**WHEREAS**, the City Council strives to increase public confidence in our municipal government; and  
**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is the policy of the City that all City Officials and employees shall conduct themselves in a manner that assures the public that we are faithful stewards of the public trust; and  
**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that city officials have a responsibility to the citizens to administer and enforce the City Charter and City Ordinances in an ethical manner; and  
**WHEREAS**, the City Council wants to enhance public confidence in our municipal government, by providing that each city official must strive not only to maintain technical compliance with the principles of conduct set forth in this Article, but to aspire daily to carry out their duties objectively, fairly, and lawfully; and  
**WHEREAS**, the City Council enacts this Ordinance to ensure that decision makers provide responsible stewardship of City resources and assets; and  
**WHEREAS**, the City Council intends this Ordinance to provide a framework within which to encourage ethical behavior, and enforce basic standards of conduct while providing due process

that protects the rights of the complainant and the accused, and not to provide a mechanism to defame, harass or abuse political opponents, or publicize personal grudges; and  
**WHEREAS**, this document represents the consensus of preferences expressed by the City Council over numerous work sessions and open meetings.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds the attached City Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics, including all amendments thereto, reasonable and necessary.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHILDRESS HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1. FINDINGS OF FACT.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

**SECTION 2. REPEALER.** To the extent reasonably possible, Ordinances are to be read together in harmony. However, all Ordinances, or parts thereof, that are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance including, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters regulated, herein.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.** Should any of the clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections or parts of this Ordinance be deemed invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of law or administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter, such action shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. CODIFICATION.** The City Secretary is hereby directed to record and publish the attached rules, regulations and policies in the City's Code of Ordinances as authorized by Section 52.001 of the Texas Local Government Code.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect upon the date of final passage noted below, or when all applicable publication requirements, if any, are satisfied in accordance with the City's Charter, Code of Ordinances, and the laws of the State of Texas.

**SECTION 6. PROPER NOTICE & MEETING.** It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

PASSED & ACKNOWLEDGED on the First Reading on this, the 6th day of July, 2020.

PASSED & APPROVED on the Second Reading on this, the \_\_\_ day of July, 2020.

CARY PRESTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KEVIN HODGES, CITY MANAGER

By: Kevin Hodges

#### Roll Call Vote on Ordinance

**Aye:** Alderman Clark, Alderman Dietrich, Alderman Preston, Alderman Rodriguez.

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

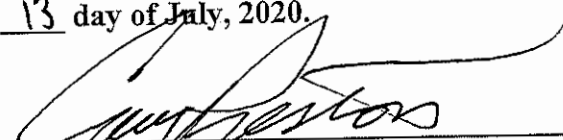
**Council to appoint two MDD Board Members.** Mr. Earl Griffin and Mr. Talmadge Porter have served the MDD Board for 2 years, and term is now up. Discussion surrounding how the MDD Board is comprised, the methods for appointment and removal from MDD Board, and governing statutes.

**Motion to re-appoint Earl Griffin for a second term on MDD Board made by Alderman Rodriguez; Seconded by Alderman Preston. All Ayes.**

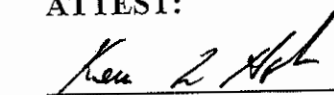
**Motion to re-appoint Talmadge Porter for a second term to the MDD Board made by Alderman Rodriguez; Alderman Clark. All Ayes.**

With there being no further business, Council adjourned at 12:39 p.m

The minutes were read and approved the 13 day of July, 2020.

  
Cary Preston, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kevin Hodges, City Manager