

The Childress City Council met in Regular Session Monday September 14th, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Expo Center, Mashburn Event Center, 1100 7th St. NW, Childress, TX 79201.

Mayor Cary Preston

Aldermen Marino Rodriguez
Gary Clark
John Preston
Mike Dietrich

City Manager Kevin Hodges
City Attorney Steve Bird

Mayor led Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Linda Reese brought 3 issues of health and sanitation before Council. No Action.

James Anders brought issues of Council conduct before Council. No Action.

Josh Johnson brought issues of sanitation of alleyway before Council. No Action.

Jim Dowis read a statement before Council. No Action

Matt Bradley waived his time.

Grady Parr read a statement on behalf of Charlie and Diane Mashburn before the Council regarding Council conduct. No Action

Ken Whittekind read a statement before Council, in relation to Council conduct and the opening of Whitt Machine. No Action.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion to approve the Minutes made by Alderman Rodriguez;

In discussion Alderman Dietrich advised he protests the content of the Minutes. Protests that the Mayor did not vote for the imposed tax rate. Referred to City Attorney. City Attorney advised Mayor did vote.

Approval of Minutes was seconded by Alderman Preston. Alderman Dietrich votes in opposition: Nay; with the remaining Council voting Aye.

Discussion surrounding the opening of business at 118 (200) Ave B SW. Alderman Dietrich discussed a variety of Code concerns: new building Ordinances, electrical Ordinances, zoning Ordinances, etc... Code Enforcement advised they had assessed any work done at the property in question and did not find anything requiring a permit, inspection, or clearly non-compliant. Discussed zoning for the property as Light Industrial and prior occupants of the building. Owner of property advised moved to this location due to Phase 3 power already being supplied to the building. After much discussion, item tabled and No Action.

D'Linda Dockery, webmaster for City website provided the following information for the public:

Minutes for all of 2020 are now on the City Website.

Minutes must go through approval of Council prior to posting.

Provided PIA process, how to obtain public records. No Action.

Lease agreement presented for SW Ball fields. Childress Youth Recreational League (CYRL) wishes to lease out the facilities for their soccer, flag football, and various league sports. Discussed possible improvements to the property. CYRL states that as funds become available, they would like to make minor improvements to the property (LED lighting, painting). Motion to accept lease agreement made by Alderman Preston; Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All Ayes.

Contract between City of Childress and Bushell Lawn services reviewed. Motion to accept contract made by Alderman Clark; Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All Ayes.

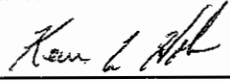
Kevin Hodges, City Manager and Investment Officer for the City of Childress provided details on Investment Policy. Advised it is the goal of the City of Childress's Investment Policy to keep a minimum unassigned fund balance of ~90 days of operating cost. That would amount to ~\$1,000,000.00. Mr. Hodges advised that this goal has largely been met and maintained through the current fiscal year; That the City of Childress is currently maintaining a fund balance of ~\$1,000,000.00. Further remarked that this is a milestone for the City of Childress, as such a fund balance has not been attained for many years. No Action.

With there being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:11 p.m

The minutes were read and approved the 4 day of September, 2020.


Cary Preston, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin Hodges, City Manager