

The Childress City Council met in Called Session Wednesday, September 29th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 315 Commerce St., Childress, TX 79201.

Mayor	Cary Preston
Aldermen	Marino Rodriquez Gary Clark John Preston C.T. Taylor Sharon Johnson
City Manager	Kevin Hodges
City Attorney	Steve Bird

Mayor led invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Mr. Larry Johnson spoke as representative of Rotary. Requested the speed bump to be replaced by the playground in Fair Park. No action

Ms. Barbara Nichols wished to extend thanks to the City for the paving in the SW. No action.

Ms. Juanita Noto wished to extend thanks to the city for the paving completed in the SW. No action.

Minutes (Aug 30, Sept 6 hearings, Sept 6 called, Sept 13) approved as presented. Motion to approve Minutes made by Alderwoman Johnson; Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All Ayes.

City Manager, Mr. Kevin Hodges presented end-of-year Budget Amendments for FY 20-21. Motion to accept the Budget Amendment as presented made by Alderman Rodriguez; Seconded by Alderman Preston. All Ayes.

Mr. Hodges informed Council that the City has maintained 90 days of operating expenses in liquidity throughout the fiscal year, as stipulated by the Investment Policy. The 90 day operating cost of the City of Childress is ~2,000,000.00. Mr. Hodges suggests that Council consider investing any amount over the liquidity goal of 2,000,000.00. Mr. Hodges advised that there are a broad range of investment opportunities, he is asking that we transfer ~500,000.00 to a higher interest earning investment. Motion to transfer \$500,000.00 to the Money Market account at Depository, to be brought back up for further investment discussion at a later date following meeting(s) relating to Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) made by Alderwoman Johnson; Seconded by Alderman Preston. All Ayes.

Chief of Police, Mr. Shade Miller presented the 21-22 P.D. Forfeiture Budget. Discussed source of revenue comes from forfeitures and seizures, these funds are split amongst the participating entities. Motion to accept P.D. Forfeiture Budget made by Alderman Preston; Seconded by Alderman Taylor. All Ayes.

Discussed Auditorium repair Bid submitted by Lewis Masonry and Construction. Motion to enter into contract with bidder Lewis Masonry and Construction for auditorium repair. Terms of contract to match bid, including bonds; insurance; requirements; termination; non-performance; right-to-audit; testing/inspection; severability; and indemnity. Agreed upon cost and payment for contract is a total of \$83,300.00; \$28,000.00 due prior to start of project; \$28,000.00 due 30 days after start date, and a final payment of \$27,330.00 upon project completion. Motion made by Alderman Clark; Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All Ayes.

Discussed Ordinance: Alcoholic Beverages in Parks. Discussed the current ordinance, the policy for booking at the Auditorium and details relating to alcohol at events at the Mashburn Event Center. Research has been completed with TML Legal as well as Insurance TMLIRP. TML Legal has advised no required minimum of officers. Consulted TMLIRP as it relates to liability coverage cost, TMLIRP advised that simply changing

policy would not affect the rates for the building. We didn't submit our policy as a rating factor. With this information, Council moves to begin the process of amending Ordinance. Motion to start amendment process made by Alderman Clark; Seconded by Alderwoman Johnson. All Ayes.

Discussion surrounding Childress and Baylor Lakes Committee was tabled. Alderman Clark; Mayor Preston; City Manager Kevin Hodges informed the Council of their desire and willingness to serve on such a committee if formed at a future date. No action.

Discussed nominations to the Childress County Appraisal District Board of Directors. City Secretary D'Linda Dockery advised that Twila Butler had inquired if we wished to nominate anyone for the upcoming Board election. Discussed Councilmembers willingness to serve on the board. Motion to nominate Alderwoman Sharon Johnson for Childress County Appraisal District Board made by Alderman Rodriguez; Seconded by Alderman Clark. All Ayes.

Discussed the probationary period of the Childress Main Street Program. Main Street Director Susan Leary advised all paperwork and reporting is now current. Ms. Leary advised she needed to submit finalized Main Street budget; Furthermore will need to discuss with Mr. Hodges and Council to discuss Main Street revenue. Finally a liaison would need to be appointed from City to serve for a limited time as we work through the probationary terms. Motion to appoint Alderman Preston as liaison with Main Street Board made by Alderman Taylor; Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All Ayes.

With there being no further business, Council adjourned 7:32 p.m.

The minutes were read and approved the ____ day of October 2021.

Cary Preston, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kevin Hodges, City Manager