

The Childress City Council met in Regular Session Monday, November 8th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Childress City Hall, 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

2nd Reading of ORDINANCE NO. 2021-102621-1

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING 19TH STREET NW FROM HIGHWAY 287 SOUTH TO THE ALLEYWAY, REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND CONFLICT HEREWITH.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHILDRESS TEXAS, that the following action is taken:
19th Street NW, South of Highway 287, Childress, Childress County, Texas is hereby closed and abandoned.**

**READ AND APPROVED on the first reading this 26th day of October, 2021.
READ AND APPROVED on the second reading this 8th day of November 2021.
PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 8th day of November , 2021.**

Roll Call Vote on Ordinance Adoption:

Aye: Alderman Clark, Alderman Preston, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderman Rodriguez.

Nay: none

Abstain: none

2nd Reading of ORDINANCE NO. 2021-102621-2

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING THE ALLEY WEST OF LOT THIRTEEN (13) IN BLOCK ONE (1) OF THE COUNTRY CLUB ADDITION, AND EAST OF LOTS FOURTEEN (14) AND FIFTEEN (15), BLOCK ONE (1) OF THE COUNTRY CLUB ADDITION, REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHILDRESS TEXAS, that the following action is taken:

The alley West of Lot Thirteen (13) in Block One (1) of the Country Club Addition, and East of Lots Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15) in Block One (1) of the Country Club Addition to the City of Childress County, Texas are hereby closed and abandoned.

**READ AND APPROVED on the first reading this 26th day of October, 2021.
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Roll Call Vote on Ordinance Adoption:

Aye: Alderman Clark, Alderman Preston, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Johnson, Alderman Rodriguez.

Nay: none

Abstain: none

City Manager Kevin Hodges, the Public Funds Investment Officer, resumed conversations regarding investments/savings. As previously discussed the City has maintained 90 days operating expenses, and are now in a position to take the amount in excess of that required fund balance and use it to earn or save money. Consensus of Council at prior meetings was to look at a debt reduction and save the interest that would be paid, instead of investing in an instrument that would pay less interest than could be saved in a year. It was with this desire of Council, that Mr. Hodges is presenting paying off the Advancing Line of Credit with First Bank and Trust (now First United Bank).

Motion to pay off the Advancing Line of Credit on Wednesday November 10th, 2021 made by Alderman Clark; Seconded by Alderman Preston. All Ayes.

Motion to dissolve the Advancing Line of Credit and all agreements therein, including but not limited to: Settlement Statement, the Real Estate Lien note, the Promissory Note, the Deed of Trust, and Collateral Protection Insurance made by Alderman Taylor; Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All Ayes.

Mr. Hodges informed Council of three filled vacancies. Our Treasurer position has been filled with a Contract Employee, Mr. Doug Martella. Mr. Hodges spoke to Mr. Martella's experience both with Incode Software and government finance, references from other Texas cities, his company GoVirtualCFO, and the various projects he has completed thus far. Mr. Hodges also advised that our Payroll Clerk position has been filled internally through promotion of Ms. Marisela Pizarro. This promotion left an opening in the Water Office and that has also been filled. Invited Council to stop by and see the employees in their new and respective positions. No Action.

Mr. Hodges provided details on ARPA funding. Mr. Hodges discussed possible projects that could potentially be supported with ARPA money. No action at this time.

With there being no further business, Council adjourned 7:20 p.m.

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

Cary Preston, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kevin Hodges, City Manager