

The Childress City Council met in Called Session Friday, September 30th, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Childress City Hall, 315 Commerce St., Childress, TX 79201.

Mayor Cary Preston

Aldermen Marino Rodríguez
Gary Clark (absent)
John Preston
C.T. Taylor
Alderson Place 4 Vacant

City Manager Kevin Hodges
City Attorney Steve Bird (absent)

Mayor Preston led invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Kevin Keys was present to discuss the status of 501c3 organization, Childress Youth Recreational League (CYRL), and inquire about City management of youth sports. Mr. Keys advised the board that CYRL board has all stepped down, can not acquire volunteers to properly manage. For this reason he is seeking for the City of Childress to maintain a recreational youth sports league. Mr. Keys further advised that CYRL revenues covers their current expenses, and is, in his opinion, sustainable. Board inquiry: Do you have any paid staff? Mr. Keys advised that they do not. Council directed Mr. Keys to speak with City Manager Kevin Hodges to discuss and potentially bring back before Council at a later date. No action.

Spencer Jones is present to discuss Recycling operations/facilities. Wishes to address Council during item consideration.

Motion to approve minutes made by Alderman Rodriguez; Seconded by Alderman Preston. All ayes.

City Manager Kevin Hodges presented and discussed Budget Amendment 4. Currently 100% through budget, with revenues and expenditures as detailed below

Utility Fund	Revenues @ 83.89%	Expenditures @ 115.20%
General Fund	Revenues @ 116.69%	Expenditures @ 93.84%
Hotel Fund	Revenues @ 160.55%	Expenditures @ 94.43%

Mr. Hodges advised that following the amendments, budget net total is \$442,934.00. Motion to accept budget amendment #4 made by Alderman Preston; Seconded by Alderman Taylor. All ayes.

City Manager Kevin Hodges proposed a potential lease agreement for the City's Recycling Barn, located off of FM 164 and Spencer Jones. Mr. Hodges advised that the City does not at this time maintain recycling service. Mr. Hodges reminded Council and the public of the challenges to recycling operations: plastic very challenging to properly sort and sanitize. Improper sorting or sanitizing results in recyclables that we cannot sell. Additionally, finding buyer of other recycled goods is incredibly challenging. For these reasons, the City has not maintained a recycling operator on staff, and have not used the building. Mr. Hodges proposes to lease this building on an annual basis. Council advised would be interested in obtaining market value rates for the building and rental. Tabled for further information and review. No action.

City Manager Kevin Hodges discussed potential trade packages for landfill compactor. Discussed various styles, sizes, and brands of compactor to purchase. Public Works Director spoke to the needs of the landfill. Costs vary from ~\$400,000.00 for a refurbished unit, to new, larger 836 style compactor from ~\$900,000.00. Mr. Hodges advised that there are funds sitting currently in Interest and Sinking fund to pay for the equipment. This would not be placed into debt service. Motion to allow and grant Kevin Hodges the authority to pursue trade-in package for compactor that will not be placed in debt service made by Alderman Preston; Seconded by Alderman Clark. All ayes.

Discussed alleyway clean up initiative. City Manager Kevin Hodges advised the Council of ongoing access issues with alleyways. Advised that trash trucks are unable to navigate some alleyways due to overgrown trees and vegetation. Discussed nuisance ordinance requirements of property owners. Mr. Hodges informed the Council the goal of administrative staff was to issue a mailer to all residents. This mailer would inform the public of the nuisance ordinance, and request all citizens to address nuisances in the alley on their lots/parcels by a deadline. Following the deadline, the City may abate the nuisance at owners' cost.

Council discussed additional potential public notices, such as what is and is not allowed in dumpsters. No action.

With there being no further business, Council adjourned 12:58 p.m.

The minutes were read and approved the ____ day of Oct. 2022.

Cary Preston, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kevin Hodges, City Manager