

The Childress City Council met in Called Session Thursday, May 19th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Childress City Hall, 315 Commerce St., Childress, TX 79201.

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

Mayor Preston led invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Linda Gooch was present to discuss her thoughts on the perception of City Hall, City operations. No action.

Alex Rico was present to discuss drainage issues at 9th and Ave E SE. No action.

Jerrod Poe was present to discuss the road conditions and request repair/paving on the 700-900 block of B SE. No action.

Philip Self was present from Greenbelt Water Authority to discuss water shortage conditions. Greenbelt Lake is at 43 ft. Discussed water rights and actions the Authority is taking to ensure long-term water availability. Reviewed Drought Contingency Plan. Stage 3 Water Restrictions are enacted due to drought conditions. Discussed those restrictions.

Discussed paving project process. City Manager Kevin Hodges advised the Council and the public that designating streets for paving projects generally starts with the Public Works Director and City Manager suggestions; then evaluated by internal survey of needs/priorities; present City recommendation of paving to Council; Submit Council paving project to be engineered; finally to complete the work.

Discussed demolition of Childress VFD 130 Commerce St.. Currently the City does not have the ability to sell this property; the property is in such disrepair that our insurance refuses to cover any liability of the building; engineering firms have indicated the need for demolition due to the liability the state of the building causes. Motion presented by Alderman Preston approving demolition. Motion did not receive a second, motion was amended and presented by Alderman Clark to approve the demolition of the building, and approving and directing Kevin Hodges to procure vendor and services. Motion seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All ayes.

Discussed Planning and Zoning Board members. Members have resigned the Board and the board is currently comprised of: Kandi Self, Joe Robinson, and Cliff Johnson. Discussed the willingness of Kevin Taylor, Jonathan Wise, James Driver, and Cory Hightower to serve on the board. Mayor Preston appoints Kevin Taylor, Jonathan Wise, James Driver, and Cory Hightower to Planning and Zoning Board. Motion to accept the appointments made by Alderwoman Johnson; Seconded by Alderman Clark. All ayes.

Discussed road/alleyway/right of way abandonment requests. City Secretary, D'Linda Dockery discussed Franchise Utility agreements, requirements of other cities, and potential processes to address the increasingly frequent requests for road closures. After much discussion and review, Mayor Preston appointed a Committee consisting of Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Johnson, D'Linda Dockery and Kevin Hodges to workshop a process and application to later be presented before Council.

With there being no further business, Council adjourned 7:56 p.m.

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

Cary Preston, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kevin Hodges, City Manager