

The Childress City Council met in Called Session Monday October 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Expo Center, Mashburn Event Center, 1100 7th St. NW, Childress, TX 79201.

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| Mayor | Cary Preston |
| Aldermen | Marino Rodriguez Gary Clark John Preston |
| City Manager | Kevin Hodges |
| City Attorney | Steve Bird (absent) |

Mayor led invocation.

Public Comment.

Previous minutes were approved. Motion made by Alderman Preston. Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All ayes. It was expressed by the Council that when the minutes are sent out for review that they be sent in pdf format to provide protection from being edited.

Mr. David Grimminger was present to ask permission for road closure of Ave D and 3rd str. NW for Delbert Day activities. He would follow up with the First Baptist Church to ensure communication for this activity. Motion was made by Alderman Clark with the contingency that City personnel involved signed off on it. Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All ayes.

Mrs. Lee Ann Dean was present to ask permission for road closure of Ave. C NW between Gordan's Furniture and The Corner of Inside Out for November 10, 2020. Pending COVID-19 pandemic, they plan to close between 5 pm and 9 pm. Motion made by Alderman Preston. Alderman Clark asked if it could be contingent upon department heads are okay with it. Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All ayes.

Little League, represented by Kelly Taylor, requested to relocate the fence at the T-Ball Field. They received a grant of \$5,500 from the Texas Rangers and would like to use that money to relocate the back fence and the South fence to line up with the Girls Softball field along Avenue I, NW. Dugouts would have to be removed and then rebuilt. Some trees may have to be removed. Council asked questions regarding the specific plans to replace the trees and dugouts. Once complete, items that could be relocated and replaced will look the same as before. Motion made by Alderman Rodriguez. Seconded by Alderman Clark. All ayes.

Discussion was made by City Manager, Kevin Hodges, Event Center Coordinator, Sheabree Nix, and Director of Public Works, Eddie Taylor regarding the ADA Ramp at the Event Center. After a meeting with the MDD, it was emphasized that the ramp needs to be completed to meet the ADA requirements. Being that it was City personnel that began the project it was felt that we could also finish the project under the direction of Eddie Taylor. Council asked if any timelines were on the table and it was mentioned that there were not any hard deadlines but simply to complete the project. Some of the modifications could be met through AMD and CISD. Motion was made by Alderman Clark. Seconded by Alderman Preston. All ayes.

2nd Reading of Ordinance 887. Amending only the RRA portion, underlined in the following language:

ORDINANCE No. 887

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 887 ESTABLISHING THE RATES FOR CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF CHILDRESS, TEXAS. REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EXECUTION DATE THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF CHILDRESS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: Outside City- Residential.

The monthly water rate for Residential (single dwelling) water services outside the City of Childress, Texas, shall be \$90.00 for the minimum of 5,000 gallons ¹per premises connected to any utility service, and thereafter the rate shall be as follows:

- (a) 5,000-10,000 gallons \$7.50 per thousand
- (b) 10,000-15,000 gallons \$9.50 per thousand
- (c) 15,000-20,000 gallons \$11.50 per thousand
- (d) 20,000-25,000 gallons \$13.50 per thousand
- (e) For all consumption over 25,000 gallons, or any part thereof \$15.00 per thousand.

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| Connection Fees | \$25.00 |
| Reconnection Fees | \$25.00 |
| Return Check Charges | \$25.00 |

SECTION 2: Outside City – Commercial Type 1

The monthly water rate for Commercial (multiple dwellings on a meter) water services outside the City of Childress, Texas, shall be \$90.00 ¹per premises connected to any utility service for the minimum of 5,000 gallons, and thereafter the rate shall be as follows:

- (a) 5,000-10,000 gallons \$7.50 per thousand
- (b) 10,000-15,000 gallons \$9.50 per thousand
- (c) 15,000-20,000 gallons \$11.50 per thousand
- (d) 20,000-25,000 gallons \$13.50 per thousand
- (e) For all consumption over 25,000 gallons, or any part thereof \$15.00 per thousand.

SECTION 3: Outside City – Commercial Type 2

The monthly water rate for Commercial water services (single unit connection) outside the City of Childress, Texas, shall be \$90.00 for the minimum of 5,000 gallons, and thereafter the rate shall be as follows:

- (a) For all consumption over 5,000 gallons, or any part thereof: \$4.00 per thousand.

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| Connection Fees | \$25.00 |
| Reconnection Fees | \$25.00 |
| Return Check Charges | \$25.00 |

SECTION 4: Inside City – Residential

The monthly water rate for Residential water services in the City of Childress, Texas, shall be \$45.00 for the minimum of 5,000 gallons ¹per premises connected to any utility service, and thereafter the rate shall be as follows:

- (a) 5,000-10,000 gallons \$7.50 per thousand
- (b) 10,000-15,000 gallons \$9.50 per thousand
- (c) 15,000-20,000 gallons \$11.50 per thousand
- (d) 20,000-25,000 gallons \$13.50 per thousand

(e) For all consumption over 25,000 gallons, or any part thereof \$15.00 per thousand.

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| Connection Fees | \$25.00 |
| Reconnection Fees | \$25.00 |
| Return Check Charges | \$25.00 |

SECTION 5: Inside City – Commercial

The monthly water rate for Commercial water services in the City of Childress, Texas, shall be \$45.00 for the minimum of 5,000 gallons, and thereafter the rate shall be as follows:

(a) For all consumption over 5,000 gallons, or any part thereof: \$4.00 per thousand.

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| Connection Fees | \$25.00 |
| Reconnection Fees | \$25.00 |
| Return Check Charges | \$25.00 |

SECTION 6: Bulk Water – Red River Water Authority (RRA)

The monthly water rate for Bulk water services in the City of Childress, Texas, rendered to Red River Water Authority shall be a base rate of \$90.00; with a volumetric rate charged for all gallons provided.

(a) **\$90.00 base charge.**

(b) **For all consumption or any part thereof: \$5.15 per thousand**

SECTION 7: Bulk Water – All Others

The monthly water rate for Bulk water services in the City of Childress, Texas, excluding RRA, shall be as follows:

(a) For all consumption, or any part thereof: \$20.00 per thousand gallons

1Chapter 50, Article II, Sec. 50-46. – Use assumed.

All premises connected to any utility service of the city shall be assumed to be using such utility service and the owner or occupant shall be charged therefor so long as such premises shall remain connected with the utility service.

Effective Date: October, 1, 2020

Roll call vote:

Aye: Alderman Clark, Alderman Preston, Alderman Rodriguez, Mayor Preston

Nay: none

Abstain: none

Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) expenditures and reimbursements were discussed by City Manager, Kevin Hodges as it relates to medical/public health and payroll expenditures. Childress \$340,725 based on per capita. We received 20% advance of \$68,145 and is in the bank and ready to be spent. Terms and conditions were discussed in how we can use those funds. A minimum of 75% must be spent on medical, public health, and payroll expenditures before we can use the 25% on other expenditures. The 25% would include Childress Independent School District and technology. Deadlines were mentioned and that we have met those deadlines up to this point. The November 13, 2020 deadline requires that cities allocate their categorized plans on how they will use the Coronavirus Relief Funds. Mr. Hodges also expressed that he wanted to ensure that the staff were on the same page as the Council that the funds would be used for the City first and then what was left would be used for other entities. Items for City use would be sanitizing stations, PPE and disinfectants. Mr. Hodges mentioned category 3 in in conversations with PRPC, that there were still things up in the air regarding the use of funds for employees. Council asked questions on how this would be used toward CRMC. There would have to be qualifying

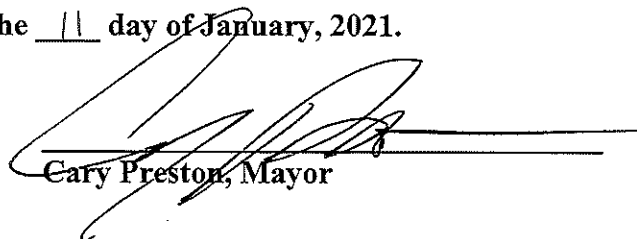
items and an agreement in place between the two parties. Whatever is not used would go back to TDEM. Mayor Preston explained that in the very beginning and in meetings with the Emergency Management Committee, that it was expressed to try and help out CISD and CRMC as much as we could. Council expressed their goal is to use the 75% on City related items and try to find other ways to use the 25% on City related items before it goes elsewhere. Council asked questions on stockpiling the gel for the sanitizing stations and Mr. Hodges affirmed that there would be 70 gallons ordered which would stockpile 20 gallons. It may last 1 year or more. Motion was made in line with using the Coronavirus Relief Funds with City related items first and then what is left to others entities by Alderman Clark. Seconded by Alderman Preston. All ayes.

Discussion was made by City Manager, Kevin Hodges about winterizing the bathrooms at Fair Park and SW Park. Normally, around the first freeze, the City winterizes the restrooms. The first freeze is upon us. However, there is an event scheduled after the freeze. Expression was made that if has happened in the past that we winterize it and then are asked to open them back up again. Mr. Hodges related that they the upcoming event could use porta-potties. Council agreed. No action.

Review of the 2019-2020 year-end budget numbers were conveyed. In preparation for the upcoming audit, which will be in November 2020. Mr. Hodges said that it was a difficult year but that the numbers are looking good. He expressed that the hard decisions the Council made back in the Spring were good decisions and that it is showing in the budget. In relating the expenditures, Mr. Hodges expressed appreciation for the Department Supervisors for working hard to keep within their budgets and said they all have done a great job this year. Council expressed appreciation to City staff for their hard work and efforts.

With there being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:07 p.m. Motion made by Alderman Rodriguez. Seconded by Alderman Preston. All ayes.

The minutes were read and approved the 11 day of January, 2021.


Cary Preston, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kevin Hodges, City Manager