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Councilperson District 6

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE AUGUST 13, 2019

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 13, 2019, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 6:00 p.m., with the following in attendance:

Councilpersons present: Louis Rigby, Brandon Lunsford, Steve Gillett, Danny Earp, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley, Thomas Garza, Jay Martin, Nancy Ojeda

Councilpersons absent: None

Council-appointed officers present: Corby Alexander, City Manager; Lee Woodward, City Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Rigby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

4. *(Items 2-4, 5a, 5b, and 8-9 handled on August 12, 2019.)*

5. STATUTORY AGENDA

(c) **Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the City of La Porte Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Proposed Budget. [Corby Alexander, City Manager]**

(Discussion resumed at 6:00 p.m.) The City Manager agreed to the inclusion of \$185,194 for a Facilities Maintenance Division and provide direction for how that could be best arranged. The Council took a ten-minute recess at 7:47 and reconvened at 7:57 p.m.

Councilperson Martin signed a Conflict of Interest affidavit concerning the Chamber of Commerce contract as a part of the Hotel/Motel Fund budget and did not participate in the discussion of that part of the evening. Jeff Martin of the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce also answered questions for the Council. Without objection, the Council agreed to increasing the annual contribution to the Chamber to \$165,000 in the new contract beginning in 2020. Without objection, the Council asked Parks Director Ros Epting to let the Heritage Society know they were not inclined to take on the part-time employee and relay they were willing to increase the funding to \$6,480.

(d) **Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a recommended date for holding the public hearing on the City of La Porte's Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Proposed Budget. [Shelley Wolny, Treasurer]**

Councilperson Engelken moved that the public hearing for the City's FY 2019-2020 Proposed Budget be held on September 9, 2019, City Council meeting; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

6. REPORTS

(a) **Receive a report on the Drainage and Flooding Committee Meeting. [Councilperson Jay Martin]**

Councilperson Martin reported on the Drainage and Flooding Committee met on Monday and reviewed grant application, noting several had been downgraded and delayed by the grantors. He said the Committee would meet again on September 9.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, Thursday, August 15, 2019
- Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting, Thursday, August 22, 2019
- Fiscal Affairs Committee Meeting, Monday, August 26, 2019
- La Porte Development Corporation Board Meeting, Monday, August 26, 2019

(Items 8-9 were handled on August 12, 2019.)

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS regarding matters appearing on the agenda; recognition of community members, city employees, and upcoming events; inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policies.

Councilmembers thanked staff for the excellent job they have done on the budget; congratulated Mr. Mayo on his promotion; requested a report on the tax services used for City tax collections; asked for an update on water bill donations; reminded all of the blood drive tomorrow at the Methodist Church; thanked LPPD for Safety Camp; expressed gratitude to Mr. Dolby for his conservative management of the City's funds and to City staff for a job well done on the budget over the last several months; lauded Parks for the Kids Rodeo; recognized LPPD for the LPPD Citizens' Police Academies and the DWI Awareness presentation given recently at Municipal Court; asked that all keep last Friday's Sylvan Beach drowning victims in mind, as well as the first responders who serve in so many such tragic incidents; expressed appreciation for the revised budget process; shared thanks for Grace Church's recent government appreciation services; and thanked the Chamber for their new teachers' luncheon.

ADJOURN – Without objection, Mayor Rigby adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Lee Woodward, City Secretary