

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman
For the City of Valley View, Texas 09/17/2020**

Call meeting to order – Mayor Pro Tem Fortenberry called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Alderman Bewley was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation Mayor Pro Tem Fortenberry led the pledge and prayer.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Fortenberry stated that most of the items on the Agenda were items that the hard work had already been done on it previous workshops.

Item 4 Public Comments

None.

Item 5 CONSENT ITEMS:

All items on the consent agenda are considered routine by the Board of Alderman and will be enacted with one motion, unless a member of the Board or a citizen request separate discussion of one or more items. In such event, the item(s) will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in sequence as listed.

- a. Approve budget report for General, Disposal and Police/Municipal Department
- b. Water/Sewer
- c. Park
- d. Maintenance
- e. Police
- f. Fire
- g. Approve check register
- h. Approve minutes from Regular Meeting held on **August 20, 2020** and the Special Meeting held on **September 3, 2020**

Joe Wilkerson stated the Fire Department fundraiser sold out of food and it seems like it was an overall success.

Alderman Holder made a motion to approve the consent items. Alderman Spears seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

Item 6 Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the 2020-2021 Annual Operating Budget.

- a. Presentation of request.

Mayor Pro Tem Fortenberry said this is the Budget that had been worked on for the last couple months

b. **PUBLIC HEARING** to receive comments regarding the request.

Public Hearing opened at 6:04pm

Public Hearing closed at 6:04pm with no comments

Item 7. Discuss and consider Ordinance 20200917-01 2020-2021 Annual Operating Budget, possible action by record vote.

Alderman Spears made a motion to approve Ordinance 20200917-01 2020-2021 Annual Operating Budget. Alderman Holder seconded the motion. Record vote:

Alderman Scoggin **For**

Alderman Holder **For**

Alderman Spears **For**

Mayor Pro Tem Fortenberry **For**

Alderman Bewley **Absent**

Motion carried 4-0.

Item 8. Discussion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2021 fiscal year budget, compared to the previous fiscal year, as required by Sec. 102.007(c) of the Local Government Code, and possible action by record vote.

Alderman Scoggin moved to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2021 fiscal year budget, compared to the previous fiscal year. Alderman Holder seconded the motion. Record vote:

Alderman Scoggin **For**

Alderman Holder **For**

Alderman Spears **For**

Mayor Pro Tem Fortenberry **For**

Alderman Bewley **Absent**

Motion carried 4-0.

Item 9. Discuss and consider Ordinance 20200917-03 adopting the 2020 Tax Rate, possible action by record vote.

Alderman Scoggin moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.204228 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively an 8% increase in the tax rate. Alderman Holder seconded the motion. Record vote:

Alderman Scoggin **For**

Alderman Holder **For**

Alderman Spears **For**

Mayor Pro Tem Fortenberry **For**
Alderman Bewley **Absent**

Motion carried 4-0.

Item 10. Discuss and consider Special Election for Board of Aldermen, Seat 3 – Mayor, possible action.

Mayor Pro Tem Fortenberry stated that an election would cost upwards of \$4,000. Alderman Spears stated that seemed useless for 2 months worth of service. Alderman Scoggin asked for clarification if that is all it would be. Lynn Hillis, City Secretary, stated that the election would not be held until March and the seat is up for re-election in May, so that if any candidate won, without a runoff, it would only be for two months.

Alderman Holder made a motion to not hold a Special Election for Board of Aldermen, Seat 3 – Mayor. Alderman Spears seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with Alderman Scoggin abstaining.

Item 11. Discussion and consider Parks Committee By-Laws, possible action.

Amanda Davis, attorney with Messer, Fort & McDonald, suggested tabling this item until she can provide the Board with her reviewed By-Laws and allow time for the Aldermen to review and make suggestions.

Alderman Holder made a motion to table the Parks Committee By-Laws until received from the attorney. Alderman Scoggin seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Item 12. Discuss and consider reopening plan for City Hall, possible action.

Mayor Pro Tem Fortenberry stated that in his opinion, the office is as open as it currently needs to be. He said the window gets most of the action for City Hall and the staff can let anyone in as needed. He added the location is not the safest, given the lack of windows and I-35 access.

Alderman Scoggin stated that at one point, the bank had buzzers to allow people in. Ms. Hillis stated all of that had been removed, prior to the City moving in.

Alderman Holder made a motion to take no action towards reopening the doors to City Hall. Alderman Spears seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Item 13. Discuss and consider options for procedures of volunteers, possible action.

Mayor Pro Tem Fortenberry stated there are some wanting to do work on City property, filling potholes as an example, and what happens if someone's vehicle is damaged, who's responsible. He asked what happens if someone puts a weedkiller out in the park, which had already been done, and someone gets injured because of that, who is responsible?

Alderman Scoggin asked if the Parks Board would be doing some of the work, such as mowing and maintaining the parks. Ms. Hillis stated the Parks Board is strictly an advisory committee.

Ms. Davis stated the City needs to cover its exposure to liability and she suggests drafting up something that states permission needs to be granted before any work can be done on behalf of the City. She advised that any inspections that would typically be required should be done as well.

Alderman Holder expressed concern over someone using their own equipment and it getting damaged, if they would expect the City to be responsible for the repairs. Or if someone was injured because of a volunteer's work.

Ms. Davis reiterated that services do not need to be performed on behalf of the City without notification.

Alderman Spears made a motion to have Amanda Davis the necessary documents to establish a notification and approval procedure for volunteers working on behalf of the City. Alderman Holder seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Item 14. Discuss and consider Ordinance 20200917-04 amending FY 2019-2020 Annual Budget, possible action.

Ms. Hillis stated the City had an increase in revenue this year and amending the budget would allow for some spending on additional items, such as computers to get the police department within compliance, in the current budget.

Alderman Holder made a motion to approve Ordinance 20200917-04 amending FY 2019-2020 Annual Budget. Alderman Spears seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Item 15. Cast ballot for candidates of TML Health Benefits Pool Board of Trustees – Region 8 election.

Alderman Scoggin made a motion to cast the ballot for Leah Gore. Alderman Holder seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

Item 16. Cast ballot for Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election, possible action.

Alderman Holder made a motion to cast the Place 1 ballot for Robert Herrera. Alderman Spears seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Alderman Holder made a motion to cast the Place 2 ballot for John Fullen. Alderman Spears seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

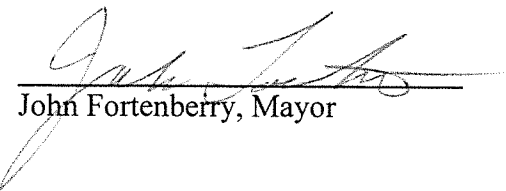
Alderman Scoggin made a motion to cast the Place 3 ballot for Jeffrey Snyder. Alderman Spears seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Alderman Scoggin made a motion to cast the Place 4 ballot for Robert Hauck. Alderman Holder seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Adjourn.

Alderman Holder made a motion to adjourn at 6:26 pm. Alderman Spears seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Minutes of the Board of Aldermen were approved this 15th day of October 2020.



John Fortenberry, Mayor