

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman For the City of Valley View, Texas 04/29/2021

Call meeting to order – Mayor Pro Tem Spears called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation Mayor Pro Tem Spears led the pledge and invocation

Mayor Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Spears stated there is a lot of projects and potential for the City right now.

4. Public Comments

Laura McMullen expressed her appreciation for the Boards formed and the structure that has been added. She said she's looking forward to getting events going again.

Lisa Smith said she would like to setup at the Farmer's Market, but that Tuesday evening from 5:30-7:30 was not obtainable. She said it is too much to set up and take down in that time and not enough people to sign up for. Ms. Smith said she would like to see it for 4 hours on a Saturday. She added that if it's going to last through the summer, 5:30 will be too hot. But, she is glad to see it happen.

Kristen Rose, Valley View Chamber of Commerce, introduced herself as the Chamber Secretary. She said she wanted to see everyone working together to make the whole community better.

Alderman Holder said he would like to see the City do things in recognition of John Fortenberry and others, including Carl Kemplin.

5. Discuss and consider presentation from Parks Commission regarding the Valley View Chamber of Commerce's Special Event Application for Freedom Festival on the City Square, possible action.

Misty Links, Chairperson of the Valley View Parks Commission, stated the Chamber created Freedom Festival and would like to have it on June 26, but they are still trying to narrow down the time frame to ensure it's a family friendly event. Chairperson Links said the Chamber is planning to have a few vendors, about 10, with only one being a food truck belonging to Chamber Member Rider's Smokehouse. She stated they would also like to have games and live entertainment. Chairperson Links said the Chamber has stated they would provide porta potties for the event. She said the City would be needed for road closures of Reavis, McCubbin and possibly Lee Street, pending TxDot approval and placement of trashcans around the event.

Alderman Scoggin expressed concern over the businesses on the square and the vent being during their peak hours. Chairperson Links stated that was why the Chamber was still reviewing the event times. Alderman Holder said that there should be enough people to spread out to all the businesses downtown.

Chairperson Links stated vendors would be Chamber members.

Alderman Scoggin asked if a Health Permit would be required. Lynn Morgan, City Secretary, confirmed it would be.

Chairperson Links said the Chamber would like to do have community involvement, such as introducing the new mayor to the public.

Chairperson Links said it is the Parks Board recommendation to approve the Chamber of Commerce Special Event Application for Freedom Fest contingent upon final times being set.

Alderman Holder made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce Special Event Application for Freedom Fest contingent upon final times being set. Alderman Sandmann seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

6. Discuss and consider presentation from Parks Commission regarding the Valley View Chamber of Commerce's Special Event Application for Wine Walk on the City Square, possible action.

Chairperson Links stated it is the Parks Commission's recommendation to approve the application, as the event has taken place in the past. She said that it would once again feature the dueling pianos, a wine walk around the downtown area. The pianos would be set up under the Christian Gathering covered area. Chairperson Links said the Chamber would work with Police Chief Scott Otto for the TxDot closure and would work out with the Chief for having officers on duty, whether overtime, reserves or Chamber paying for officers. She stated that it is recommended to have 2 officers on sight.

Alderman Scoggin asked if two officers was the same as in the past. Ms. Rose stated that she believes that is accurate.

Alderman Holder made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce Special Event Application for Wine Walk. Mayor Pro Tem Spears seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0 with Alderman Scoggin abstaining.

7. Discuss and consider presentation from Parks Commission regarding the Valley View Chamber of Commerce's Special Event Application for Trunk or Treat on the City Square, possible action.

Chairperson Links stated it is the Parks Commission's recommendation to approve the application, as the event has taken place for several years. The planned date is October 30, 2021 from 4-6pm, on the downtown square. She said the standing Agreement with Txdot regarding the street closure had ended in 2020 so it will need to be revisited for approval.

Alderman Scoggin advised that a better plan needs to be devised to keep people moving through the participants.

Alderman Holder made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce Special Event Application for Trunk or Treat. Alderman Wilkerson seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

8. Discuss and consider presentation from Parks Commission regarding the Valley View Chamber of Commerce's Special Event Application for Christmas Parade through town and on the City Square, possible action.

Chairperson Links said it is the Parks Commission's recommendation to approve the permit. The parade is planned for Saturday, December 4. It starts at dusk, with the entrants starting and finishing at the school and lasting about an hour.

Alderman Scoggin asked if it was just a parade or something on the square as well. Chairperson Links replied that at this point, that is all it is. She stated she asked about a tree lighting, but this year is just a parade. Ms. McMullen added that in the past, Santa has been on the square with photos while some businesses offered hot chocolate and they might do that again this year.

Alderman Holder made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce Special Event Application for Christmas Parade. Alderman Wilkerson seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

9. Discuss and consider options for ORDINANCE 20200429-01 Regarding Illegal Water Connections, possible action.

Mrs. Morgan stated this was one of the actual Ordinances from the Water Conservation Plan, discussed and passed at the previous meeting.

Alderman Wilkerson asked if this was a problem and Mrs. Morgan said she didn't know of any occurrences.

Mayor Pro Tem Spears made a motion to approve ORDINANCE 20200429-01 Regarding Illegal Water Connections. Alderman Holder seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

10. Discuss and consider options for ORDINANCE 20200429-02 Adopting a Water Conservation Plan for the City of Valley View, possible action.

Mrs. Morgan stated this was also a result of the Water Conservation Plan, discussed and passed at the previous meeting.

Alderman Holder made a motion to approve ORDINANCE 20200429-01 Regarding Illegal Water Connections. Mayor Pro Tem Spears seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

11. Discuss and consider options for ORDINANCE 20200429-03 creating a new section 5.9.B, "DESIGN OF FACILITIES," under "Drainage Facilities Standards", possible action.

Mrs. Morgan stated this is the Ordinance that was the result of the workshops with KJE Engineering, regarding drainage concerns for the City.

Alderman Wilkerson asked if there were any concerns with referencing the City of Gainesville's plan. Mrs. Morgan stated that KJE Engineering had reached out to the City and verified it is acceptable.

Mayor Pro Tem Spears made a motion to approve ORDINANCE 20200429-01 Regarding Drainage. Alderman Wilkerson seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

12. Discuss and consider options for agreement with Franklin Legal, possible action.

Mrs. Morgan stated that in May of 2019, the Board had selected Franklin Legal to codify the ordinances on file and that the project still wasn't finished. She stated that after review by the City Attorney, it is advised to move forward with Franklin Legal, get the product and then revisit this when it's time to renew or make changes.

Alderman Wilkerson asked if there was any recourse for this. Mrs. Morgan stated the attorney did not believe much, if any, of the funds would be eligible for refunding.

Alderman Wilkerson asked where the company was located. Mrs. Morgan stated it was in Lubbock, Texas. Alderman Holder added that a google search shows the business as "closed".

Alderman Holder made a motion to finish the project with Franklin Legal. Alderman Sandmann seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

13. Discuss and consider options for agreement with American Legal, possible action.

Mrs. Morgan stated there is no consideration, given the attorney's recommendation.

No Action.

14. Discuss and consider options for contract renewal with Countywide Inspections (SafeBuilt) to include reviewing, commenting, and approving development plans for applicable fire code compliance, possible action.

Mrs. Morgan explained the need for development and plan review for fire code compliance and that the City does not currently have a contract with anyone for that specifically. Alderman Wilkerson stated he had asked Ray Fletcher about doing it and Mr. Fletcher was not interested in it.

Alderman Wilkerson asked how it is paid. Mrs. Morgan stated it's paid as used and for permits, residential is based on square footage while commercial is based on project valuation.

Alderman Holder made a motion to approve the Contract renewal with Countyside Inspections (SafeBuilt) to include reviewing, commenting, and approving development plans for applicable fire code compliance. Alderman Sandmann seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

15. Adjourn.

Alderman Holder made a motion to adjourn at 6:35. Alderman Sandmann seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Minutes of the Board of Aldermen were approved this 13th day of May, 2021.