

REDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 6, 2018

Mayor Harmon Carter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Phillip Hedden led the group in prayer.

Mayor Carter led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Council Members Darrell Hedden, Allison Beasley, Elizabeth Milam, and Sandra Garrett. Council Members Jeremy Williams and Carol Eagle were out.

Audience attendees included Aaron Benzing, Chris Liles, Diann Smith, Bobby Gilliam, Robin Brooks, Gracie Easton, Britney Brown, Mike Shinn, Allison Turner, Jim Ferguson, Beth Carter, Phillip Hedden, Jock Carter, Linda Banks, and Steve McFatrige.

Council Member Sandra Garrett made the motion to accept the February City Council Minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Darrell Hedden and passed unanimously.

Council Member Sandra Garrett made the motion to accept the February Financial Report, which was seconded by Council Member Darrell Hedden and passed unanimously.

Guest Speakers

- Aaron Benzing from Hawkins-Weir Engineers informed the council that they sent a letter to the construction company working on the new water treatment plant. He stated that over 50% of the time for the project has passed and only 5% of the work has been completed. He told council that the city has the option to go with a new company if progress does not pick up, but he has seen a great increase of activity since the letter was sent.
- Linda Banks with the Redfield Historical Society spoke to the council about purchasing a new sign for Dollarway Road. She stated that the sign would cost \$2,370. Funds for the purchase will come from the Dollarway park trust. Per the Ordinance for the trust, the Redfield Historical Society must choose a Council Member as a signer for all purchases for the trust. Mrs.

Banks selected Council Member Darrell Hedden to sign for the RHS. Council Member Elizabeth Milam made a motion to purchase the new sign with funds from the Dollarway Park Trust, for Mayor Harmon Carter & Council Member Darrell Hedden to sign the check, and to close out the Trust after the purchase is made which was seconded by Council Member Sandra Garrett and passed unanimously.

- Gracie Easton encouraged the council to adopt an ordinance or resolution to stamp out smoking in all park areas. No action was taken.
- Donna Oates from the Redfield Chamber of Commerce asked the council to approve the Chamber using one of its park usage days for a Circus on April 29. Council Member Sandra Garrett made the motion to approve which was seconded by Council Member Darrell Hedden and motion failed (As members of the Chamber of Commerce, Council Members Milam & Beasley were recused from the vote) Park Commissioner Diann Smith stated that the issue should have been brought to the Park Commission, and since it is a park issue, she was able to approve the usage request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – all Committee Reports will be included in the minutes

Fire Department-Report Included

- Chief Danny Akines informed that on March 31st, Sherry McFtridge would be added to the Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

Park Commission-Report Included

- Park Commissioner Diann Smith stated that 2 members resigned from the Park Commission at the last meeting. She requested that Robin Brooks fill one of the vacancies. Mayor Harmon Carter approved the request.
- She informed that 2 new scoreboards have been purchased. The RAA donated \$2,500 toward the purchase/sponsorship and the PC has sent out letters to businesses asking for more sponsorships.
- She also stated that they are exploring a new grant opportunity for a dog park. The grant is for \$25,000 of non-matching funds.
- Lastly, she spoke about the passing of Jimmy Coker and how much she and the city appreciated all the time and effort he contributed to the park.
- Mayor Harmon Carter proclaimed March 8th Jimmy Coker Day in Redfield and read the proclamation.

Planning Commission

- Planning Commissioner Jim Ferguson had no report.

Police Department – Report Included.

- Police Chief Steve McFtridge stated that they had 84 dispatch calls last month and that criminal citations were also up.

Animal Control

- Animal Control Officer Mike Shinn stated that they took in 23 strays last month, but were down to 3 dogs as of now.

Street Department-Report Included

- Street Superintendent James Smith was absent, but Mike Shinn reported that projects at Red Oak Acres, Michael Drive, and Harrison Street were on hold because it has been too wet.
- Mr. Shinn also informed that Redfield Clean-up day would be April 14th & 15th.

Water Department – Report Included.

- Water Superintendent Chris Liles had no report and took questions.

Old Business

New Business

- Council Member Sandra Garrett made a motion to approve the 2017 Yearly Financial Report which was seconded by Council Member Allison Beasley and passed unanimously.
- Counselor Margaret Dobson read Resolution 2018-02 (2017 Amended Budget). Council Member Darrell Hedden made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Council Member Elizabeth Milam and passed unanimously.
- Counselor Margaret Dobson read Resolution 2018-03 (2017 Amended Water Budget). Council Member Darrell Hedden made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Council Member Sandra Garrett and passed unanimously.
- Park Commissioner Diann Smith stated that the Park Commission explored and reviewed the Stamp Out Smoking initiative last year and it voted to not make the whole park nonsmoking.

Council Member Darrell Hedden made the motion to pay invoices, seconded by Council Member Sandra Garrett and passed unanimously.

Mayor Harmon Carter called the meeting into executive session. The meeting resumed at 8:25 with no action taken.

Council Member Sandra Garrett made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Elizabeth Milam and passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.
Respectfully Submitted,

Certified,

Dane Fults, Recorder/Treasurer

Harmon Carter, Mayor