

**TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2022**

The Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at 372 Town Place, Fairview, Texas. Those present were Mayor Henry Lessner; Mayor Pro Tem Ricardo Doi; and Councilmembers Rich Connelly, Larry Little, Ken Logsdon and John Hubbard. Councilmember Gregg Custer was absent. Staff present included Town Manager, Julie Couch; Police Chief, Granver Tolliver; Fire Chief, Jeff Bell; Assistant to the Town Manager, Adam Wilbourn; Town Secretary, Tenitrus Bethel; and Town Attorney, Clark McCoy. CFO, Steven Ventura attended via RingCentral.

Mayor Lessner called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and declared a quorum was present.

At 6:03 p.m., the Council then adjourned into executive session regarding a consult with legal counsel.

Mayor Lessner called the regular session to order at 7:33 p.m. and invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas State pledge.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lessner presented a proclamation declaring the first full week of September as National Payroll Week to Jackie Carroll with the Dallas Chapter of the American Payroll Association.

Lovejoy ISD Superintendent, Katie Cordell, gave a presentation on the state of the school district.

CITIZENS INPUT

Cynthia Brugge, 960 Patrician, expressed her thoughts related to taxes and development.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and are acted on by one motion, with no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, an item may be removed from the consent agenda and be considered separately. A) Approve the minutes of the July 5, 2022 Regular Council meeting; B) Approve an ordinance approving a negotiated settlement with Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2022 Rate Review Mechanism Filing.

Councilmember Connelly made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Doi seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Chief Tolliver reviewed the monthly police report.

Chief Bell reviewed the monthly fire report.

DISCUSSION – FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 BUDGET: Ms. Couch introduced agenda item 8(a), Discuss the proposed 2022-2023 fiscal year budget including budget priorities, revenues, expenditures, rates, staffing, capital planning, long-range planning and any related items Discuss and consider action related to fire department capital items. She reviewed and discussed

comparative cities as it relates to the following: tax rate, population, tax base per capita, growth rate, debt comparison and number of employees.

The Council and staff had a discussion related to this item.

DISCUSSION – FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL ITEMS: Ms. Couch introduced agenda item 8(b), Discuss and consider action related to fire department capital items. She stated as discussed during the budget retreat, in the coming years there will be a need for the replacement of equipment in the fire department; two of which are an ambulance and an engine. She stated the estimated construction is between 2 – 3 years and funding for the equipment will not commence until the point of acquisition. She indicated staff is presenting this item for consideration as the price of the equipment will increase August 12. She discussed potential funding methods.

The Council and staff had a discussion related to this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Doi made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign a contract for the purchase of a new ambulance and fire engine. Councilmember Connelly seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION – BUDGET AND TAX RATE PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Lessner introduced agenda item 8(c), Discuss and consider action on the proposed FY 22-23 tax rate and setting the date for the public hearing on the budget and tax rate.

Ms. Couch stated due to the proposed tax rate exceeding the voter approved rate a record vote of the Council is required for consideration and to set the date and time for the public hearing for the tax rate. She stated the public hearing for the budget would be held on the same day.

Mayor Pro Tem Doi made a motion to consider the proposed tax rate of \$0.321577/\$100 valuation as identified in the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and to set the public hearing for the proposed tax rate and budget for Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at 372 Town Place. Councilmember Logsdon seconded the motion, and the roll call vote was as follows:

Councilmember Connelly:	For	Mayor Lessner:	For
Councilmember Little:	For	Councilmember Logsdon:	For
Councilmember Doi:	For	Councilmember Hubbard:	For

DISCUSSION – MUNICIPAL MOSQUITO: Mayor Lessner introduced agenda item 8(d), Discuss mosquito services contract and take any necessary action.

Mr. Wilbourn gave a staff report and reviewed this item.

Tyler Fair with Municipal Mosquito addressed the Council regarding mosquito trapping and fogging.

The Council, Mr. Fair and staff had an extended discussion regarding this item.

The Council agreed to set a tentative special meeting date of August 9 to discuss next steps, with the condition of the Tuesday mosquito trapping report returning a positive result; a negative report would result in the cancellation of the meeting.

DISCUSSION – COVID 19 UPDATE: Mayor Lessner introduced agenda item 8(e), Discuss COVID-19 activities and actions and take any necessary action.

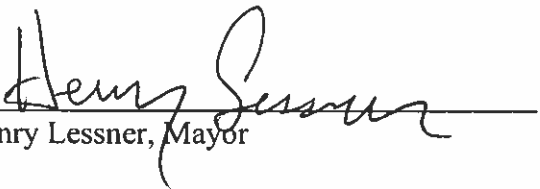
No discussion or action was taken.

DISCUSSION – BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Mayor Lessner introduced agenda item 8(f), discuss Boards & Commissions and take any necessary action.

No discussion or action was taken.

Mayor Lessner adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.


Tenitrus Bethel, Town Secretary


Henry Lessner, Mayor

