



**MINUTES OF THE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020 - 6:00
PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
209 S. WASHINGTON STREET
KAUFMAN, TEXAS 75142**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL MEETING TO ORDER Mayor calls the Meeting to order, states the date and time, state Councilmembers present, and declares a quorum present.

Mayor Pro-Tem Patterson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Councilmembers present were Patty Patterson, Carole Aga, Charles Gillenwater, Jeff Council. M=Jeff Jordan, Matt Phillips, and Barry Ratcliffe were absent. Mayor Pro-Tem Patterson declared a quorum present. Also present were City Manager Mike Slye, Assistant City Manager Mike Holder, City Secretary Jessie Hanks, Development Services Director Marcy Ratcliff, Police Chief Dana Whitaker, and Police Captain Les Edwards.

CITIZENS COMMENTS / REQUEST TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS (5 MINUTES) Comments about any of the Council agenda items may be taken into consideration at this time or during the agenda item. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes per individual unless additional time is otherwise required by law for translation. Speaking time is not transferable. Citizens may address the City Council on any subject but must first complete a Request to Speak Form so that the Mayor may call your name to speak at the appropriate time on the Agenda. Comments must be directed to the Council as a whole. **When addressing the Council, please step forward to the speaker's podium, state your name and address, and direct your comments to the Mayor and City Council.**

No comments were given.

PROCLAMATION

1. National Medal of Honor Day- March 25th

Mayor Pro-Tem Patterson read the proclamation recognizing March 25th as Medal of Honor Day.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2. Consider and take appropriate action on Resolution R-09-20, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Kaufman, Texas, opposing Proposition 3 approved at the March 3, 2020, Statewide Election advocating for the ending of taxpayer-funded lobbying.

Mr. Slye explained what Proposition 3 was about and how it would effect the local governments. He updated the Council about the recent discussions regarding his matter. He highlighted the direct effect o the City of Kaufman.

Councilmember Council made a motion to approve Resolution R-09-20 as presented. The motion was seconded by CouncilmemberGillenwater and passed 4/0.

3. Consider and take appropriate action to retain the law firm of Jackson and Walker to intervene and take all necessary action on behalf of the City of Kaufman in the pending PUC review of the North Texas Municipal Water District rate structure, including filing of suit and representation in Court; authorizing the City Manager to execute necessary documents to retain the firm and authorizing an expenditure of funds not to exceed \$20,000.

Mr. Slye briefed Council on the need to retain a law firm to work on the City's behalf regarding the NTMWD rate structure. He reviewed the potential effects this case could have on the city. There were discussions on the wholesale contracts.

Councilmember Gillenwater made a motion to approve the retainer of the Law firm of Jackson and Walker to intervene and take all necessary action on behalf of the City of Kaufman in the pending PUC review of the North Texas Municipal Water District rate structure and authorize the City Manager to execute necessary documents to retain the firm and authorize an expenditure of funds not to exceed \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Aga and passed 4/0.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA & NOTICE OF EMERGENCY ADDITION This Agenda is published as an Emergency Supplement to and specifically amends the May 16, 2020 Special City of Kaufman Council meeting agenda currently scheduled for May 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM at 209 South Washington Street, Kaufman Texas 75142. This agenda is posted at 4:00 p.m., at least one (1) hour prior to the 6:00 p.m. meeting pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.045. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA IS POSTED AS A RESULT OF THE EXISTENCE OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND IMMINENT THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY PRESENTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED A PANDEMIC AND THE EXISTENCE OF REPORTED CASES IN NEARBY AND NEIGHBORING CITIES AND COUNTIES.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

4. Consider and take appropriate action to declare a local state of disaster for public health emergency as a result of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic, setting forth directives related to City facilities and operations, public gatherings and other steps to be taken in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, providing for public notice and providing that the declaration shall become effective immediately in accordance with state law and City Charter.

Mr. Slye reviewed the details of the declaration of local state of disaster for public health emergency. There were discussions about the amendments that need to be made to the document to reflect the desire of the Council including the addition of subsection 4F addressing the municipal court and subsection 4G addressing the waiver of certain fines and fees associated with utility billing.

Councilmember Aga made a motion to approve the declaration of local state of disaster for public health emergency as a result of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic with the amendments as discussed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Council and passed 4/0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Patterson adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

JEFF JORDAN
MAYOR

JESSIE HANKS
CITY SECRETARY

