

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DIBOLL, TEXAS REGULAR SESSION
MEETING ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 09, 2021 AT 5:15PM, AT THE CITY HALL CHAMBERS

NOTICE: *We observed social distancing for the council meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic and wore facemasks*

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Trey Wilkerson, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Lopez, and Councilmembers Benita Sheffield Duffield, Don Hendrick, Luis Maldonado, and Charles Moses, Sr.

ABSENT

Councilmember Tom Farley

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Gerry Boren, City Secretary Melissa McCall, Finance Director Sam Durham, Police Chief Steve Baker, and Assistant Police Chief Norman Williams

Mayor Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm and gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance, led by Mayor Wilkerson.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Patrina Sheffield Mitchell – 701 Pinewood Street, Diboll, Texas, regarding:

- Idle, (non-operating), vehicles on Pinewood Street
- Dogs in her neighborhood roaming alone
- Water flowing from the golf course onto Wells Street, onto Pinewood Street, causing flooding for Pinewood Street residents

Item #1: Consent Agenda: All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately. Consider approving the following reports:

- a. Minutes from January 12, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting
- b. Financial Report for January 2021

Don Hendrick made the motion to approve and Daniel Lopez second.

All in Favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Item #2: Discuss amending current fence ordinance. Council discussed types, sizes, and locations for future fence ordinance, as well as to define "grandfathered". Item tabled for next council meeting after more research.

Item #3: Consideration and approval of excusing the past last 12-month running absentees of Council Members, considering Covid-19 pandemic. See attached Attendance Record for the last 12-months, prepared and maintained by City Secretary, Melissa McCall, as declared in the City of Diboll's Home Rule Charter, Section 3.08(a)4

Luis Maldonado made the motion to approve and Don Hendrick second.
All in Favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Item #4: Consideration and approval of Order of General Election with proposed early voting and election day voting judges and rates of pay:

- a. Early Election by personal appearance on regular business days, begins April 19th and ends April 27th of 2021, with voting times being 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, except for two (2) days voting, April 26th and April 27th, in which the voting times are set from 7:00 am until 7:00pm. Payrates for the Early General Election Judge at \$15.00 per hour and early election workers at a rate of \$12.00 per hour
- b. May 1, 2021 General Election Day Judge is to be paid at a rate of \$15.00 per hour working from approximately 6:00 am until counting of votes is completed after the polls close at 7:00 pm. Workers for the General Election Day are to be paid at a rate of \$12.00 per hour.

Daniel Lopez made the motion to approve and Charles Moses, Sr. second.
All in Favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Item #5: Consideration and approval of Resolution 2021-02-001; a contract agreement between the City of Diboll and Diboll Independent School District to hold a joint election May 1, 2021.

Don Hendrick made the motion to approve and Daniel Lopez second.
All in Favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Item #6: Consideration and approval of Resolution 2021-02-003 sanctioning the Diboll Police Department's application number 4287701 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, along with a second grant from Deep East Texas Council of Governments, requesting funds for replacement of twenty (20) handheld police radios, as well as eight (8) police car consoles, which will allow not only our dispatch operators but our Diboll Police Officers to communicate more efficiently and directly, via radio, to surrounding area counties and officers during a high-speed chase and other type of emergencies.

Don Hendrick made the motion to approve and Charles Moses, Sr. second.
All in Favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Item #7: Consideration and approval of Resolution 2021-02-004 appointing Nathan Terrell – Diboll ISD Board Member, as the joint appointment between the City of Diboll and Diboll Independent School District to the Angelina County Appraisal District Board of Trustees.

Daniel Lopez made the motion to approve and Luis Maldonado second.
Daniel Lopez, Luis Maldonado, and Trey Wilkerson voted in Favor; Benita Sheffield Duffield, Don Hendrick, and Charles Moses, Sr. voted to Oppose. Motion does not carry.

Item #8: CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- Fire Department Report – Gary Jones, Fire Chief
- Police Department Report – Steve Baker, Police Chief
- Animal Control Report – Grady Courtney, Animal Control Officer (unavailable)
- Street Department Report – Robby Roberts, Jr., Department Head
- Water Department Report – Faustino Lopez III, Department Head
- Wastewater Department Report – Bridget Sarver, Department Head
- Parks Department Report – Patrick Miller, Department Head
- Finance & Court – Sam Durham, Staff Accountant
- City Manager - Gerry Boren (unavailable)

Item #9: Consideration and approval of Resolution 2021-02-002 supporting the consolidation of Angelina County WCID No. 4 into the City of Diboll, with Angelina Neches River Authority (ANRA) receiving the wholesale sewer service from the City.

Daniel Lopez made the motion to approve and Don Hendrick second.
All in Favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Item #10: The Diboll Council convened into a closed Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for the following:

1. In accordance with Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code 551.072 – deliberations regarding real property
2. In accordance with Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code 551.074 – Personnel Matter; To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Diboll Volunteer Fire Chief.

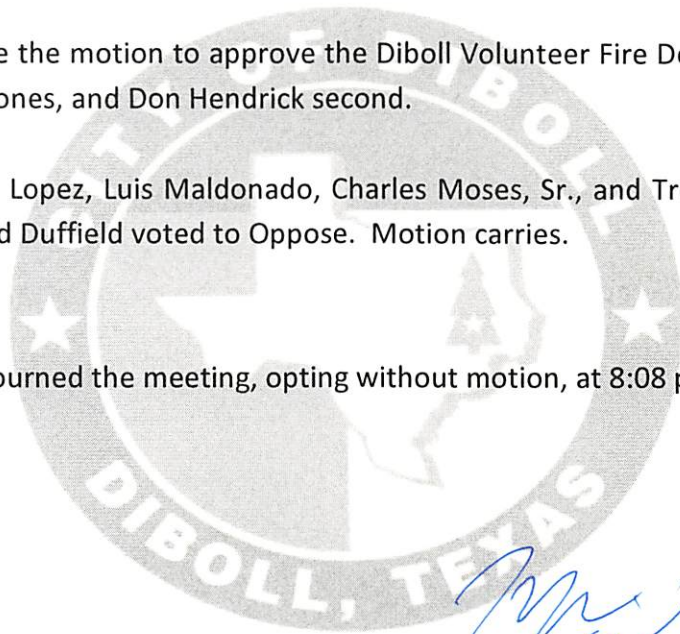
Council reconvene into open session at 8:05 p.m., following closed-door session and took the following action on matters discussed in Executive Session:

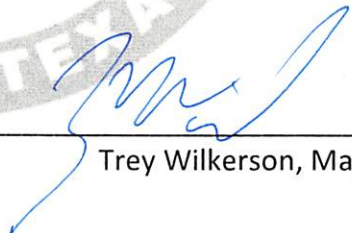
Luis Maldonado made the motion to approve the Diboll Volunteer Fire Department Agreement with Fire Chief Gary Jones, and Don Hendrick second.

Don Hendrick, Daniel Lopez, Luis Maldonado, Charles Moses, Sr., and Trey Wilkerson voted in Favor; Benita Sheffield Duffield voted to Oppose. Motion carries.

Adjournment

Mayor Wilkerson adjourned the meeting, opting without motion, at 8:08 p.m.





Trey Wilkerson, Mayor

ATTEST BY:



Melissa McCall TRMC, City Secretary

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ANGELINA COUNTY §
CITY OF DIBOLL §

