

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**City Council****May 21, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Brownwood, Texas, met in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., at the Lyric Theatre, Meeting Room, 318 Center Avenue, Brownwood, Texas, with the following members present:

Stephen E. Haynes	:	Mayor
H. D. Jones	:	Councilman – Ward 1
Ed McMillian	:	Councilman – Ward 2
Larry Mathis	:	Councilman – Ward 3
Draco Miller	:	Councilman – Ward 4
Walker Willey	:	Councilman – Ward 5
Emily Crawford	:	City Manager
Tim Airheart	:	Asst. City Manager Public Works
** Pat Chesser	:	City Attorney (Only stayed for Executive Session)
Christi Wynn	:	City Secretary

with no members absent constituting a quorum of the City Council.

Mayor Haynes called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council convened into a closed executive session at 4:10 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code Vernon's Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained in the following section:

Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney

A. Legal issues regarding sewer easement

Council reconvened into open session at 4:37 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. No action taken.

** City Attorney Chesser left at this time.

WORKSHOP:

Pre-Budget Workshop Session, including, without limitation, projects review, goal setting, staffing, economic development, revenue and expenditure projections, and other related issues.

Items discussed were as follows:

Status of Current Projects:

- 1) Streets / road repair – Mr. Airheart advised Council that the Street Department is behind schedule due to the rainy season we have had. Regular budgeting will be sufficient at this time.

- 2) Discussed the traffic flow at Northwest Elementary, but due to being behind on road repairs, this project will likely be put off until next year.
- 3) Gateway signs at city limits – in progress – Chamber of Commerce has lead.
- 4) City Hall upgrades – in progress.
- 5) Discussed a joint meeting with Brown County Commissioners regarding upgrading the dispatch equipment.
- 6) Automatic meter reading system. Around 7,000 meters would have to be replaced.
- 7) Enterprise Fleet Management – this year we will replace around twenty vehicles.
- 8) City Logo - in design phase.

Parks Priority List:

- 1) Trigg Park Splash Pad - Consider adding above ground features.
- 2) Trigg Park Restroom – Reviewed alternate design options. Move forward with traditional construction.
- 3) Parks Master Plan- Consider budgeting ~~for~~ to allow for long term planning and grant eligibility.
- 4) Underutilized Parks – consider if they can be given to churches or nearby property owners. Research an Adopt a Park program to help with maintaining.
- 5) Cecil Holman Park- Discussed additional improvement options, including a water slide. Timeline of 1-2 years to develop and determine funding.
- 6) Dog Park – In late summer, hold a public input meeting and work with citizens to determine what they want. City may spend \$30,000 from bond funds. Interested citizens may fund raise to help with costs for benches, trees, etc. Provide Council with a re-designed park option for \$30,000 (basic features). Proposed completion by late spring 2020.
- 7) Mayes Park - Consider extending fence to backstop.
- 8) Allcorn Park – Private fund raising for all-inclusive play equipment underway.
- 9) Riverside Park – BMDD funding and working with vendor to get new play equipment.
- 10) Food Trucks – Research how to allow food trucks at bigger parks to serve seasonally. Permits, bidding, etc.

Mid/Long Term Goals:

- 1) Coliseum- Discussed options for renovating or selling. Options with HPU for long-term investment and lease.
- 2) Ice House/Timmins Building - Renovation of area to provide meeting/event space that is not suitable for Coliseum. Includes an outdoor event venue and festival ground. Discussed a joint meeting with BMDD to discuss ideas. Discussed purchasing lots around the location for parking for Timmins and Coliseum. Discussed funding options including MDD reserves, bonds, general obligation funds.
- 3) Library – Councilman Mathis requested we go see the San Angelo Library for what a modern library can be. If the area around the Library is improved, we need to do something with the Library and Adams Street Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

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There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Haynes declared the meeting adjourned.



STEPHEN E. HAYNES, Mayor

ATTEST:



CHRISTI WYNN, City Secretary