

REGULAR CALLED MEETING
City Council
June 8, 2021

The City Council of the City of Brownwood, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 501 Center Avenue, Brownwood, Texas, with the following members present:

Stephen E. Haynes	:	Mayor
HD Jones	:	Council Member Ward 1
Ed McMillian	:	Council Member Ward 2
Melody Nowowiejski	:	Council Member Ward 3
Walker Willey	:	Council Member Ward 5
Pat Chesser	:	City Attorney
Emily Crawford	:	City Manager
Christi Wynn	:	City Secretary

with Council Member, Draco Miller absent, constituting a quorum of the City Council.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Haynes called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened into Executive Session at 8:31 a.m., in the Haynes Conference Room, pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained therein to discuss the following:

Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters

- A. Discuss appointments of Parks & Recreation Director and Deputy City Manager.

Council reconvened in the Council Chambers at 8:55 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council McMillian.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Council Member Willey.

ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN: None

INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND RECOGNITIONS: None

CITIZENS PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Willey, seconded by McMillian, to approve the minutes of the Regular Called Meeting on May 25, 2021, and Special Called Meeting on May 25, 2021, as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Finance Director, Melanie Larose, was available for questions regarding the checklist. A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Willey, that the Claims and Accounts dated through June 4, 2021, be approved for payment as submitted. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**Consider confirmation of the City Manager's appointment of Parks and Recreation Director and Deputy City Manager.**

City Manager, Emily Crawford, stated that with the retirement of Parks and Recreation Director, David Withers, there has been an internal shifting of positions. Henry Wied was the Interim Parks Director but can no longer keep Parks with his new position. Roland Soto was promoted to Community Facilities and Sports Complex Director in November 2020. He is doing a fantastic job, has a great attitude, and desires to continue to improve all aspects of the facilities he is responsible for. It was her recommendation to appoint Roland Soto as the new Parks and Recreation Director.

City Manager Crawford recommended Marshal McIntosh for the Deputy City Manager position. She stated that he has been with the City full-time for five years, and two years part-time. Marshal has transformed the City and MDD's public information platforms (website and social media) and has vastly improved the City's digital image. He has been directing the Tourism digital marketing campaigns for the past three years, which has showcased Brownwood in a positive light and garnered much attention locally and state-wide. Recently, Marshal took the initiative to apply for two CDB Grants worth over \$700,000. He has been instrumental in the redevelopment of downtown and the new Event Center project. He is motivated to grow in municipal leadership and has ideas that will continue to improve the City. Marshal has a Bachelor's in Public & Media Communication and a Master's in Business Administration from HPU. He is a Certified Public Communicator and is currently pursuing a Certified City Manager credential. Marshal represents the next generation and will assist the City in becoming and staying relevant to a younger demographic we need. The Deputy City Manager position is designed to be a project-based position that takes on city-wide initiatives and works with all departments. The American Rescue Plan funds (\$4.5 million) will require a significant amount of staff attention for the next three years. This will be one of the projects assigned to the Deputy City Manager. The position will be funded 55% City, 33% BMDD, 12% HOT. This promotion will put Marshal in a position that is commensurate with his abilities and performance and will assist me in tackling special projects I have not been able to do. He will continue to perform duties for the BMDD but will be more focused on marketing and downtown development.

A motion was made by McMillian, seconded by Nowowiejski, to confirm the City Manager's appointments of Roland Soto as the Parks and Recreation Director, and Marshal McIntosh, as the Deputy City Manager. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Director of Public Works, Henry Wied, introduced Heath Bundick as the new Fleet Superintendent replacing Tommy Bell who will be retiring next week. Mr. Bundick has worked with the city for nine years and formally held positions of Fleet Supervisor, Mechanic I and Mechanic II.

Director of Parks and Recreation, Roland Soto, introduced Jon Ochoa as the new Parks and Recreation Superintendent. This is a new position that will help provide oversight to both Sports Complexes and the Parks and Recreation Departments. Mr. Ochoa has been with the city for sixteen years and formally held positions as Recycling Attendant, and Equipment Operator.

Consider ratification of the Brownwood Municipal Development District Board action to approve funding for a park improvement project at Wiggins Park not to exceed \$50,000.

Executive Director of BMDD, Ray Tipton stated that the City of Brownwood has been talking with a local, non-profit organization called SALSA (Strategic Alliance for Leadership and Social Action) about making some improvement to Wiggins Park. The main feature of the park currently is the swimming pool, but it also offers a pavilion, playground equipment and public restrooms, which are all several decades old. Interim Parks Director, Henry Wied, has been working with SALSA on the potential improvements to the park. City Council had asked the BMDD to allocate funding to Wiggins Parks in this fiscal year towards any new improvements to the park, and the BMDD board approved the funding on May 18th as one of the BMDD park projects for the year. SALSA has selected the playscape from Child's Play Inc, and staff is agreeable to this option. There was discussion about where the play equipment will be at the park. The City will be demolishing a slab next to current play equipment. The slab removal will be absorbed through the City's budget. The quote includes the boarder, wood chips, and installation.

A motion was made by McMillian, seconded by Willey, to ratify the BMDD Board action to approve funding for a park improvement project at Wiggins Park not to exceed \$50,000. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened into Executive Session at 9:22 a.m., in the Haynes Conference Room, pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code; Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained therein to discuss the following:

Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney

- B. Fire and Police Meet and Confer Contracts.

Council reconvened in the Council Chambers at 10:32 a.m.

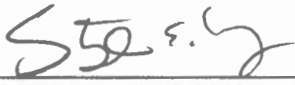
ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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- B. No action taken.

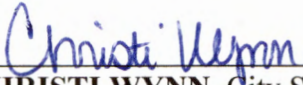
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Haynes declared the meeting adjourned.



STEPHEN E. HAYNES, Mayor

ATTEST:



CHRISTI WYNN, City Secretary