

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARENDON, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sandy Skelton at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Sandy Skelton
Alderman John Lockhart
Alderman Larry Jeffers
Alderman Eulaine McIntosh
Alderman Jacob Fangman
Alderman Nathan Floyd
Administrator David Dockery
City Secretary Machiel Covey

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandon Brown, Tommy Hill, Keith Floyd, Grett Betts, Pam Hill, and Roger Estlack

INVOCATION: Alderman Lockhart

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tommy Hill asked about the swimming pool project. If the duct work, the grass, and the parking lot were not included in the budget or if it was coming out of the general fund. He also asked if J. Milligan was reimbursing the City for the equipment hours and man hours that were spent on the project? Administrator Dockery explained why City equipment and staff were involved in the project.

PROCLAMATION; Lions Clubs International Centennial Celebration Day

AUTHORIZATIONS BY CITY COUNCIL:

19-152

1. Discussion and possible action on adopting the property tax rate for the 2020-2021 Fiscal year for the City of Clarendon.

A motion was made by Alderman Floyd and seconded by Alderman Jeffers to approve the property tax rate for the 2020-2021 Fiscal year for the City of Clarendon at \$0.5849 per \$100 value. With a roll call vote, Alderman Lockhart, Jeffers, Floyd, Fangman, and McIntosh voting AYE, the motion carried.

19-153

2. Discussion and possible action on approving a contract for sanitation service including Service Agreement, Franchise Agreement, Sales Agreement, Bill of Sale, and Lease Agreement.

A motion was made by Alderman Jeffers and seconded by Alderman Lockhart to approve the contract for sanitation service including Service Agreement, Franchise Agreement, Sales Agreement, Bill of Sale, and Lease Agreement with Diversified Waste Management, Inc. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

19-154

3. Discussion and possible action on approving an Ordinance providing an Exclusive Franchise Agreement to Diversified Waste Management for collection and disposal of Municipal Solid Waste for the City of Clarendon.

A motion was made by Alderman Floyd and seconded by Alderman McIntosh to approve the Ordinance providing an Exclusive Franchise Agreement to Diversified Waste Management for collection and disposal of Municipal Solid Waste for the City of Clarendon. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action on a request to adjust the water bill for Christ Kids.

No action taken by City Council.

19-156

5. Discussion and possible action on determination whether or not the accumulation of rubbish and trash or the growth of weeds or grass, or both, are sufficient to constitute a public nuisance as describe in Article 6, Weeds and Rubbish, of the City of Clarendon Code of Ordinances. For the properties located at:

419 S. McClellan Street
 416 S. Hawley Street
 219 S. Goodnight Street
 210 S. Goodnight Street
 906 Carhart Street

No action taken by City Council.

19-157

6. Discussion and possible action on approving a Resolution, declaring the properties listed above to be a public nuisance as described in Section 6 Weeds and Rubbish, of the City of Clarendon Code of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Alderman Lockhart and seconded by Alderman Jeffers to approve a Resolution, declaring the properties listed above to be a public nuisance as described in Section 6 Weeds and Rubbish, of the City of Clarendon Code of Ordinances for 419 S. McClellan Street, 416 S. Hawley Street, 219 S. Goodnight Street, 210 S. Goodnight Street, and 906 Carhart Street. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

19-158

7. Discussion and possible action on approving the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Annual Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal year.

A motion was made by Alderman McIntosh and seconded by Alderman Floyd to approve the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Annual Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal year. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

19-159

8. Discussion and possible action on approving the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Hotel Occupancy Fund Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

A motion was made by Alderman Floyd and seconded by Alderman Fangman to approve the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Hotel Occupancy Fund Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

19-160

9. Discussion and possible action on approving the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Budget For the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

A motion was made by Alderman Floyd and seconded by Alderman Jeffers to approve the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Budget For the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

19-16110. Discussion and possible action on contracting with the Donley County Appraisal District for the assessment and collection of property taxes.

A motion was made by Alderman Floyd and seconded by Alderman McIntosh to approve contracting with the Donley County Appraisal District for the assessment and collection of property taxes. With each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.

19-16211. Discussion and possible action on the City Administrator's Report:

- Code Compliance Update
- USDA Project Update
- Water Recreation Project Update
- Update on Employees
- Annual Employee Picnic/ Retirement and Appreciation Party

MAYOR COMMENTS: Mayor Skelton informed Council that the handicap ramp committee has met twice and decided to put the ramp in front of the steak house at second and Kearney. The Mayor and Administrator met with the engineer and he has already submitted a design for the ramp and replacing the sidewalk, we are now waiting on a cost for the design. Once the cost is received, we will call another committee meeting.

He has not met with the Sheriff yet on the request for more information about tickets written in city limits from the previous Council meeting. He and the Administrator have been busy with the sanitation contract and the Chuckwagon Cook-off. He will contact the Sheriff and set up a meeting with himself, the Administrator, Alderman Fangman, and Judge Waldrop and have some answers at the next meeting.

The Mayor and Administrator went to the meeting with Representative Ken King at the Mulkey and Rep. King stated that Texas was facing a deficit of 20-25 billion dollars due to the loss in the oil industry. King said the Governor may raise the sales tax 1% to make up for the deficit.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Alderman McIntosh passed out a flyer for devices that supply wi-fi wherever you are at that the Library can obtain and checkout to the public. They are donated by the Talker Foundation free for the first year. They are \$300 each and \$3,000 total if they choose to purchase them. The Library board will need to meet and decide on them. The Library board is also hosting a fundraising event to boost morale in the community called the "Scarecrow Contest". Individuals or businesses can build and display their scarecrow with the community choosing the winner by voting on FaceBook or at the library on October 31st.

Adjournment:

There being no further business on the agenda, a motion was made by Alderman Jeffers and seconded by Alderman Lockhart to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m., with each Alderman voting AYE, the motion carried.


Sandy Skelton, Mayor

Attest:


Machiel Covey, City Secretary