

The City Commission of the City of Canyon met in regular session at 4:30 pm in the City Commission Chambers of the Civic Complex. Mayor Gary Hinders presided over the meeting with the following Commissioners in attendance, Mayor Pro-Tem Cody Jones, Paul R. Lyons and Randy Ray. Commissioner Roger Remlinger was unable to attend.

Also present were the following City Staff: City Secretary Gretchen Mercer, Director of Public Works Dan Reese, Finance Director Chris Sharp, Fire Chief Mike Webb, Water Superintendent Eric Whitten, Parks Director Brian Noel, Library Director Janice Doan, Assistant Librarian Andrea High, Library Assistant Trisha Shaw, Chief of Police Dale Davis, Police Captain Ray Resendez, and City Attorney Chuck Hester.

Item 1. Call to Order.

Mayor Hinders called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Item 2. Invocation.

Commissioner Ray gave the invocation.

Item 3. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Lyons.

Item 4. Approval of Minutes of the City of Canyon Commission Meeting of July 22, 2019.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jones moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Lyons to approve the minutes of July 22, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Public Comment – Comments from Interested Citizens.

No comment was made.

Item 6. Update of Friends of the Canyon Area Library Book Houses.

Library Director Janice Doan addressed the Commissioners commending the Friends of the Canyon Area Library for the placement of Book Houses at Hunsley Park, Conner Park, and Canyon East Park. Ms. Doan stated each book house contains a variety of books meeting a wide range of reading levels. Ms. Doan said people can take a book to read, give a book or both. Ms. Doan said the Friends of the Library will keep the book houses stocked with quality books and monitor them for any damage or vandalism. Ms. Doan stated if the book houses proved to be popular the Friends of the Library would look into adding more book houses around town. Friends of the Library members present were Virginia Cotton, Betty Morgan, Joyce McBroom, Betty Butterfield, Rita Wynn, and Margie Strebeck. Joyce McBroom's husband, Mike built the book houses.

Commissioner Lyons commended Library Director Janice Doan, the Friends of the Library and Library staff for doing a great job for the community.

Item 7. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Revised Communication Services Agreement Between the City of Canyon, Texas and Randall County, Texas.

City Attorney Chuck Hester presented a revised Communication Services Agreement between the City of Canyon and Randall County. Mr. Hester stated the City Commission recently approved a Communication Services Agreement with Randall County and that agreement had an amendment proposed by Randall County. Mr. Hester said the County Auditor, Karon Kantor raised an issue related to the agreement expenditure language stating adding that Randall County would approve any expenditure of \$5,000 or more.

After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Ray to rescind previous approval of the Communications Agreement and adopt the amended Communication Agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. Budget Worksession.

Director of Finance Chris Sharp gave a brief overview of the discussion from the Budget Work Session held July 22, 2019. Mr. Sharp stated the effective tax rate numbers had been provided by Randall County giving an effective tax rate of \$0.43809 including the M&O and I&S. Mr. Sharp stated if the City keeps the current M&O tax rate of \$0.39083 and the I&S rate of \$0.0591, the total tax rate would be \$0.44993. Mr. Sharp said this would be 2.7% above the effective tax rate and generate just over \$76,000 for the General Fund. Mr. Sharp asked that the Commission keep in mind that there are no rate increases for utility services this year in the budget.

Item 9. Hold First Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Director of Finance Chris Sharp stated pursuant to the Texas Truth in Taxation Laws, the City of Canyon is required to hold two public hearings if adopting a tax rate higher than the effective tax rate. With the effective rate at \$0.43809/\$100 valuation, and the proposed total rate of \$0.44993/\$100 valuation (consisting of \$0.39083 M&O plus \$0.0591 I&S), the public hearings are required.

Mayor Hinders opened the public hearing. There being no comment, Mayor Hinders closed the public hearing.

This is the first required public hearing, no action required.

Item 10. Executive Session Pursuant to §551.074 Personnel Matters (City Manager Search), §551.072 Real Property, and §551.071 Consultation with Attorney.

Mayor Hinders indicated the Commission would adjourn into Executive Session at 5:02 pm.

Item 11. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session.

Upon returning from Executive Session at 5:40 pm, no action was taken.

Item 12. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones moved this meeting be adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Gary Hinders, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gretchen Mercer, City Secretary