

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING
City Council
March 12, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Brownwood, Texas, met in a Regular Called Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 501 Center Avenue, Brownwood, Texas, with the following members present:

Draco Miller	:	Mayor Pro Tem
HD Jones	:	Councilman – Ward 1
Ed McMillian	:	Councilman – Ward 2
Larry Mathis	:	Councilman – Ward 3
Jerry DeHay	:	Councilman – Ward 5
Pat Chesser	:	City Attorney
Emily Crawford	:	City Manager
Christi Wynn	:	City Secretary

with Mayor Stephen E. Haynes absent, constituting a quorum of the City Council.

CALL TO ORDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Miller called the meeting to order.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:	Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Jones.
INVOCATION:	Invocation was given by Councilman Mathis.
ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN:	None

INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND RECOGNITIONS:
City Manager Crawford welcomed the new KOXE News Director, Randy Turner.

CITIZENS PRESENTATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
A motion was made by McMillian, seconded by Jones, to approve the minutes of the Regular Called Meeting on February 26, 2019, as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:
Assistant Finance Director, Melanie Larose, was present for questions regarding the checklist. A motion was made by DeHay, seconded by Mathis, that the Claims and Accounts dated through March 8, 2019, be approved for payment as submitted. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

BIDS:
Consider the purchase of a Precast Restroom for Trigg Park through Sourcewell using BCWID buy-in funds.

City Manager Crawford stated that this has been discussed at a former Workshop. The proposed building is the same as what we have at Coggin Park. The purchase of the

building will come from Brown County Water District buy-in funds. The total for the building is \$45,490. She stated that Councilman Jones approached her yesterday with a new idea. Councilman Jones stated that he thought we could construct the building ourselves for less and the funds stay in Brownwood. He requested that we wait to purchase the building in order to put pricing together. Councilman McMillian stated that he wished he had spoken up sooner and felt that stainless steel fixtures were too much. Now he sees that we are substituting them for porcelain fixtures. Mrs. Crawford stated that because of the Workshop conversation, the fixtures were changed from stainless steel to porcelain. Councilman McMillian stated that he thinks we can build the building for less than half of the pre-fab restroom and stated that he would like the excess funds to be used on playground equipment. He stated that we could have the building built by a local contractor for \$15 – 20,000. Councilman Jones volunteered to provide the tile and tilework free, Councilman McMillian volunteered to provide free plumbing, and Councilman Jones stated that Diamond Electric volunteered to provide the electrical work for free. City Attorney Chesser stated that the City Charter prohibits the City from contracting with Councilmen and any officer of the City; however, he stated that he will check into it more closely if all of the work being done is free and there is no contract. Councilman Mathis asked if this discussion was brought up when the Coggin Park restroom was purchased. Director of Parks and Recreation, David Withers, stated that it was not discussed as we had grant funds that purchased the buildings. He stated that the Coggin Park Sports and Soccer Complex restrooms have a plumbing chase installed and a heater that helps prevent freezing pipes and allows the restrooms to stay open. Mrs. Crawford suggested working with the Councilmen and come back with more information. No motion was made.

AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS:

Consider authorizing the City Manager to sign an Election Contract with the Brown County Elections Administration.

City Secretary, Christi Wynn, stated that this is the standard contract with Brown County Elections. They have conducted our elections since 2006. Mrs. Crawford noted that the contract came in under budget. Mrs. Wynn stated that although it came in under budget, if we would have had a runoff election, we would be over budget. We may need to consider increasing the amount for elections in future budgets.

A motion was made by Mathis, seconded by McMillian, to authorize the City Manager to sign an Election Contract with the Brown County Elections Administration. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council convened into Executive Session at 9:17 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

Section 551.072 – Deliberation Regarding Real Property

A. Amendment to Fire Station sales contract.

Council reconvened into open session at 9:36 a.m.

ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney

Section 551.072 – Deliberation Regarding Real Property

City Attorney Chesser stated that when the City contracted with Mr. William Ruth, our obligation was to provide a title commitment. Out of no fault by the City or Mr. Ruth, there were some issues with the title work. It took longer than expected and there was a forty day delay in getting the title commitment to Mr. Ruth. Mr. Ruth has asked for an extension. This contract extends the closing date by forty days, or thirty days after we receive the survey of the property. The City has owned part of the property for over fifty-years and acquired portions of outlots at different times, so a survey was needed. This first amendment extends the closing date until forty-days from the original date, which will be April 30th or thirty days after the survey.

A motion was made by DeHay, seconded by McMillian, to approve the first amendment to sell real property. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

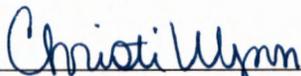
ADJOURNMENT:

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