



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
200 West Walker Street

Regular Meeting

The City Council of the City of League City, Texas, met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers at 200 West Walker Street on the above date at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor:

Pat Hallisey

City Council Members:

**Andy Mann
Hank Dugie
Larry Millican
Todd Kinsey
Greg Gripon
Chad Tressler
Nick Long**

City Manager:

John Baumgartner

Assistant City Manager

Bo Bass

Assistant City Manager

Michael Kramm

City Attorney:

Nghiem Doan

City Secretary:

Diana M. Stapp

Chief of Police:

Gary Ratliff

Executive Director of Development Services

David Hoover

Director of Budget/Project Management

Angie Steelman

Director of Engineering:

Christopher Sims

Director of Finance:

Kristine Polian

Director of Human Resources/Civil Service:

Janet Shirley

Director of Parks & Cultural Services:

Chien Wei

Director of Public Works:

Jody Hooks

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Hallisey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present.

Present 8 - Mayor Pat Hallisey, Mr. Andy Mann, Mr. Hank Dugie, Mr. Larry Millican, Mr. Todd Kinsey, Mr. Greg Gripon, Mr. Chad Tressler and Mr. Nick Long

2. **INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE TEXAS FLAG**

The invocation was given by Cory Myers, Minister of League City Church of Christ. Mayor Hallisey led in the pledges of allegiance to the flags.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3A. **20-0204** March 24, 2020 Regular Meeting

Mayor Hallisey asked if there were any corrections. He said hearing none, these minutes are approved.

4. **PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

4A. **20-0206** Presentation of a proclamation recognizing May 17-23, 2020 National Public Works Week (Mayor Hallisey)

4B. **20-0200** Report from Emergency Turnaround Task Force (Mayor Hallisey)

The report was presented by David Johnson, followed up by a presentation from Sarah Greer Osborne.

5. **CITIZENS REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL**

The privilege of speaking at this time is limited to the following persons: residents, persons having an ownership interest in property or a business located within the City, or their attorneys.

A statement of no more than 3 minutes may be made. There will be no yielding of time to another person. State law prohibits the Mayor and members of the City Council from commenting on any statement or engaging in dialogue without an appropriate agenda item being posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Comments should be directed to the entire Council, not individual members of Council or staff. If addressing a specific agenda item, speakers must keep their remarks specific to the item being considered by the City Council. Any speaker making personal attacks or using vulgar or profane language shall forfeit his/her remaining time and shall be seated.

Sarah Greer Osborne, Director of Communications, read public comments from online submittals:

NAME	SUBJECT
George Turski	Development at McFarland/96, request to create a MUD
Charles Franks	Hobbs Road "Race Track"

Appearing before Council:

NAME	SUBJECT
Gloria Greene	Emergency Turnaround Task Force

6. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING**

7. **COMMENTS/REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Announcements concerning items of community interest. No action will be taken or discussed.

Chad Tressler – no comments.

Andy Mann – no comments.

Larry Millican – Welcome everybody who are tuning in and the ones who braved to come.

Mayor Pro Tem Todd Kinsey – I wanted to let people know that the library is running a curbside service. Place your holds as normal, park at library and dial number when you arrive and they bring your books out to you. They will also continue to post videos they've been doing on social media and Channel 16 as well. If you've caught some of those, they've been really good. Other than that, just put your toes in the water and try to get back to some normalcy.

Greg Gripon – Last time I said you need to be looking out for your friends and neighbors, some of them might be hurting but also very important, take the pledge, go to the website, get the information.

Nick Long – I've been talking to a couple of the local restaurant owners, especially the small ones, and several of them reported that during this whole thing the business actually picked up in some areas, especially the take-out. I just want to encourage people to continue shopping locally, especially the small local places, not necessarily the big chains, because if we can keep those places going, we won't just all be big chain restaurants and fast food in League City. So, I'm pretty excited that most of them weathered the storm well and found a new way to conduct business.

Hank Dugie – Thank you to Dave Johnson and all the members of the Task Force for those of you that have been following along. They’ve been putting a lot of time and thought into that effort and it’s starting to bear fruit. Thanks to Dave and all the volunteers and to Sarah and her team and I really do think we are on the verge of the re-emergence and I think we are going to be better prepared for what’s to come in the future. I think people are going to have confidence in League City because of their teamwork. So, let’s continue to support those folks and make sure that they know we appreciate them.

Mayor Hallisey – One of the things I get to do is talk about during this period of time, the good things and not so good things that have happened in the City. I do want to call attention to the passing of Jean Raebelle Butler Wood. Jean Wood was 91 years old. Her father was Ray Butler, who old timers around town will certainly remember. He was married to Rusty Butler, who was probably the second woman ever elected to council. She was the original Republican here back in 1979 and 1980. I didn’t know Mrs. Woods until her father passed away in 1997 and she called me on the phone and asked me to speak at his funeral. I was particularly interested in Mr. Butler and spent a lot of time with him the last so many years of his life. He was 6 years old when the trees on Main Street were planted. His father, who owned a hardware store along with Walter Hall’s father-in-law, bought those trees from J.C. League who was in Galveston and had those sent here on a flat car and Ray Butler told a wonderful story that I will never forget. He said when he was 6 years old, best I can figure he was 97 when he died, so that was somewhere between about 1903 and 1906. But he said his job, they had an indentured slave that stayed with the family, his name was Parsons and he dug the holes, and when they put the trees into the holes they were 6 foot seedlings, think about that and what they are today, and his job was to fill those holes up with dirt and then go down to the railroad tracks and get buckets of water back to put on them so they could live. Ray Butler was an interesting guy and he and his wife did a lot in this community in the time that they were involved. He passed away a while back but Jean Wood was his daughter and those of you who had children that went to school at Creekside Elementary, you might remember her. I can’t remember her name...I should...but she was his granddaughter. The Butler family lives on in town, there’s still a bunch of them around, not just Anita but a bunch of them. Anyway, we’re losing a lot of the old timers and we want to remember the contributions they made to making this the great city that it is. I noticed this morning in the paper that Lloyd Criss passed away. He was a longtime chairman of the Democratic party in Galveston County, but more importantly than that he was a state legislator from 1978 thru 1990. He did a lot of great things throughout this county, was a friend to a lot of people. If you were on Lloyd’s good side, you loved him. If you were on Lloyd’s bad side, you didn’t like him at all. He was an old time, fist slinging democrat. He was stout about his convictions and nobody could change that in him but you had to admire that he had that because so many don’t this day and age, so we we’ll miss him.

Also, this morning I learned on Facebook that a longtime friend, Nick Harmon, had passed away. Nick Harmon was a Texas Parks and Wildlife game warden in the area. His wife, Kim, was real involved for a good number of years around here. They were great people. I happened to be with him when he retired from Parks and Wildlife and when I called her this morning I told her that the thing that comes to mind for me is the amount of time the two of you had in your latter years to travel the world and she reinforced what a great opportunity it was for her and that he had been a sweetheart for so many years and I know she's lonely tonight but there were a lot of people that were friends of Nick and Kim Harmon who send their love to them and let them know that we're thinking about them. Keith Olenberg, our fireman who had COVID-19, who was on a dialysis machine as well as a ventilator in the hospital, is out. I saw a picture this morning that his wife put up on the internet with him answering questions and all the reports are that he's doing great. All the prayers were answered for Keith. We're happy he's doing well and we look forward to seeing him back at the volunteer fire department when he's up to it. You know, I saw this big guy walk in and out of here and I didn't know who it was so I asked Ryan Smith. He said it was Greg Kunkel, our Interim EMS Chief. I had not met him but if you see him, he's bigger than any of us, so be nice to him. I want to thank Dee Randolph who is an old friend in town. She made these masks at home and made one personally for me to match my gray and black colors that I wear most of the time. Dee does a great job. She retired from NASA a couple of years ago. Her husband John was a former chairman of our Planning Commission and a great fellow as well. They are traveling the countryside; they got a great deal. I do want to call everybody's attention to President Trump's four medical experts that were on the television today. There is some concern that we might be opening up too soon. Nobody knows, that's just another set of experts but they made a compelling case this morning that if we start to see a resurgence of COVID-19 we'll know we made a mistake. So, let's hope he's wrong and we can go forward from there. Congratulations, of course, to the graduating class of 2020. I'll be making a video for the 5th grade graduating class. I always say being Mayor you get to go to all these 5th grade graduations. I'm thinking maybe I should run for some other office so maybe I can go to another kind of graduation, but let me tell you, for those parents that are sitting in the audience for 5th graders going into intermediate school, it is without a doubt the most important thing that they've done in their life so it's kind of a fun thing to do. The Fire Marshal reported in the paper this morning or yesterday morning that we could have a possible arsonist. We had two fires in the Bay Colony area that they are pretty sure were set by an arsonist, so if you're in the Bay Colony community please keep your eyes open for suspicious looking people. Arson is costly to homeowners, it's costly to insurance companies, it's costly to fire departments so if we can help please keep your eye out. National Nurses Week was May 6 through May 12. Today is International Nurses Day and National Hospital Week is May 10 through May 16. Our Fire, EMS, and League City Police Department participated in Heroes Honoring Heroes May 6 at the UTMB campus. There was a great picture on Facebook of all of them out there thanking the nurses for the great job that they do which leads me to the last two things which is to thank our first responders. They don't

miss a trick. A lot of our employees got to work from home which was a different deal which I'm sure wasn't any easier because it wasn't for me but they worked from home. Our first responders were out on the street whenever they got called on and let me tell you, there was no complaining, no sour notes about it. They did their duty and we appreciate the great job that they do. Keith Olenberg is also rehabbing in the hospital. Sorry for those that are passing away. They had sizable impact on our community. Jean Wood in particular. I talked to Pastor Joel with League City Methodist Church this week and he informed me that they had a private service for her, I guess funerals are not really acceptable these days so they had a private deal and I said I was sorry, I had such a wonderful time talking about her dad all those years ago and I would have loved to say something nice about her which is what we did tonight.

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS

Announcements concerning items of community interest. No action will be taken or discussed.

John Baumgartner, City Manager – I'm very proud of our community. Just want to remind the public last week after the Governor loosened up some of our restrictions, we're taking a little bit of a measured approach, but last week we reopened our public lobbies in City Hall and Public Safety Annex, City Hall Annex, Municipal Court. You heard from Todd, at the Library they are providing curb side service and looking at when they can open up the library and invite some people in. We're still a little bit away from that. Stay tuned for more details. Municipal court hearings, for those of you who got tickets, I'm sorry about that, but the court will be opening back up around June 1 to adjudicate those, unless you believe you're guilty, you can just mail in your payment or use your credit card and do it over the phone. Those court clerks have been working the whole time and most people have taken advantage of that. I think they've even done some deferred adjudications and those type of things. Hometown Heroes Recreation Center, I know that the families are all looking forward to that getting reopened and I think they are looking at an opening on May 18. Tomorrow on Facebook, Kenny Walsh will be doing a Lunch and Learn and he will be giving us more details about that. The details will also be posted on the website. We're excited about that. We still have to be a little bit measured, if we listen to the Governor. I don't believe we will be offering camps again. Kenny will be going into those details. The pools are looking at a June 1 opening date, again, with some restrictions. The Parks and Rec staff will manage our way through that. Stay tuned, watch City social media site and website. As the Mayor said, last week was Nurses Week and this week is Hospitals Week. To show our appreciation to the city's hospitals and healthcare workers, we're asking residents to drop off a card or a thank you note in the box at City Hall in the lobby. Cards can include anything from encouraging words to artwork. Staff will distribute them to health care workers at the three hospitals in our community. Children are certainly encouraged to participate. The deadline for this is May 15. We'll take those cards and notes out to the folks.

A couple of construction updates, bond projects, monthly update were included in the City Managers Update but Bayridge Phase III and Bayridge Phase II, one is the overflow swales to help get the water out of the neighborhood. The other one is the pump station detention pond. They are on schedule to bid in August of 2020 with construction starting in October pending available funding, we'll work our way through that when we need to issue additional debt. Dickinson Avenue contractor has been kind of delayed because of Frontier complications. That contractor is back out there working, been working all last week, worked again this week and they anticipate that being completed towards the end of this summer. Ervin Avenue which has been open to two-way traffic, which is again back to our Hobbs Road comment that we received earlier with Ervin being opened to two-way traffic, it's picked up traffic on Hobbs Road in both directions. We will ask our police department to do some directed patrols so if you're there regularly, it's got a number of stop signs. I think we've heard of people rolling through them or just plain running them. Our police department will be out there looking at what's going on out there and checking for speed. It is long and straight without much other interruption other than the stop signs, but Ervin is anticipated to be completed in July. Butler-Turner we anticipate completion in early fall October timeline. I've been trying to keep track of CIP investment. My goal is to grow it from \$25 to 30 million to 50 or 60 million, so \$3.7 million invested in the month of April, second highest month in the last three years and then we've got a construction award for a water line tonight that's a pre-cursor to the FM 270 trail. The water line has to get completed, the trail's right behind it, and TxDOT is getting ready to bid that and in our next meeting we are going to have a lift station. That's my report for today.

- 8A. [20-0205](#) Report on EMS Billing and Collections (EMS Interim Chief)

The report was presented by Greg Kunkel, Interim EMS Chief.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Item 9A was pulled by Mr. Millican, 9B was pulled by staff for no action.

A motion was made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Gripon, to approve Consent Agenda Items 9C and 9D. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

- 9A. [20-0193](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the purchase of an emergency replacement vehicle with related equipment for the Fire Department through various state contracts in an amount not to exceed \$68,052 (Director of Public Works)

A motion was made by Mr. Millican, seconded by Mr. Dugie, to approve Resolution No. 2020-59 authorizing installing a new engine rather than replacing the current vehicle.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Tressler, to amend to approve the item as presented. The motion to amend failed by the following vote:

For: 3 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Kinsey and Mr. Tressler

Opposed: 5 - Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Gripon and Mr. Long

The motion to approve the resolution authorizing installing a new engine passed by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Gripon and Mr. Long

Opposed: 2 - Mr. Kinsey and Mr. Tressler

- 9B. [20-0199](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Cornerstone Maintenance and Landscaping to expand the scope of services to include the Claremont Connector Trail and increase the total compensation by \$55,200 bringing the total to \$927,116.58 (Director of Public Works)

Pulled

- 9C. [20-0173](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a three-year agreement with Hilltop Securities for municipal advisory services (Director of Finance)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-60

- 9D. [20-0208](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a construction contract with R Construction Civil, LLC for the 16-Inch Waterline from South Shore Harbour Booster Pump Station to FM 2094 project (WT1909) in an amount not to exceed \$713,647.20 and authorizing an expenditure of an additional \$71,364 for a construction work change directive budget (Director of Budget & Project Management)

Approved on the Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 2020-61

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

- 11A. [20-0201](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the Police Department to submit a grant application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs) for the 2020 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program in the amount of \$186,286.07 and the naming of the grant managers (Chief of Police)

A motion was made by Mayor Hallisey, seconded by Mr. Kinsey, to approve Resolution No. 2020-62 authorizing the Police Department to submit a grant application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2020 Body Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program in the amount of \$186,286.07 and the naming of the grant managers. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

- 11B. [20-0198](#) Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing two rental and services agreements with Boxx Modular for a 36-month rental of temporary modular office buildings at the Dallas Salmon Wastewater Treatment Plant (DSWWTP) and Fire Station 5 in an amount not to exceed \$93,039 (Director of Public Works and Director of Information Technology)

A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Kinsey, to approve Resolution No. 2020-63 authorizing two rental and services agreements with Boxx Modular for a 36-month rental of temporary modular office buildings at the Dallas Salmon Wastewater Treatment Plant (DSWWTP) and Fire Station 5 in an amount not to exceed \$93,039. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

- 11C. [20-0207](#) Consider and possibly take action on communication with state and local leaders regarding 2020 property appraisals (Council Members Dugie and Tressler)

A motion was made by Mr. Dugie, seconded by Mr. Long, to direct staff to draft a resolution (Resolution No. 2020-64) to send to the governor and local agencies requesting a freeze on Galveston County property assessments at 2019 values. The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 8 - Mayor Hallisey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Dugie, Mr. Millican, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Gripon, Mr. Tressler and Mr. Long

12. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

13. **ITEMS ADDED AFTER ELECTRONIC AGENDA COMPLETED**

14. **EXECUTIVE(CLOSED) SESSION(S)**

At 8:50 p.m. Mayor Hallisey announced Item 14A was pulled and the City Council will now go into executive session to discuss Items 14B and 14C.

- 14A. [20-0202](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071 Government Code - Consultation with Attorney

Consultation with City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter, to wit: Webster Interlocal (City Attorney)

Pulled

- 14B. [20-0194](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 Government Code - Personnel Matters

Discuss employment, appointment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Secretary (Director of Human Resources and Civil Service)

- 14C. [20-0195](#) Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 Government Code - Personnel Matters

Discuss employment, appointment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Attorney (Director of Human Resources and Civil Service)

At 9:46 p.m. Mayor Hallisey reconvened the regular meeting and announced there was no final action, decision or vote with regard to any matter considered in the executive session just concluded.

15. ACTION ITEM(S) FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)

- 15A. [20-0203](#)** Consider and take action regarding consultation with City Attorney, to-wit: Webster Interlocal (City Attorney)
Pulled
- 15B. [20-0196](#)** Consider and take action regarding employment, appointment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Secretary (Director of Human Resources and Civil Service)
No Action
- 15C. [20-0197](#)** Consider and take action regarding employment, appointment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee, to-wit: City Attorney (Director of Human Resources and Civil Service)
No Action

16. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:47 p.m. Mayor Hallisey said, there being no further business this meeting is adjourned.

**PAT HALLISEY
MAYOR**

**DIANA M. STAPP
CITY SECRETARY**

(SEAL)

MINUTES APPROVED: June 9, 2020