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City of Weston Lakes

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Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting Weston Lakes Country Club Ballroom, 32611 FM 1093, Weston Lakes, Tx. 77441 Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order.** The Regular City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, by Mayor Ramona Neal A quorum was present.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Ramona Neal
Mayor Pro Tem Linda Harnist
Alderman Ted Case
Alderman Denis DeLuca
Alderman Bill Ragle

City of Weston Lakes Staff Present:

City Secretary, Jenni McJunkin

Absent:

Alderman Trent Thomas

- 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Alderman Thomas.** Alderman Ted Case led the Council in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Reading of Public Statement Rules and Public Statements.** City Secretary, Jenni McJunkin read the following statement: “Each individual who wishes to make a public comment should sign the sign-in sheet before the Call to Order located in the entrance. Please note topic of conversation. Three minutes will be allotted for conversation. City Council may respond. Please turn off cell phone ringers so assembly isn’t disturbed.” People who spoke; Hazel Shaughnessy, Cindy McNab, Steve Spears, Harry Chapman and Jerry Santi
- 4. Mayor’s Comments**
- 5. Discuss and take action on approval of meeting minutes.
Consent Agenda:**
- 6. Present and take action on approval of minutes of regular City Council meetings for August 2020.** Motion made by Alderman Denis DeLuca to approve minutes of regular City Council meetings for August 2020. Seconded by Alderman Ted Case.

Ayes: All
Noes: None
MOTION PASSED

7. **Present and take action on approval of August financials.** No action was taken.
8. **Present and take action on approval of June, July workshop minutes.** Tabled
9. **Consider purchase of microphones for use at City Council Meetings.** Motion made by Alderman Bill Ragle to postpone. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Linda Harnist.
10. **Get update on burn Ordinance information by Alderman Ted Case and Mayor Pro Tem Linda Harnist.** Alderman Ted Case gave an update on burn Ordinance information. Stating that his and Linda's efforts to seek advice/direction from the City Attorney for a draft Resolution was stopped by the Mayor. Mayor's email regarding Burn Ordinance: See attached email.
11. **Consider and take possible action to amend Resolution 1-09. Discussion of proposed changes. Take action on directing Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to draft meeting rules and procedures as per our policy and resolution. Request Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to create such a draft to bring back for council approval.** Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Linda Harnist to Table because it is with the attorney. Seconded by Alderman Bill Ragle.
12. **Consider and take possible action to amend Resolution 2-09. Discussion of proposed changes. Take action on directing Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to draft meeting rules and procedures as per our policy and resolution. Request Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to create such a draft to bring back for council approval.** Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Linda Harnist to Table. Second by Alderman Ted Case.
13. **Discuss and take action on purchase of cameras to film the meeting with possible labor cost so that all meetings can be placed on website for all citizens to see meetings in entirety. Paid for out of CARES Act funds as it promotes social distancing.** Motion made by Alderman Bill Ragle on purchasing of cameras to film the meeting with possible labor cost so that all meetings can be placed on website for citizens to see meetings in entirety. Paid for out of CARE Act funds as it promotes social distancing. Seconded by Alderman Ted Case.
Ayes: One, Ted Case
Noes: Three, Denis DeLuca, Linda Harnist and Bill Ragle
MOTION DID NOT PASSED
14. **Discussion and take action on Ordinance 05-09.** Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Linda Harnist approve the updates/changes per Jones and Carter to Ordinance 05-09. Seconded by Alderman Bill Ragle.
Ayes: Three, Denis DeLuca, Linda Harnist and Bill Ragle
Noes: None
Abstained: Ted Case
MOTION PASSED

15. **Consider and take action on mayor signing the Resolution required by Wallis State Bank for use of City credit card issued.** Motion made by Alderman Denis DeLuca to Table until Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem can meet with Wallis Bank to authorize 2 members of Council be signers on the card. This was an authorization form not a Resolution. Seconded by Alderman Ted Case.
16. **Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election (Insurance carrier for city). City Council to vote on board members to be submitted by the City of Weston Lakes.** Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Linda Harnist to vote for the incumbents running for board members of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election (Insurance carrier for city). Seconded by Alderman Bill Ragle.
Ayes: All
Noes: None
MOTION PASSED
17. **Discuss and take action on approving the Mayor to sign engagement letter with Lloyd and Gosselink to work with Thomas Brocato in order to facilitate CenterPoint energy issue resolution.** Motion mad by Alderman Bill Ragle to discuss and take action on approving the Mayor to sign engagement letter with Lloyd and Gosselink to work with Thomas Brocato in order to facilitate CenterPoint energy issue. Restated for the Mayor to write a letter to the PUC about the CenterPoint issues of Weston Lakes. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Linda Harnist.
Ayes: None
Noes: All
MOTION DID NOT PASSED
18. **Discussion of and taking action on holding a City celebration for the holiday season.** Motion made by Alderman Ted Case on holding a City celebration for the holiday season due to COVID was deemed inappropriate. Seconded by Alderman Denis DeLuca.
Ayes: None
Noes: All
MOTION DID NOT PASSED
19. **Presentation by Weston Lakes Drainage Committee with Recommendations and Associated Costs for budget consideration.** Weston Lakes Drainage Committee gave a presentation with recommendations and associated costs for budget consideration,
20. **Consider and take action on paying Other Engineering Expenses in the amount of \$917.50 to Jones and Carter.** Motion made by Alderman Bill Ragle to pay Other Engineering Expenses in the amount of \$917.50 to Jones and Carter. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Linda Harnist.
Ayes: All
Noes: None
MOTION PASSED
21. **Discussion regarding the future location for City Hall meetings due to non-renewal of Memorandum of Understanding of the Country Club Ballroom.** Postponed. Mayor appointed

Alderman Bill Ragle to work with her as a committee, to explore a place for future location for City Hall Meetings due to non-renewal of Memorandum of Understanding of the Country Club Ballroom.

- A. Creation of line item for expenditure for committees to spend for research.** No action taken.
 - B. Change of income, see letter from AT&T SB 1152.** Discussed by Council, no action was taken.
 - C. City holiday celebration budget line-item commitment of funds.** No action taken. See item #18 above.
 - D. Consider and take action on other Budget changes as needed.** Discussion centered around proposed budget filing and proposed budget public hearing. No action was taken.
- 22. Discussion of agenda items for future meetings.** Discussed that agenda items would be discussed as needed, at this time Council had no requests.
- 23. Consider and take action on Adjournment.** Motion made by Alderman Denis DeLuca for adjournment.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Neal
Mayor,
City of Weston Lakes

Jenni McJunkin
City Secretary,
City of Weston Lakes

Attachment

From: Ted Case <ted.case@cityofwestonlakes-tx.gov>
Date: August 21, 2020 at 10:44:16 AM CDT
To: Linda Harnist <linda.harnist@cityofwestonlakes-tx.gov>, Trent Thomas <trent.thomas@cityofwestonlakes-tx.gov>, Denis Deluca <denis.deluca@cityofwestonlakes-tx.gov>, Bill Ragle <bill.ragle@cityofwestonlakes-tx.gov>
Subject: Fw: Outdoor Burning

Here is a copy of an email from our City Attorney, of a request by the Mayor to not work on any resolution for the Outdoor burning action from last City Council meeting via conference call.

Informational only, but to present all sides of what we can or can't do, we needed some input from David. Bottom line is we either make a few people happy about no burning and upset others or vice versa. Linda and I look forward to providing the various positions to Council and Mayor. Thx

From: David Olson <DOlson@olsonllp.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 8:09 AM
To: Ted Case <ted.case@cityofwestonlakes-tx.gov>
Subject: FW: Outdoor Burning

Mr. Case, see below.

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From: Mayor Ramona Neal <mayor.neal@cityofwestonlakes-tx.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:16 PM

To: David Olson <DOlson@olsonllp.com>

Subject: FW: Outdoor Burning

David,

Alderman Harnist has not done what the mayor has directed. The Mayor directed Aldermen Harnist and Case to look into the matter and bring their findings back to council. We are not ready to write a resolution. The county does not support burning. This issue has not been brought to the citizens for discussion. Further, this was a assignment to find out what our parameters are and to define the ideas of what we want to do or if want to take action. So far 98% of feedback from residents is against burning.

Please, do not move forward with this resolution writing. I will direct you on this when we are ready.

By your response David, if someone is already looking into this, this subject has been previously addressed.

Repeatedly, the mayor asks to be included in communications and repeatedly the mayor is denied. An after the fact email is not sufficient nor is it from the city attorney.

Mayor Ramona Neal

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From: David Olson <DOlson@olsonllp.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 8:47 AM

To: Linda Harnist <linda.harnist@cityofwestonlakes-tx.gov>

Cc: Ted Case <ted.case@cityofwestonlakes-tx.gov>; Jenni McJunkin <citysec@cityofwestonlakes-tx.gov>; Mayor Ramona Neal <mayor.neal@cityofwestonlakes-tx.gov>

Subject: RE: Outdoor Burning

Not a problem. I have someone in the office looking at the best option to accomplish this goal.

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From: Linda Harnist <linda.harnist@cityofwestonlakes-tx.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 7:15 AM

To: David Olson <DOlson@olsonllp.com>

Cc: Ted Case <ted.case@cityofwestonlakes-tx.gov>; Jenni McJunkin <citysec@cityofwestonlakes-tx.gov>; Mayor Ramona Neal <mayor.neal@cityofwestonlakes-tx.gov>

Subject: Outdoor Burning

Good Morning David;

On July 28, 2020, Alderman Ted Case and I were directed by the Mayor to look into the issue of outdoor burning. Our neighbors along Bowser Road and on larger acreage properties within the City, but outside of the POA, have been impacted by the Incorporation as it relates to outdoor burning. TCEQ has stated to these property owners they must follow City Regulations on outdoor burning because they are now in an incorporated area.

The Committee for Outdoor Burning would like to have Olson and Olson prepare for Council consideration and possible action, a Resolution of the City which recognizes, conforms to and adopts TCEQ Regulations.

Thank you,

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Linda K Harnist
Mayor ProTem