

Regular City Council Meeting  
Idalou City Council  
February 8th, 2021

The regular meeting of the Idalou City Council was called to order by Mayor Russ Perkins. Those in attendance were Joe Sisk, Albert Bravo, Darrell Fuller, Kyle DuBois and Brendi Pierce. Staff in attendance, were City Administrator Suzette Williams, Public Works Director Oscar Rodriguez, Police Chief Eric Williams and City Secretary Renee Wilbanks. Citizens in attendance were Michael and Delma Calvillo.

A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Albert Bravo to go into Executive Session: Deliberation regarding real property under Tex. Gov't Code 551.072; and Consultation with Attorney under Texas Gov't Code 551.071. Discuss City Water Line ownership and agreement in the N.R. McCurdy Addition.

A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Darrell Fuller to come out of Executive Session.

Discuss and Consider Water Service Outside City Limits: Suzette informed the Council that Brandt Engineering had done a capacity report for our water system and needs. According to this report on peak demand days with our storage capacity we don't meet requirement. The Council had also denied water outside the City Limits to a house on Mimosa that was in the County. After some discussion a motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Brendi Pierce the motion passed.

Discuss and Consider Water Line in the N.R. McCurdy Addition: The water line has never been deeded to the City after being put in on Walnut. The City does maintain the water line and is responsible for the water line. After some discussion a motion was made by Brendi to authorize Suzette to get and easement using Nolan Greak, motion was seconded by Darrell Fuller. Motion passed.

Approve January Regular and Executive Minutes: A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Kyle DuBois to approve the January regular and Executive minutes. Motion passed.

Approve January Bills as Presented: A motion was made by Darrell Fuller and seconded by Albert Bravo to approve bills. Motion passed.

Public Works Report: Public Works Director Oscar Rodriguez presented the Public Works Report.

Police Monthly Report: Eric informed the Council that Officer Jonathan Holmes successfully completed the Field Training Officer program as of January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. He has been assigned to day shift and has shown himself to be a valuable asset to the department. The other officers successfully completed Taser update training on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Financial Report: Suzette presented the Financial Report

Discuss and Consider Submitted RFQ's for Engineering Service in Regard to 1,1-Dichloroethylene Violation: Five companies submitted RFQ's they were as follows:

Jacob Martin

Brandt Engineering (to include partnership with Freese and Nichols, Inc.)

Oller Engineering

Terracon

TRC

After discussion the three Engineering firms the Council wanted to hear presentations from was as follows:

Brandt

Jacob Martin

Terricon

A motion was made by Darrell Fuller and seconded by Joe Sisk to request that these three firms to a 30 minute presentation with a follow up of 15 minutes for question.

Motion passed.

Discuss and Consider Approving Resolution 21-02-01 Approving the Surcharge Related to Docket No. 49831 Submitted by Southwestern Public Service Company: A motion was made by Kyle Dubois and seconded y Brendi Pierce to approve Resolution 21-02-01. Motion passed with Joe Sisk voting no.

Discuss and Consider Approving Resolution 21-02-02 Justice Assistance Grant Application for In-Car Video System and Body Camera: The Idalou PD is requesting to submit a grant application for new in car video system and body cameras. Total cost of the project tis \$38,200.00. This will have an in-car video system for all patrol vehicles and 10 body cameras (body camera per fulltime officer and reserve officers.) A successful grant is typically \$30,000.00 range. Staff is requesting that the application be submitted in the amount of #30,000.00 and general fund pay for the remaining balance of \$38,200. A motion was made by Brendi Pierce and seconded by Albert Bravo to approve Resolution 21-02-02. Motion passed.

Discuss and Consider Amending Ordinance 14-07-01 Utility Rates for Outside City Limits: Utility rates for outside the City Limits are not exactly 1.5. By having a 1.5 rate for outside city services the city keeps a consistent rate. A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Darrell Fuller to amend the ordinance. Motion passed.

Presentation by City Administrator on City of Idalou Streets and Parks Department: Suzette gave an overview of the Street and Parks Department to date.

Presentation by City Administrator on Sanitation Services: Suzette gave an overview of the Street and Parks Department to date.

Discuss and Consider Awarding Bid for 2021 Sealcoate Project: The lowest bid was submitted by Lipham Asphalt in the amount of the base bid being \$41,860.00. After some discussion a motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Albert Bravo to award the bid to Lipham. Motion passed.

Update from City Administrator:

Speed Analysis: After multiple communications with TXDOT; they have agreed to complete a speed test analysis. We can expect it to be conducted in the next three months. TXDOT will be in communication with the City of Idalou to inform us of a time.


Idalou EDC Update: The EDC recently met in January to discuss upcoming grant projects and possible projects that the EDC is eligible to fund. They are funding façade grant projects and currently have two interested businesses. They are also discussing park projects.

Discuss and Consider Authorizing the City Administrator to submit and RFQ for Comprehensive Plan for the City of Idalou to include Quality of Life items and Infrastructure: Suzette informed the Council the City does not have a strategic/comprehensive plan to help guide the city in terms of infrastructure planning, issuing debt, tax rates, and other items pertaining to the city growth. A motion was made by Brendie Pierce and seconded by Albert Bravo to authorize the City Administrator to submit and RFQ for Comprehensive Plan. Motion passed.

Discuss Grievance Letter submitted to Idalou City Council: The letter from a former employee was discussed and duly noted that most things in the letter the Council was aware of for the Idalou EMS.

Request by Mayor for Agenda Items for the Next Council Meeting: Engineer presentations.

A motion by Joe Sisk and seconded by Kyle DuBois to adjourn. Motion passed.



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Mayor William R. Perkins