

**TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 18, 2021**

The Town Council met in special session on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at 372 Town Place, Fairview, Texas. Those present were Mayor Henry Lessner; Mayor Pro Tem Ricardo Doi; Councilmembers Gregg Custer, Larry Little, Ken Logsdon and John Hubbard. Councilmember Charlie Henkle joined via teleconference. Staff present included Town Manager, Julie Couch; CFO, Steven Ventura; and Town Secretary, Tenitrus Bethel. Staff present via teleconference included: Assistant to the Town Manager, Adam Wilbourn; and Town Attorney, Clark McCoy.

Mayor Lessner called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and declared a quorum was present.

At 3:04 p.m., the Council then adjourned into executive session regarding a consult with legal counsel.

Mayor Lessner called the special session to order at 4:14 p.m. and invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas State pledge.

Mr. McCoy left the meeting.

**CITIZENS INPUT:**

No one came forward to speak.

**DISCUSSION – BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:** Mayor Lessner introduced agenda item 5, Conduct Board interviews for openings to boards and commissions and take any necessary action.

The Council interviewed applicants, Tom Lester; Chad Jones; Renee Powell; and Bruce Bickhaus to fill vacancies on the Park Board.

The Council had a brief discussion related to the applicants.

Councilmember Custer made a motion to appoint Renee Powell, Bruck Bickhaus and Tom Lester to the Park Board. Councilmember Hubbard seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**DISCUSSION – COVID UPDATE:** Mayor Lessner introduced agenda item 6, discuss COVID-19 and actions including employee COVID compensation and take any necessary action.

Ms. Couch provided an update related to COVID-19 vaccines. She stated the State is working to setup mega sites to administer vaccines and the County has entered into an agreement with a third-party provider to operate facilities within the county; the goal of each site is to vaccinate 4,000 – 6,000 people per day.

Councilmember Hubbard presented pay options related to the employee COVID compensation.

The Council and staff had an extended discussion related to this item. The Council agreed to the third option, of \$1,200 paid to police, fire and public works; \$1,000 to all other full-time employees; and \$350 to part-time employees, with all payroll taxes in addition to the funds paid to staff.

Councilmember Hubbard made a motion to approve the employee COVID compensation. Mayor Pro Tem Doi seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**DISCUSSION – TOWN SANITATION:** Mayor Lessner introduced agenda item 7, discuss town sanitation contract and take any necessary action.

Ms. Couch provided an overview of the current sanitation contract with Republic and stated it will expire in September. She indicated that the Council had the option to renegotiate the contract with Republic or consider taking proposals from providers. She recommended utilizing the services of Solid Waste Specialists, a consulting firm that specializes in sanitation services for either approach; the cost of renegotiation services is approximately \$17,000 and the cost of the RPF process if renegotiation is unsuccessful is approximately \$49,000. She stated this service would be funded through the sanitation fund.

Councilmember Logsdon made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract for consulting services with Solid Waste Specialists to first pursue a renegotiated contract with Republic. Councilmember Henkle seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Doi inquired about solid waste collection for home remodels. Ms. Couch stated Republic does not provide that service however there are haulers that are able to provide that service and they are required to pay a franchise fee to the town for those services. The Council and Ms. Couch had an extended discussion related to this topic.

The motion was approved unanimously.

### **COMMUNITY INTEREST**

Ms. Couch reminded the Council of the upcoming Council retreat being held on Friday, January 22.

Mayor Lessner adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

  
Henry Lessner, Mayor

  
Tenitrus Bethel, Town Secretary

