

**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING  
Monday, July 26, 2021  
WORKSHOP 5:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Mike McQuiston, Council members, Eddie Allen, Ben Bennington, Darlene Hilton, Melinda Reeves, Will Carpenter and Jake Hayes.

**ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager Brett Shannon, IT Director J.B. McKenzie, Fire Chief Nate Mara, Assistant Fire Chief Deroy Bennett, Public Works/Airport Director Greg Hall, Deputy City Secretary Asucena Garcia, City Secretary Diane Cockrell, City Attorney Emily Bowlin, and Kristen Tribe representing the Wise County Messenger. Connected via videoconferencing: City Engineer Earl Smith and Planning Director Dedra Ragland.

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Mayor McQuiston called the workshop to order at 5:33 p.m.

**WORKSHOP 5:30 p.m.**

J. B. McKenzie, IT Director to introduce Sebastian Davis, Tech Services Assistant, to the Council. Introduction was made.

**MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS** – Finance, Fire Department and Public Works/Airport,

**Finance Department** - report by Finance Director, Ana Cañada including relevant information and follow-up discussion with Council and other staff.

**Fire Department** – hear and discuss monthly report by Chief Nate Mara including relevant and follow-up discussion with Council and other staff.

**Public Works and Airport** – hear and discuss June 2021 monthly report by Greg Hall, Public Works Director/Airport Manager, including relevant and follow-up discussion with Council and other staff, regarding the following items:

1. Report for the MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
2. Report for the STREETS Department
3. Report for the WASTEWATER Department
4. Report for the PARKS Department
5. Report for the WATER Department
6. Report for the ANNUAL RAINFALL
7. Lake Bridgeport Elevation Graph

Reports were provided.

### ***REGULAR MEETING 6:00 p.m.***

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor McQuiston called the regular meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor McQuiston declared a moment of silence.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council member Reeves led the pledge.

1. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07-09, A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING UNDER SEC. 372.009 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE FOR THE CREATION OF THE VISTA PARK PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF DECATUR VIA MAIL AND NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Council member Reeves moved to approve the Resolution as presented, calling a Public hearing for 6:00 p.m. on August 23, 2021. Council member Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSIDER TAKING ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO HANDLE MATTERS RELATED TO THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING.

Fire Chief Mara explained that 1.7 million should be extended to the City of Decatur and that amount would be spent twenty-four months apart. (Texas to receive 1.5 billion, Wise County to receive 7.5 billion our city to receive 1.5 million)

1. Respond to public health emergency with respect to Covid 19
2. Respond to workers performing essential work during Covid-19
3. Provision of government services to the extent of loss of revenue
4. Make necessary investments and improvements to water, sewer or broadband infrastructure. All of those were taxed when folks were forced into their homes and couldn't work in their offices. That put an unusual stress on places that weren't usually stressed due to the stay at home orders.

Council member Hayes moved approve the necessary counter parts and to authorize City Manager to handle matters related to American Rescue Plan Act Funding as presented. Council member Hilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. ACCEPTANCE OF QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT.

Quarterly Investment Report provided. No action taken.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA** – All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 12, 2021.
- B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CEMETERY BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOYCE HORTON TO SERVE AS SECRETARY FOR A TERM ENDING MAY 31, 2022.

Council member Hilton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council member Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. COUNCIL TO HEAR PUBLIC INPUT (please complete a Speaker Registration Form before speaking) each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes, the Open Meeting Act does not allow for discussion in response to the comments, comments should be directed to the Council as a whole rather than to individual members, and no action will be taken by the Council.

No public input.

### 6. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Workshop for Capital projects at next meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor McQuiston declared the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.



  
 Mike McQuiston, Mayor

  
 Diane Cockrell, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary