

WOODWAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 8, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.

The Woodway City Council met in a regular meeting via a virtual Zoom meeting, on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. The following individuals were in attendance:

Mayor:	Jane Kittner
Mayor Pro Tem:	Vic Sober
Councilmembers:	Scott A. Giddings, Amine Qourzal and David Russell
Absent:	David Mercer and Storey Cook
City Manager:	Shawn Oubre
City Secretary:	Donna Barkley
City Staff:	Lenny Caballero, Bret Crook and Keith Lowrey
Contract Staff:	None
Registered Guests:	

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Kittner called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

INVOCATION

1. INVOCATION

Councilmember Qourzal provided the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS

2. HEAR VISITORS

No visitors came forward to speak at this time.

3. PRESENTATION OF ARBORETUM IRRIGATION STUDY

Dr. Oubre stated that the sprinkling systems had been checked at the Arboretum and there was trouble locating all the head stations and meters at the Arboretum. A third party was brought in and Dr. Caballero will provide information from the irrigation study.

Dr. Caballero provided that there was an irrigation study conducted for the Carleen Bright Arboretum by Lawn LTD. The entire irrigation system has been a challenge for the staff over the years. The study consisted of locating all the timer boxes, the drip lines, and the irrigation lines. The problem areas were identified and they inspected the back-flow prevention valves. They identified leaks and corrected any leaks that were urgent. We are looking at replacing the entire system and making it more efficient. Kendall Landscape Architects are also doing a study on the gardens. Once this is complete, we will know how many spray heads are needed there. These changes should save money, reduce maintenance cost, the water consumption, and also staff time and labor.

Dr. Caballero answered questions.

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ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION

4. DISCUSSION AND BRIEFING CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY THERETO

Dr. Oubre provided the following:

- Update on total number of cases, recovered cases and deaths in the state
- The state has given over 18 million COVID related tests and shipped 4,036,000 vaccines throughout the state of which 3.2 million have been administered.
- Local resources can be found at COVIDwaco.com.
- Between Thursday and Saturday at the Convention Center, they will be administering the shipments they receive this week. They are expecting 1500 first round doses and 1500 second round doses.
- Waco Transit is providing courtesy shuttles
- Under Governor Abbott's Executive Order 32 our businesses are still at a 50% occupancy rate.

Councilmember Qourzal asked if the City is going to be a vaccination center. Dr. Oubre stated that we are not.

There are no items in need of action.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2021, AT 5:30 P.M.
- B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON RESOLUTION R-21-02, ORDERING A GENERAL CITY ELECTION IN THE CITY OF WOODWAY ON SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021; DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ELECTION (*DISCUTA Y CONSIDERE ACCIÓN EN RESOLUCIÓN R-21-02, ORDENANDO QUE SE LLEVEN A CABO ELECCION GENERALES EN LA CIUDAD DE WOODWAY EL SÁBADO, 1 DE MAYO DE 2021; DESIGNACIÓN LOS LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN; Y ESPECIFICACIÓN DE OTROS ASUNTOS RELACIONADOS CON LAS ELECCION*)

Dr. Oubre provided information on Item B. No items were removed for individual discussion.

6. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Giddings moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- A. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Adopt Resolution R-21-02, ordering a general city election in the City of Woodway on Saturday, May 1, 2021; designating the polling places; and providing other matters relating to the election (*Discuta y considere acción en Resolución R-21-02, ordenando que se lleven a cabo eleccion generales en la Ciudad de Woodway el sábado, 1 de mayo de 2021; designación los lugares de votación; y especificación de otros asuntos relacionados con las eleccion*)

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Councilmember Qourzal seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by the Councilmembers present.

CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

7. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Oubre provided updates on the following:

- RFQs for professional services
- We will be moving forward to get a firm estimate of probable costs to finish Phase 3 of the sewer project and a scope for the Family Center you are comfortable with
- Red River cul-de-sac
- We are following the schedule of the Phase 2 sewer line project and where it will impact operations at the Pavilion, gazebo and other areas of the Arboretum. We are having to notify some people that their events will need to be canceled due to this project.

Councilmember Qourzal asked for a time-line of when the signs at the parks will be updated with the new logo. Dr. Oubre stated it should be eight to ten weeks. Dr. Oubre also answered questions regarding the street signs.

8. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Russell – Parks and Recreation Commission met last week virtually. They lost a couple members due to the lack of attendance.

Councilmember Giddings – Youth Commission postponed the scheduled meeting from last Thursday to this Thursday, February 11th.

CLOSING ITEM

9. CONSIDER ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Russell moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Qourzal seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by the Councilmembers present. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Donna Barkley, City Secretary

Jane Kittner, Mayor