

WOODWAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Workshop – March 3, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

The Woodway City Council met for a workshop in the Donald J. Baker Council Chambers at Woodway City Hall, 922 Estates Drive, Woodway, Texas, and via a virtual Zoom meeting, on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. The following individuals were in attendance:

Mayor:	Jane Kittner
Mayor Pro Tem:	Vic Sober
Councilmembers:	Scott A. Giddings, Amine Qourzal, David Mercer, David Russell and Storey Cook
Absent:	None
City Manager:	Shawn Oubre
City Secretary:	Donna Barkley
Other City Staff:	Lenny Caballero, Bret Crook, Mitch Davison, John Norman, William Klump and Keith Lowrey
Councilmember Elect:	Gayle Avant
Contract Staff:	None
Visitors:	Scott Dailey (heating and electric contractor), 265 Rockford, Woodway, TX

Mayor Kittner opened the discussion at 5:01 p.m. The purpose of the workshop will be to discuss and review the 2021 Winter Storm.

Dr. Oubre provided that Councilmembers Cook and Qourzal are in attendance via Zoom. Councilmember Elect, Gayle Avant is in attendance as well.

He then stated that Staff was asked to discuss and provide to the Council a recap of what recently transpired as an operational standpoint from the winter storm as well as preparations for future storms/emergencies. A little background for discussion today: Throughout the entire storm/winter freeze, I want you to know that emergency services continued to operate throughout the City. Patrol was always able to answer and respond to calls for service. Our Community Service department, which covers the water, sewer, pumps and streets never went down. I think our citizens all benefitted from having a constant service of water and sewer throughout the City. At no time did the City support side fail delivering water. There may have been times when a resident lost the ability because of broken pipes on their side of the meter. Our non-emergency personnel played a vital role in supporting the first responders and the public works department by assisting with distributing information, posting information, gathering information and taking care of payroll during this time. I just want you to be aware that the normal day-to-day operations continued.

Moving on to the discussion, I have prepared for you from an earlier meeting with staff a summary of our internal recap meeting. From that meeting a list is included as to what we perceive is needed and will possibly ask you to consider funding in the near future to prepare for the next event or major event that hits the community. I am still working on a Request for Qualifications that I have to use to meet FEMA guidelines to have disaster contracts in place. I knew you supported this, but I think you can see how important they are to have in place in case we could not manage on our own.

Mayor Kittner noticed a citizen on the call that might want to make a comment. Dr. Oubre stated that if anyone is in attendance virtually that wants to make a public comment we can open it up at this time. Mr.

Scott Dailey, 265 Rockford, Woodway, Texas and is a heating and electric contractor. His main concern was the road conditions, specifically Highway 84 and Estates, and asked if there had been any clearing of the roadways?

Dr. Oubre provided in response that this is a concern of the Council. One of the issues for the internal streets of the City is that we don't have a lot of road clearing equipment because we don't have a lot of history or demand for those types of equipment purchases. The intersections belong to TxDOT and they ask that public and other government entities stay clear of the highways. They have jurisdiction and we have to comply with their requests.

After comments by the Councilmembers and brief discussion, the Council would like staff to look into the following suggestions:

- Snow clearing equipment such as a Skid Steer, Bobcat or Backhoe with blade attachments
- Ice cleats for boots
- Warming Centers – possibly partnering with a local church
- A banner on the City's website to let the citizens know that updates will be provided on the City's Facebook page
- A designated phone number citizens can call regarding water service and leaks which don't fall under 9-1-1
- 311 call list for welfare checks
- Social media pages and website listed on water bills, newsletter or magnets for non-emergency situations
- Provide a checklist of things citizens need to know in case of freezing weather

Meeting Wrap-up

As this was a workshop only, no formal action was taken by the City Council. The workshop ended at 6:00 p.m.

Donna Barkley, City Secretary

Jane Kittner, Mayor