



ACTION MINUTES
Wilmer City Council Regular Meeting
February 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Council Present

Emmanuel Wealthy-Williams, Mayor
Sheila Petta, Mayor Pro Tem
Sergio Campos, Councilmember
Melissa Ramirez, Councilmember
John Eggen, Councilmember
Candy Madrigal, Councilmember

City Staff Present

John Hubbard, Interim City Administrator
Patsy Patten, City Secretary
Missie Schwab, Finance Director
Troy McCraw, Public Works Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER At 7:00 pm, Mayor Wealthy-Williams called the meeting to order. Members present were Mayor Wealthy-Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Petta, Councilmember Campos, Councilmember Ramirez, Councilmember Eggen, and Councilmember Madrigal.

INVOCATION - Invocation was led by Mayor Wealthy-Williams.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Wilmer City Council

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – Janie Fricke addressed the council concerning the zoning issue around her property that is set to be zoned heavy industrial. She wanted to state that she is opposed to that zoning.

Ann Hester addressed the council to thank Troy to checking on the “canal” that she has been complaining about, Mary and John Phinney for all the work they do for the Library and the City.

Mary Phinney addressed the council concerning the Friends of the Library. She stated that they are looking at closing up the back “porch” to create an educational/conference room for renting out to groups.

COMMUNITY INTEREST – The City Secretary announced that the drawing for the order of names on the ballot had been moved to Monday, February 25 at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Consider Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 10 and January 17, 2019.**
- 2. Monthly Financials for January 2019.**
- 3. Approve Resolution No. R19-0221E Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Consulting Agreement with Blais & Associates for Grant Services.**
- 4. Discuss and Consider Resolution No. R19-0221A Authorizing Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP to Proceed to Foreclosure and Sheriff’s Sale on Certain Properties.**

The Mayor called for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Petta moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Councilmember Campos. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. (Petta, Campos, Ramirez, Eggen, Madrigal)

PUBLIC HEARING – none

ACTION ITEMS –

- 5. Discuss and Approve the Economic Development Performance Agreement Between Schneider National Carriers, Inc. and Wilmer Economic Development Corporation (Type A) and Wilmer Community Development Corporation (Type B).**

Economic Development Director, David Miracle, gave a brief explanation of the contents of the agreements that both Type A & B Boards approved. Steve Parrent with Schneider with spoke briefly to thank the Council for their consideration of the project.

The Mayor called for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Petta moved to approve the Performance Agreement between Schneider National Carriers, Inc. and the Economic Development Corporation of Wilmer, second by Councilmember Campos. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. (Petta, Campos, Ramirez, Eggen, Madrigal)

- 6. Consider Resolution No. R19-0221B Awarding a Bid to Grossman Design Build in the amount of \$1,626,550.00 to Design and Build the Fire Station.**

Fire Chief Mark Hamilton discussed the bid that Grossman submitted and made it a point that the City received only one bid for the fire station. The Council discussed the possibility of advertising in the Dallas Morning News instead of Ellis County Press.

The Mayor called for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Petta moved to accept the bid from Grossman Design/Build, second by Councilman Campos. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. (Petta, Campos, Ramirez, Eggen, Madrigal)

- 7. Consider Resolution No. R19-0221C Awarding a Bid to RT&E Construction in the amount of \$65,470.33 for Water Line Improvements on Second Street.**

Mayor Pro Tem Petta made a motion to strike this item from the agenda, second by Councilmember Eggen. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. (Petta, Campos, Ramirez, Eggen, Madrigal)

- 8. Discuss and Consider Resolution No. R19-0221D Appointing a TIRZ Board of Directors.**

Council discussed the issue that they didn't receive any applications. Dr. Hubbard suggested it be two councilmembers, a member of the WEDC, WCDC, someone who lives in the TIF district and one other person from the community.

The Mayor asked for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Petta moved to strike this item from the agenda, second by Councilmember Ramirez. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. (Petta, Campos, Ramirez, Eggen, Madrigal)

DISCUSSION ITEMS –

9. Presentation by Angela Richardson from the USDA.

Angela Richardson-Woods gave a presentation about the loan and grant programs offered by the USDA that the City of Wilmer can take advantage of.

10. Discuss Issues with the Postal Service in Certain areas of Wilmer.

The Mayor explained that this issue was due to the side of the street that residents had to park on and as a result, it was blocking mailboxes of some residents. She discussed that maybe there could be a compromise by using alternatives such as “cluster mailboxes.”

11. Discuss Possible Ideas of Community Service Groups to Assist with Projects.

Mayor Wealthy-Williams introduced an idea of each department utilizing community service workers more. She has discussed this with Dr. Hubbard and they will work on a plan to identify needs that can be met by using those who need community service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m.

12. The City Council Shall Convene into Closed Executive Session under Texas Govt. Code Sections §551.071 (Consultation with the Attorney), §551.072 (Deliberation of Real Property) and §551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiation) to Discuss Project Seahorse.

13. The City Council Shall Convene into Closed Executive Session under Texas Govt. Code Sections §551.071 (Advice of Attorney) and §551.074 (Personnel) with Regard to a Matter that is the Duty of the Attorney to Consult with Council and Falls Under the Attorney-Client Privilege or With Regard to a Matter that Involves Litigation or Contemplated Litigation or Claims. To Discuss Reorganization of Staff Departments.

Executive adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

The Council reconvened into open session at 8:40 p.m.

There was no action taken from Executive Session.

ADJOURN There being no further business, Mayor Wealthy-Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVE


Emmanuel Wealthy-Williams, Mayor

ATTEST


Patsy Patten, City Secretary

