**MINUTES**

**FRITCH CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

**July 23, 2019**

**SFISD BOARD ROOM 540 EAGLE DRIVE FRITCH, TEXAS**

**6:30 P.M. (following Crime Control Meeting)**

**All agenda items are subject to action. The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.**

1. **Call to order. Welcome Citizens and Visitors:**

- Mayor Dwight Kirksey called the meeting to order at 6:42PM. Council member Ruth DeRosa was absent. City Employees present were Public Works Director Roger Pense, Police Chief Robert Chapmon, Officer Miguel Lopez, Volunteer Fire Capitan Tim Graham, Volunteer Fire Fighter Zeb Smith, Volunteer Fire Fighter Bobby Stein, Municipal Judge Shelby Deatherage, City Secretary Michelle Moneymaker, and City Manager Drew Brassfield.

1. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

- Council member Arlin Audrain led the invocation and Council member Christopher Pierce led the pledge.

1. **Open forum – Comments/Concerns from Citizens:**

*Individual citizen comments are normally limited to five (5) minutes (time limits can be adjusted by the Mayor). The purpose of this item is to allow citizens an opportunity to address the City Council regarding any topic not on the agenda. By State law, the City Council is not allowed to respond to comments and questions asked of them by an open forum speaker. Any response by a member of the City Council must be limited to referring the matter to staff, a statement of specific factual information/ recitation of existing policy, or a proposal to place the subject on a future agenda for a future City Council meeting.*

- **Gerald Purdy asked the Council to consider allowing the use of golf carts on city streets**

**- Jerry Raper presented documentation on state laws regarding golf carts. Mr. Raper also asked the Council to consider allowing the use of golf carts on city streets.**

**- Randall Burke asked the Council to consider allowing the use of golf carts on city streets.**

**- Ashley Duncan asked the Council to consider allowing the use of small side-by-side UTV’s on city streets.**

* Mayor Dwight Kirksey addressed all of the requests regarding golf carts & UTV’s; he informed the citizens that there is currently no city ordinance allowing the use of golf carts or UTV’s on city streets, and with no ordinance currently in place the state law applies. Current Texas state law is that the use of golf carts and UTV’s is prohibited.
* Mayor Dwight Kirksey asked Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins and City Manager Drew Brassfield to include Mr. Raper on some additional research regarding a city ordinance that would allow the use of golf carts. Once research has been done, this item will be added as an upcoming agenda item for possible Council discussion and action.

- **Tom Glasscock requested a variance on the ordinance allowing fowl (ducks) for City of Fritch Farms**

* Mayor Dwight Kirksey asked Mr. Glasscock to submit an official variance request with the City Manager
1. **Consent Items:**

*This section shall provide for items that require action by the council, but where little or no discussion is anticipated. By a single motion, second and affirmative majority vote, items under this section are approved without further discussion or action. Any council member desiring more discussion on an item may request an item be withdrawn for separate discussion and action.*

* 1. **Approve minutes of the following meetings: 06-18-19 Regular Session and 07-15-19 Called Session.**
* Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins to approve all consent items as presented.
* Motion seconded by Council member Christopher Pierce.
* Motion Carried (All In Favor).

**5. City Staff & Affiliated Entities reports:**

A. Report from Chief of Police – *June report presented; no questions*

* 1. Report from Public Works Director – *June report presented; no questions*
	2. Report from Fire Chief – *June report presented; no questions*
	3. Court Report – *June report presented*
* Upcoming “not guilty” docket is tentatively scheduled for October 2019
	1. E.D.C. Report – *No report presented*
	2. Report from City Secretary – *June report presented*
	3. Report from City Manager – *Ongoing Projects*
* Streets – paving completion
* Water Construction Improvements – schedule updates

**6. New business:**

1. **Discussion and possible action concerning resignation of Alderman Ruth DeRosa**
* Mayor Dwight Kirksey read resignation letter from Council member Ruth DeRosa
* Motion by Council member Tom Ray to accept resignation from Ruth DeRosa as of July 11, 2019
* Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins
* Motion Carried (All In Favor)
1. **Discussion and possible action concerning appointing a replacement for Alderman Ruth DeRosa**
* Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins to appoint James Story to fill the Council vacancy until the May 2020 election
* Motion seconded by Council member Tom Ray
* Motion Carried (All In Favor)
1. **Presentation of Certificates of Appointment, Statement of Oath of Office**
* Appointed Council member James Story was sworn in by City Secretary Michelle Moneymaker.
* Mayor Dwight Kirksey presented Council member Story with his Certificate of Office.
1. **Discussion and possible action concerning purchase of hydraulic fire hydrant repair tools**
* Mayor Dwight Kirksey reminded Council that this purchase was previously approved on the 2018/2019 budget (Repair & Maintenance Hydrants)
* Motion by Council member Tom Ray to authorize the expenditure of $10,161.12 to purchase a hydrant tool maintenance kit
* Motion seconded by Council member Christopher Pierce
* Motion Carried (All In Favor)

**7. Executive Session – The City Council will convene into closed session in accordance with Texas Government Code Subchapter D, Section 551.074 (personnel – City Secretary 6-month evaluation).**

* Council moved into Executive Session at 7:37PM.

**8. Reconvene from Executive Session**

* Council returned from Executive Session at 8:12PM.
* No action taken

**9. Mayor/Council Member Announcements**

* Council member Arlin Audrain announced his resignation of office; he thanked the Council as well as the Citizens for support over the last few years
* Mayor Dwight Kirksey personally thanked Council member Audrain for his dedication, time and diligent service

**10. Future agenda items.**

* Discussion and possible action regarding an ordinance allowing golf carts on city streets
* Acceptance of Council member Arlin Audrain’s resignation

**11. Adjournment.**

* Motion by Council member Thomas Ray to adjourn the meeting.
* Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins.
* Motion Carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23PM.

 **READ, PASSED AND APPROVED on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2019.**

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 **Mayor Dwight Kirksey City Secretary**