

MINUTES - FEBRUARY 25, 2019
POST OAK BEND CITY COUNCIL
Special Called Meeting and Council Workshop Session
6 p.m. – Community Center

1. Mayor Raymond Bedrick called the Special Called Council Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and announced a quorum was established. Present: Mayor Bedrick, Jimmy Lambeth, Chris Riefler, Alison Novak, Hank Warden and Dr. Stephen McMahon. Also present: City Secretary Barbara Bedrick.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1) (A): THE CITY, MAYOR BEDRICK STATED WILL RECESS AT 6:05 p.m. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: Consultation and legal advice about “pending or contemplated litigation” – Atmos Energy, Public Funds*

Executive Session

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551, MAYOR BEDRICK SAID THE CITY COUNCIL WOULD RECONVENE INTO SPECIAL CALLED MEETING at 6:30 p.m.

4. Consider action on matters discussed in Executive Session

Motion to approve the Atmos offer: Dr. McMahon 2nd: Alison In Favor: All Motion Passed.

Motion to approve Grimes Equipment on tree project: Hank 2nd: Dr. McMahon In Favor: All Motion: Passed

5. Mayor Bedrick said the Special Meeting would recess into Workshop Session

6. Workshop – Mayor Bedrick said the RFP needed to be reviewed. City Secretary had emailed most councilpersons but not everyone had reviewed the full RFP. Hank said he brought in his trash collection bill but it did not show a franchise fee. Barbara said that is because that provider had refused to sign the franchise fee agreement as did several others. Hank said a single user trash collection company would help the city get its franchise fees. Barbara added the attorney had said rather than fight each company over failure to do so, it would be best to go with a single user trash collection. Barbara said the attorney had said it would be best to do an RFP for Single User Trash Company for city. The current RFP under review included a lot of commercial language that the City may not need, Barbara said. Since the sample RFP the city plans to base its own is very lengthy, council will spend time to review it and decide where to remove or add any elements.

2. Mayor Bedrick then led the discussion & consideration on city Infrastructure 2019 ditch work on city roads CRs 277, 278, 279, Klassik K. The ditch work estimates are approximately \$70,000. Mayor Bedrick was referred to another company that does this type of work, and he was to do an drive through last week, but called to say he was sick. Mayor Bedrick drove him on a tour of the city’s roads and ditches, but he had not provided his estimate in time for the workshop. Next Steps: Mayor will get his estimate and also contact Grimes Equipment to see if he wants to provide an estimate. Council will review the three estimates at its regular March council meeting.

2. Discussion and review updates on Vision 2020: Mayor Bedrick first had council review a county road repair estimate spreadsheet which showed cost will exceed repairs \$500,000 for basic repairs, repairs that may not hold up for more than a few years. Council reviewed these figures further, noting the city’s doesn’t have that money available to pay on road repair works There was discussion on how important it would be to get an engineer to review the roads, and get an estimate for road resurfacing. However, based on the City’s current estimate, one of the first steps to examine possible revenue options is to determine the city’s appraised property values. Barbara contacted the Tax Appraisal District last week to procure the city’s latest appraised values. The chief appraiser indicated the net taxable appraised values were \$61,412,163 net taxable. This is after productivity (ag) loss and exemptions. To help verify the values are as accurate as possible, Mayor Bedrick took the city’s map to the appraisal district so it can be reviewed to verify the most accurate picture of appraised values. Council reviewed and discussed several revenue options including a .0015 property tax that according to Hank Warden’s calculations would generate approximately \$92,000 for roads or to serve as collateral for a loan to help provide better and safer roads in the city. The \$92,000 is still more than \$400,000 short of the basic road repair estimated expenses. Council reviewed different rates and their impact, and also noted that a .0015 property tax on a \$200,000 home would be approximately \$375 annually to help make safer roads.

Next steps on Vision 2020, infrastructure and roads would be conversations with professionals who can give the necessary insight on loans, repairs, and engineering, including setting up the framework for a loan, financials involved and contracts.

7. Jimmy made a motion to close the Workshop Session and to resume Special Called Meeting. Dr. McMahon seconded. The Workshop session ended at 7:27 p.m.

8. Consider and Act on initial infrastructure project – Mayor Bedrick said he will move forward to wrap up the ditch estimates. One businessman had been sick and delayed the process.

9. Adjourn Special Meeting – Motion by Dr. McMahon to adjourn the Special Meeting. Seconded by Hank Warden. The Special Meeting and Workshop adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved: _____

Raymond Bedrick, Mayor
City of Post Oak Bend

Attested: _____

Barbara Bedrick, City Secretary
City of Post Oak Bend