

## Meeting December 1, 2020

### Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lindsay

Due to COVID-19 and Governor Abbott's executive order limiting gatherings, participating remotely was available through ZOOM login information.

**Meeting called to order** at 7:01PM, with Council members present: Mayor Scott Neu, Mayor Pro tem Sam Sparkman, Aldermen: Glenn Block, Klay Gilbert, Jeff Neu, and Robert Sharp, Absent- Glenn Block

**Visitors:** Bradley Anderle; *TOASE*- attended remotely

**Invocation and Pledge:** Mayor Scott Neu

**Roll Call and Establish a Quorum:** Mayor Scott Neu

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Consent Agenda:** Motion- Jeff Neu      Second- Klay Gilbert      Vote- 4-0

**Set date for annual Christmas Party:** Motion-Robert Sharp      Second- Sam Sparkman

Vote- 4-0 Mayor Neu explained the Annual Christmas Party will be held different this year due to COVID19. All elected and appointed members and employees will be given a letter for a value of \$35 to be used at Dieter Brothers for a social distancing Christmas Party to be used to eat in or takeout food.

**Consider/take action on Ordinance 1120-1, amending fee schedule by amending water and sewer tap fees, utility fees, preliminary and final plat escrow fee and residential plan review and inspection fees:** Motion- Klay Gilbert      Second- Jeff Neu      Vote- 4-0

Fees amended are water and sewer tap fees, the base rate for residential building permit fees was deleted and the square feet fee increase to \$.85. After hours reconnect fee and escrow for commercial were added.

**Consider/take action on The Payment Group contract for online payments:**

Motion- Jeff Neu      Second- Klay Gilbert      Vote- 4-0

This contract will allow for online payment, linked to the City's website. There will be no expense for the City of Lindsay, but the residents will pay a 3.5% fee for utility billing and 6.5% fee for court convenience fees.

**Consider/take action on future development on Highway 82:** Entered into Executive session at 7:17PM Motion- Klay Gilbert      Second- Jeff Neu      Vote- 4-0

Pursuant to Sec. 551.087, deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations including (1) discussion or deliberation regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic negotiations; OR (2) deliberation of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described in (1) above.

- Discuss Highway 82 development

Returned from Executive Session at 7:41PM      Motion-Klay Gilbert      Second-Sam Sparkman  
Vote- 4-0 No action taken.

**Consider/take action on Ordinance 1120-2, amending Chapter 50, Utility Services to specify persons responsible for charges for utility services:**

Motion- Klay Gilbert      Second-    Robert Sharp      Vote- 4-0

Ordinance specifies owner's responsibility when tenants move out of rental property and utility billing is greater than the deposit.

**Consider/take action on replacement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

Motion-Jeff Neu      Second-    Sam Sparkman      Vote- 4-0

Motion included to replace 2 pumps at the WWTP, after obtaining the city engineer's help determining best size needed to handle the plant.

**Information Reports:** Alderman Jeff Neu inquired about the update to install handicap ramps on the east side of parking leading to the Parkview park area. Mayor Neu will contact contractor for information. Alderman Klay Gilbert requested information on asphalt repair for the businesses on Highway 82. Since this area is a State of Texas maintained highway, the property owner would need to contact TXDOT. Alderman Robert Sharp requested asphalt on Willow Street near 131 North Willow.

**Adjournment:** 7:43PM

For more detailed information you may consult the recording of this meeting available at City Hall.