

CITY OF WHITE SETTLEMENT

City Council Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 7, 2016 6:00 PM Council Chambers

214 Meadow Park Drive, White Settlement, Texas 76108

Mayor White opened the meeting at 6:00 pm announcing a quorum of members present as listed below:

Councilman Moore

Mayor Pro Tem Clements

Councilman Mann

Councilman Ott

Mayor Pro Tem Clements gave the invocation and Mayor White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff present included: Jim Ryan, City Manager; Amy Arnold, City Secretary; Warren Spencer, City Attorney; Jeff James, Deputy City Manager; Phil Bray, Finance Director; Mary Morgan, Finance Director; Kyle Reeves, EDC Director; Melvin Wilson, Fire Marshal; Teresa McBrayer, Library Director; Robert Smith, Public Works Director; and Steve Patton, MIS Tech.

Others present included members of the Museum Board of Directors and Library Board.

Prior to beginning the work session Councilman Ott questioned the reason for the meeting. Mayor White stated he received phone calls with concerns and would like to see questions answered.

Work Session

Hold a work session to discuss proposed FY 2016 - 2017 operating budget for;

1. White Settlement Public Library.

Mayor White stated a citizen had many questions after the last meeting and would like to know if these questions were answered and if the citizen met with staff. Staff confirmed the citizen did not make contact nor come to City Hall to have questions answered.

Staff clarified for council the citizen appeared to be referencing the 2014-15 budgets in comparison with the proposed 2016-17 budget. Staff went on to again explain differences with the library budget based on salary changes due to TMRS and Insurance changes. Staff confirmed no decrease in the Library Budget had been made.

No further discussion on the library budget was heard.

2. White Settlement Museum

City Manager Jim Ryan asked Deputy City Manager Jeff James to speak to Council Members on the matter of the Museum Budget.

Deputy City Manager Jeff James explained his meeting with the Museum Director stating the form used by the museum to make budget requests is unclear. DCM James reviewed the document with council members explaining the amount stated in the "City Funding" section of the form is the amount presented for approval in the proposed budget. DCM James stated he feels as though a breakdown in communication between all involved and reviewed each fund item requested.

City Manager Jim Ryan stated funds are available in Hotel Motel fund to cover additional funding of the museum if the Council so desires. Staff and Council further discussed concerns of funding repairs to vehicles owned by private citizens as well as the museum not being a department of the City.

Museum Board Member Esther Simms addressed the City Council answering questions concerning security fess paid on a monthly basis for monitor system and the condition of the building stating she would be in favor of the museum becoming a department of the city, citing many repairs needed and various other concerns.

Council came to the consensus to add additional funds to the proposed budget for consideration and include the museum on a future agenda for transition to a city department.

Adjourn

With there being no further discussion Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Approved this 13th day of September, 2016


Ronald A. White, Mayor



ATTEST:


Amy Arnold, TRMC
City Secretary