



Tuesday, September 8, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

**ATTENDEES:**

Mayor	L. Kelly Jones
Council Member	Tiffany Aller
Council Member	Rosa Mendez
Council Member	Sharon Schmitz
Council Member	Christina Cowden
City Secretary	Brandy Barrett
Police Chief	Kevin Reaves
Public Works Director	Joseph Alvarez
Building Official	Nader Jeri
HCGC Head Pro	Mike Krsnak

**ABSENT:** Council Member John Davies

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**INVOCATION** was given by Chief Reaves.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Mayor Jones.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Jones convene in closed executive session at 7:03pm to deliberate the following items:

- A. Consultation with Attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.  
Deliberation of personnel matters regarding city staff.
- B. Consultation with Attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.  
Receive legal advice related to the White Settlement 380 Agreement Lawsuit.

Mayor Jones re-convened in Regular Session at 7:49pm and no action was necessary based upon Executive Session discussion.

**PUBLIC HEARING #1 was opened by Mayor Jones at 7:51pm.**

Public Hearing to receive citizen comments and input on the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. The proposed budget is based on no change to the *ad valorem* tax rate of \$0.475 per \$100 of valuation. Revenue will increase by \$220,013 due to new properties coming onto the tax rolls and increased valuation from redeveloped properties. *(Council will take action when the public hearing is closed on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.)*

- Seeing no citizen comments, Mayor Jones recessed Public Hearing #1 at 7:51pm to the September 15th Special Council meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING #2 was opened by Mayor Jones at 7:52pm.**

Public Hearing to receive citizen comments and input on the adoption of the 2020 Tax Rate of \$.475 per \$100 of valuation with the proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by \$220,013. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease at a greater or lesser rate, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property and the tax rate that is adopted. If the City of Westworth Village adopts a 2020 tax rate equal to the no new revenue rate of \$0.437195 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2019 taxes by \$84,472. *(Council will take action when the public hearing is closed on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.)*

- Seeing no citizen comments, Mayor Jones recessed Public Hearing #2 at 7:53pm to the September 15<sup>th</sup> Special Council meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING #3 was opened by Mayor Jones at 7:54pm.**

Public Hearing to receive citizen comments and input on the adoption of increased drainage charges for the Westworth Village Municipal Drainage Utility System, which was established in August 2011. There have been no rate increases or studies since it was first adopted. TCEQ requires an engineering study every five years. The proposed rate increase and engineering expenses for an updated study have been included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021. *(Council will take action on this proposal at the regularly scheduled council meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.)*

- Seeing no citizen comments, Mayor Jones recessed Public Hearing #3 at 7:54pm to the September 15th Special Council meeting.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**1. MOTION to approve the Agenda.**

- **MADE BY:** Tiffany Aller. **SECOND:** Christina Cowden.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

**2. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Jones explained the purpose of the consent agenda, noting that a council member must request an item be removed from the consent agenda if it was to be discussed, otherwise, a single motion would approve all items on the consent agenda.

**A. Approval of the Minutes:**

- Council Meeting – August 11, 2020

**B. Approval of the Financial Reports:**

- TexPool Report
- A/P Disbursements

FUND BALANCES August 2020	GENERAL	WATER	CAPITAL PROJECTS	CRIME CONTROL	DEBT SERVICE	WRA	HCGC	STREET
Revenue	\$219,142	\$157,506	\$4	\$55,873	\$4,608	\$20	\$193,736	\$27,980
Disbursements	\$199,937	\$54,285	\$2,700	\$40,774	\$122,409	\$11,885	\$106,910	\$65,882
Cash on Hand	\$236,002	\$572,932	\$535,613	\$170,177	\$2,395	\$6,825	\$359,926	\$68,662
TexPool	\$490,822	\$84,696	\$24,939	\$247	\$76,452	\$134,384	NA	NA
Money Market	\$350,000	\$500,000	NA	NA	\$129,000	\$1,090,000	NA	NA



**MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda.**

- **MADE BY:** Christina Cowden. **SECOND:** Sharon Schmitz.
- **Motion passed** by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

**3. STAFF UPDATES:** *The Department Directors recapped their monthly reports and the police department sworn in two new officers: Joshua Gross and Christopher Munoz.*

**4. MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Jones provided a brief recap of his prior 30 days, including:

- Carter Blood Care received enough donations to save 100 lives at the event held in Westworth Village. Mayor Jones thanked the citizens and staff who donated.
- He provided a recap of the proposed budget, adding that the city remains in excellent financial shape.
- He publicly thanked Kyle Denmark and family for purchasing meals for the police officers at the food truck event benefiting Burton Hill PTO.

**5. ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMITTEE UPDATES:** *A brief recap of the Ordinance Committee meeting that was held on September 1<sup>st</sup> was given by Councilwoman Mendez.*

**6. PUBLIC INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Brandy Barrett, City Secretary**

**A. Announcements and Proclamations**

- Declaring August 7, 2020 as Marzella Stevens Day, in recognition of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Candidate forum for the November 3 election will be held at October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Letters will be mailed to solicit questions from citizens.
- Early voting begins October 13<sup>th</sup> for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election. This year's ballot includes:
  - Council place 2: candidates Michael Dingman and Tiffany Aller
  - Council place 3: candidates Brian Libbey and Phillip Poole
  - Council place 4: Abe Elizondo is running unopposed
  - Council Place 5 (*unexpired term*): candidates Dore Hendrix and Dani Briones
  - Special election to re-authorize the ¼ cent street sales tax, a reauthorization vote is required every 4 years

**B. Meetings**

- Special Council meeting, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm
- Golf and Parks Committee meeting, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm
- Public Safety Committee meeting, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- Regular Council meeting, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**C. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** *(As permitted by the Governor's disaster declaration, citizens will only be allowed to listen to the meeting, all call-in numbers were muted and there were no verbal citizen comments during the meeting. The mayor and council value citizen opinions and encouraged comments be sent to the City Secretary prior to noon on the day of the meeting.)*

- There were no citizen comments.

## 7. ACTION ITEMS:

### A. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action on Ordinance 461-E to extend the Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency originally issued by Mayor Jones on March 7<sup>th</sup> and last extended by the council on August 11<sup>th</sup>. *(The City participates in the Tarrant County Hazard Mitigation Action and Emergency Management Plans and must also comply with the State and County orders during a disaster. The mayor/council can also declare a city disaster, the current city disaster declaration will expire at midnight on September 9<sup>th</sup>.)*

**MOTION to approve Ordinance 461-E extending the Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency to 11:59pm on December 31, 2020.**

• **MADE BY:** Sharon Schmitz. **SECOND:** Tiffany Aller.

**Motion passed** by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

### B. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action the Ordinance Committee recommendation to amend the Westworth Village Code of Ordinances, by adding a new article 3.08, "Water drainage, erosion, and sediment control" to chapter 3 "Building regulations", requiring a permit and an erosion and sediment control plan for certain land-disturbing activities; providing for requirements, review, inspection, enforcement of the plan and amending Appendix A, "Fee Schedule", setting the permit filing fee. *(On May 12th the City Council approved changes to require a controlled method of water disposal from roofs such as a rain gutter system on all new residential dwellings. Their action did not include this same requirement for additions to existing residential dwellings and any roof structure modifications/alterations that require a building permit. On June 2nd the Ordinance Committee appointed a panel to review, this is the proposal of the panel, which has been reviewed by the city attorney and unanimously recommended by the Ordinance Committee on September 1<sup>st</sup>.)*

**MOTION to approve the Ordinance Committee recommendation to amend the Westworth Village Code of Ordinances, by adding a new article 3.08, "Water drainage, erosion, and sediment control" to chapter 3 "Building regulations", requiring a permit and an erosion and sediment control plan for certain land-disturbing activities; providing for requirements, review, inspection, enforcement of the plan and amending Appendix A, "Fee Schedule", setting the permit filing fee.**

• **MADE BY:** Rosa Mendez. **SECOND:** Christina Cowden.

**Motion passed** by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

### C. Mayor Jones

Discuss and take action to authorize the expenditure of up to \$35,000 for trail security enhancements for the Fairway's addition.

**MOTION authorizing the expenditure of up to \$35,000 for trail security enhancements for the Fairway's addition.**

• **MADE BY:** Sharon Schmitz. **SECOND:** Tiffany Aller.

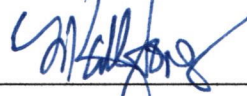
**DISCUSSION:**

• Rich Meszaros (6625 Fairway Drive) spoke in favor of this action.

**Motion passed** by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

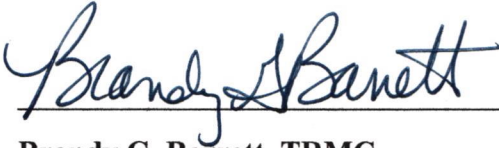
The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm by Mayor Jones.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:



L. Kelly Jones, Mayor

SIGNATURE ATTESTED BY:



Brandy G. Barrett, TRMC  
City Secretary

