

CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

City of El Campo

315 EAST JACKSON STREET, EL CAMPO, TX 77437
City Hall - Council Chambers 6:30 PM - November 27, 2017

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Randy Collins	Mayor	Present	
Richard Young	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	
Anisa Longoria Vasquez	Council Member	Present	
Jeff Allgayer	Council Member	Present	
Gloria Harris	Council Member	Present	
Tommy Hitzfeld	Council Member	Present	
John Hancock	Council Member	Present	

City Staff Present: City Manager Mindi Snyder, City Attorney Richard Kerzee, City Secretary Lori Hollingsworth, Personnel Director Rene Garcia, Planning Director Penny Hornsby, Building Official Liz Staff, Deputy City Manager Courtney Sladek, Aquatic Center Manager Stephen Nadolski, Public Works Director Kevin Thompson, Chief of Police Terry Stanphill, EMS Director Chase Nielsen and Assistant Finance Director Brittni Staff.

Media Present: News Editor Shannon Crabtree, El Campo Leader-News.

Guests Present: Kenny Socha, Chris Barbee and Brett Macha.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Collins led the pledge of Allegiance, followed with the Invocation performed by Mayor Pro-Tem Young.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, any person with city-related business, not scheduled on the agenda, may speak to the City Council. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council is limited to making a statement of specific factual information in response to the inquiry, or reciting existing policy, but may not discuss, deliberate, or take any action on any item. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes. The issue may be placed on a future agenda for consideration.

Kenny Socha of 671 County Road 306 El Campo took to the podium asking Council to consider during contract negotiations with Waste Connections or any other solid waste company to contractually bind them to load / weight limits or for damages. The solid waste trucks have continued to get heavier and heavier and have pulverized the concrete including curbs and gutters at his business. Also stated that out at the ECVFD training field the parking lot is just over 10 months old and there are visible ruts in the pavement from the trash dumpster being pickup.

Bret Macha took to the podium to introduce himself as the New Field Representative for Congressman Blake Farenthold. He stated he took over for Carol Wootton and most recently Chris Barbee. He presented business cards with all his contact information and stated his primary job function is to serve as the eyes and ears of the Congressman out in the community.

5. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON MINUTES

1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Nov 13, 2017 6:30 PM

Council Member Harris made the Motion to accept as received the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2017, and Council Member Allgayer Seconded.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gloria Harris, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jeff Allgayer, Council Member
AYES:	Collins, Young, Vasquez, Allgayer, Harris, Hitzfeld, Hancock

6. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON

1. DOC-2017-89 2017 Charter Review Commission Report To Council

The 2017 Charter Review Commission held two meetings Tuesday October 10, 2017, and Monday November 6, 2017. The report is attached for you to review.

Council Member Harris made the MOTION that council receive the recommendations from the Charter Review Commission as presented recommending changes to the residency requirements of the City Manager and Municipal Court Judge and Mayor Pro-Tem Young Seconded.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gloria Harris, Council Member
SECONDER:	Richard Young, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Collins, Young, Vasquez, Allgayer, Harris, Hitzfeld, Hancock

2. Schedule Strategic Planning Date for January

January has been the time that we have set aside for Strategic Planning over the past few years and now is the time to try to put that date on everyone's calendar. We have been meeting at the Country Club with City Council and key staff during the morning and then bring in the CDC to join us for lunch and a joint planning session afterwards.

This item is included to get direction on what day of the week would work best and preferred location and format and if an outside facilitator would be preferred. We completed the Comp Plan update during this year and a thought would be to utilize Ron Cox for that role or to continue with Joe Gonzalez or seek out another option.

Mayor and Council after a brief discussion came to the consensus that the Strategic Planning meeting would be scheduled at the El Campo Country Club on Wednesday January 10, 2018, starting at 8:30 A.M. and the City Development Corporation (CDC) would be asked to join Council, for a working lunch starting at 11:30 A.M. and ending around 1:00 P.M. Council advised they would like staff to obtain bids for a facilitator.

RESULT:	NO ACTION REQUIRED
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3. DOC-2017-90 Purchase Authorization for Ambulance Remount

Ambulance 1222 is a 2011 Ford F-350 Frazer Ambulance that has 155,000 miles and has experienced several mechanical issues with the chassis. VonDerAu Ford estimates the total wear on the engine to have exceeded 200,000 miles when idle time is factored into the equation. The engine is worn and continues to have mechanical issues. The quote for consideration is to remount the box onto a new 2018 Ford F 350 chassis. The quotes also include upgrading the stretcher system in the ambulance and having the graphics installed by Onsite Decals. The total project cost is \$132,079.69. Staff recommends approval. Financing is recommended in the next agenda item.

Council Member Hitzfeld made the MOTION to approve the purchase authorization for an ambulance remount as presented and Mayor Pro-Tem Young Seconded.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tommy Hitzfeld, Council Member
SECONDER:	Richard Young, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Collins, Young, Vasquez, Allgayer, Harris, Hitzfeld, Hancock

4. DOC-2017-91 FY18 Budget Amendment II

Included in the packet are the details for Budget Amendment II. This amendment proposes funding for an ambulance utilizing part of the October 9th reimbursement from the State of Texas for uncompensated care and supplemental payment from Medicaid. This proposal recommends amending the budget by \$66,040, utilizing those funds, and financing the remainder of the purchase for \$66,040 in FY19, totaling \$132,080 for the ambulance.

The October 9th reimbursement totaled \$135,189.13, the first budget amendment utilized \$39,280 of these funds for the purchase of the Assistant EMS Director's vehicle, leaving a balance of \$95,909.13.

Council Member Harris made the MOTION to amend budget FY2018 to pay for this ambulance by using leasing methods and financing the remainder \$66,040.00 in FY2019 and Council Member Hitzfeld Seconded.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gloria Harris, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tommy Hitzfeld, Council Member
AYES:	Collins, Young, Vasquez, Allgayer, Harris, Hitzfeld, Hancock

5. Request for Consideration of Rebranding the City of El Campo

We are in the process of a new content management based web re-design for the City of El Campo and this would be a perfect time to consider exploring the option of re-branding. This is not a new concept; however it could be very beneficial to the city, business owners and residents. Goals associated with City re-branding would be differentiating the city from other places, reviving the existing image that is now outdated and highlighting positive change to the masses. During the initial discovery phase there are key questions to be answered to determine all the things our city has to offer.

What does the City of El Campo stand for? It would be important to build off the current culture and personality of the city and not completely change it.

What is the identity of the City of El Campo? Encapsulating a city is not just about a brand or a logo; it's about city streets, parks, businesses, residents and quality of living. What can our brand be that would entice new businesses, residents and tourists? This ideology has to be based on what the city already has or is going to have in the near future and it's preserved personality and history.

What already attracts people to the City of El Campo?

How do you encourage city employees, residents and business owners to participate and act as brand ambassadors? Including employees, residents and business owners can have a huge impact on the outcome of a re-brand. It is important to make all feel included so that they are excited about the future of El Campo. To accomplish this we need to consider a survey or polls and consider a city wide contest for the new brand. This will include a new tag line, for example Arlington, The American Dream City.

Staff is asking for direction from Council.

Current City of El Campo logos / brands are attached for review.



After a brief discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Young made the MOTION to table consideration of rebranding the City of El Campo and Council Member Hitzfeld Seconded.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/22/2018 6:30 PM
MOVER:	Richard Young, Mayor Pro-Tem	
SECONDER:	Tommy Hitzfeld, Council Member	
AYES:	Collins, Young, Vasquez, Allgayer, Harris, Hitzfeld, Hancock	

7. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor and Council entered into Closed Executive Session at 7:31 P.M.

8. RECONVENE AND TAKE ACTION

1. DOC-2017-92 Closed Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to discuss Personnel Matters related to Approval of City Manager Appointment of the Public Works Director

Mayor Pro-Tem Young made the MOTION to approve appointment of Kevin Thompson as Public Works Director at a base pay of seventy thousand six hundred fifty eight dollars (\$70,658.00), with a safety officer stipend of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) and certification pay of five thousand six hundred thirty dollars (\$5,630.00) totaling eighty two thousand two hundred eighty eight dollars (\$82, 288.00) annually and Council Member Harris Seconded.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Richard Young, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Gloria Harris, Council Member
AYES:	Collins, Young, Vasquez, Allgayer, Harris, Hitzfeld, Hancock

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Collins called the meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Attest:

Lori Hollingsworth, City Secretary

Randy Collins, Mayor