

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CULBERSON
TOWN OF VAN HORN

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**Regular Meeting of the City Council, Town of Van Horn, Monday, October 29, 2018
City Hall, 1801 W. Broadway, Van Horn, TX.**

PRESENT:

Mayor	Pam Young
Mayor Pro Tem	Lyndon McDonald
Alderman	Nuny Morriss
Alderman	Rudy Hinojos
Alderman	Ryan Martinez - Absent
Alderman	Michael Garibay
City Secretary	Fran Malafronte
Manager Gas	Edward Torres
Asst. Chief Water Operator	Jaime Hudson - Absent
City Attorney	Steve Mitchell - Absent
Press:	Gilda Morales, Van Horn Advocate.
Staff:	San Juana Gamez
Visitors:	Nate Sanchez

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Young called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm after ascertaining that a quorum was present and that the notice of meeting was posted according to the Texas Government Code Section 551 on Thursday, October 24, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ald. Morriss made and Ald. Garibay seconded a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Ald. Hinojos made and Ald. Garibay seconded a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented by City Administrator Fran Malafronte. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Ald. McDonald made and Ald. Morriss seconded a motion to approve the Payment of Current bills in the amount of \$193,147.26. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS:

Mr. Torres, Utilities Director reported that the motor at the Thrift Well is giving them trouble again. The bearings keep going out. Chad of THI believes that there is a

vibration issue which contributes to the problem with the bearings. A new motor will cost approximately \$9,000.00 however \$2,000.00 would cover the cost to rebuild the existing motor. The motor was rebuilt in 2014. Mr. Torres is going to check and see if it is still under warranty. They have resumed using the Courthouse Well in the meantime, but Mr. Torres reminded the Council that the Courthouse Well is the one pumping extra air in the water.

Regarding the current Water Storage Tank, Mr. Torres reported that the tank has started leaking from the bottom again. He attributes the leaking to the breaking up of the concrete for the new Water Storage tank. The leak is very small right now, but they will continue to monitor it.

Regarding the New Water System or the Sierra Blanca line pressure has been lowered to help contain the many leaks found along the line. This seems to be working.

Mr. Torres reported that the Scada System power line was cut accidentally by the Smithco workers while working on the tie in for the new Water Storage tank. This is in the process of being repaired.

Maintenance has begun on our heavy equipment starting with the Maintainer. Three seals were found to be leaking along with other wear and tear issues. Again all are being addressed. Clean-up has begun at the City Sanchez storage yard. Mr. Torres reported that the lights at the Okey Lucas Park keep shorting out. He is going to repair the lights by putting in new tops that are waterproof.

With regard to the Gas Department things are "moving along" he stated. The guys have been reading meters for the current billing cycle, then will begin to install new meters and regulators to better track gas consumption as related to gas purchases.

In closing Mr. Torres offered "Kudos" to the Utility Department employees for their extra effort in the previous week.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 18-10-007 DESIGNATING A MANAGEMENT SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE APPLICATION AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2019-2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AS ADMINISTERED BY TDA:

Ald. McDonald made and Ald. Morriss seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-10-007 and award the Grant Management Services contract to Grantworks. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-10-007

A RESOLUTION OF the Town of Van Horn, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS FOR THE [2019-2020](#) TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT [COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND](#) PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 TxCDBG Community Development Fund contract requires implementation by professionals experienced in the administration of federally-funded community development projects;

WHEREAS, in order to identify qualified and responsive providers for these services a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for administration services has been completed in accordance with Texas CDBG requirements;

WHEREAS, the proposals received by the due date have been reviewed to determine the most qualified and responsive providers for each professional service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- Section 1A. That **Grantworks** be awarded a contract to provide Texas CDBG application and project-related **administration services** for the 2019-2020 Community Development Fund project.
- Section 2. That any and all contracts or commitments made with the above-named services providers are dependent on the successful negotiation of a contract with the service provider;

PASSED AND APPROVED ON 29th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Secretary

PROCLAMATION: IN RECOGNITION OF MUNICIPAL COURT WEEK NOVEMBER 5-9, 2018:

Ald. Hinojos made and Ald. Garibay seconded a motion to approve the Proclamation in honor of Municipal Court Week. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation

*In Recognition of Municipal Court Week
November 5-9, 2018*

***A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MUNICIPAL COURTS,
THE RULE OF LAW, AND THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL ADMINISTRATION OF
JUSTICE***

WHEREAS, municipal courts play a significant role in preserving public safety and promoting quality of life in Texas;

WHEREAS, more people come in contact with municipal courts than all other Texas courts combined and public impression of the Texas judicial system is largely dependent upon the public's experience in municipal court;

WHEREAS, the Town of Van Horn hosts Municipal Court Week November 5-9, 2018;

WHEREAS, state law authorizes a municipality to either appoint or elect a municipal judge for a term of office, the Van Horn Municipal Court is a state court and its judges are members of the state judiciary;

WHEREAS, the procedures for the Van Horn Municipal Court operations are set forth in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and other laws of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, the Town of Van Horn is committed to the notion that our legal system is based on the principle that an independent, fair, and competent judiciary will interpret and apply the laws that govern us and that judges and court personnel should comply with the law and act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary;

WHEREAS, Van Horn Municipal Judges are not policy makers for the Town of Van Horn but are bound by the law and the Canons of Judicial Conduct and are required to make decisions independent of

*the governing body of the City Council, city officials, and employees;
WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas contain procedural safeguards in criminal cases for all defendants, including indigent defendants, and supports the Van Horn Municipal Court in complying with such legal requirements.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VAN HORN, TEXAS THAT THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5 - 9, 2018 IS HEREBY RECOGNIZED AS MUNICIPAL COURT WEEK IN RECOGNITION OF THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL JUSTICE OFFERED TO OUR CITIZENS BY THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF VAN HORN, TEXAS.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 29th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

PAM YOUNG, MAYOR

ATTEST:

FRAN MALAFRONTÉ, CITY SECRETARY

SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC, COUNCIL TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A \$30.00 CREDIT TO UTILITY CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE THEIR PET SPAYED OR NEUTERED:

Ald. McDonald made and Ald. Garibay seconded a motion to approve the \$30.00 credit to utility bills for customers who have their pet spayed or neutered. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT PROGRAMS:

USDA grant for new water meters discussed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMITTEES:

Council asked that City Administrator Fran Malafronte contact Betty Velez at the school (since the school has Vending Machines) regarding Vending Machines for the Golf Course. It appears Coca Cola no longer services vending machines in Van Horn Texas.

ADJOURNMENT:

After no further business, Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

Pam Young
Mayor

Fran Malafronte
City Secretary