

City of Pilot Point, Texas

Minutes of the May 8, 2019

City Council Special Meeting

The City Council of the City of Pilot Point, Texas met on this date at 6:30 p.m. for a Special City Council meeting. City Council members present were Mayor Shea Dane-Patterson, Jim Porter, Dean Cordell, and Andy Singleton. City Staff members present were City Manager Alan Guard, Fire Chief Heath Hudson, and City Secretary Alice Holloway.

AGENDA

A. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dane-Patterson announced a quorum at 6:33 p.m. and called the meeting to order.

B. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on Outdoor Warning Sirens in the City of Pilot Point.

Fire Chief Hudson gave a brief update on the history of the outdoor sirens and on the grant regarding outdoor warning sirens. He does not know when the sirens were installed. They were there when he started working for the city. In addition, he stated that he believes outdoor warning sirens are now considered outdated technology. The current system must be set off by radio. If the department is on a call someone off duty must go to the station to set them off.

Councilmember Porter asked when the last time was the sirens were tested. City Manager Guard stated in March. In addition, Mr. Guard stated that the one on McKinney worked, but the others did not.

Councilmember Petty asked why the city council was not made aware of the sirens not working. City Manager stated he didn't know. Fire Chief Hudson stated that he had told former City Manager John Dean.

Councilmember Cordell stated that he thinks in the future, each new subdivision should be required to pay a fee to have an outdoor siren installed in the area. In addition, he asked if the city can use the \$60,000 that was removed from the fire department budget recently.

Councilmember Cordell stated that he spoke to Asst. Fire Chief Cox and he stated that the money should not have been moved out the budget since they are still in the running for a safer grant. In addition, he stated that Asst. Fire Chief Cox stated that the outdoor sirens have not been tested in three (3) years.

Mr. Steve Irick stated that he believes the outdoor sirens are outdated and he would rather see the city purchase weather radios for everyone, it would be much more cost effective.

City Manager stated that he will report back to the council with updated bids and will look into the possibilities of expanding CodeRed Services to the ETJ area. In addition, he will start working on an educational campaign regarding CodeRed, WeatherBug, and a buddy system.

No action taken on this item.

C. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/REQUESTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS TO BE ON NEXT AGENDA

Councilmembers shall not comment upon, deliberate, or discuss any item that is not on the agenda. Councilmembers shall not make routine inquiries about operations or project status on an item that is not posted. Any Councilmember may, however, state an issue and a request that this issue be placed on a future agenda.

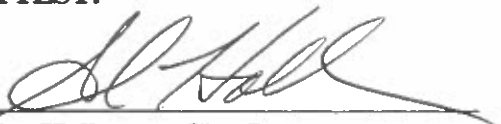
D. ADJOURN

Mayor Dane-Patterson moved to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Councilmember Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Shea Dane-Patterson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alice Holloway, City Secretary

Approved: June 10, 2019