

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 18, 2020

On Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at the Municipal Hall at 7:00 P.M. a special meeting of the Council, City of Fredericksburg Chickasaw County was held. The meeting was held on-line via Go to Meeting.

Mayor Jimmy Mitchell in the chair called the meeting to order at p.m. with Council Members Doreen Cook, Randy Leach, Sheriton Dettmer, Kyle Wendland present. Absent: Dean Speicher.

Employees present were Cindy Lantow.

Guests present via the Go to Meeting – Kade Mitchell, Deidra Westendorf, Brad Mohs, Sara Westendorf, Gail Snyder, Brad Steege, Hugh Mackintosh, Shelly Mohling, Dave K., Linda Rosulek, Dave Richardson, Kasey Gansen, Phil Moser, Amanda Feltz, Sherri Rowe, Bev Steege, Gene Rhea, Julie DeSloover, Sarah Mitchell, LaVonne, Ryan King, Ed Burke, Karen, James Reid, AZ, Theresa Urness, Jeremy Westendorf, Mary Peraud, Portia Stone, Jerry Reno, Katie Steege.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

A motion was made by Dettmer second by Cook to approve the agenda with the addition of a building permit application from Jerry Reno for building a duplex. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Under Council Comments: The Mayor stated that this Town Hall meeting was being held on-line due to the spike in COVID numbers. He will call on the people in the virtual room and if they want to speak on the subject, they will have 3-minutes to give their thoughts and to interact with the Council.

New Business –

Discussion regarding Dollar General coming to Fredericksburg – Mayor Mitchell stated that the Council had received some letters from individuals stating that they were against Dollar General coming to Fredericksburg and also stated that there were signatures on a petition against Dollar General coming and the location they chose. Mayor Mitchell read several notes / letters to the council and audience. He then opened up the meeting for discussion. A couple of people spoke against Dollar General coming and especially the location. One of their concerns is that they do not want to see our local stores hurt. Mayor Mitchell stated that he had talked with the Dollar General engineer and stated that he didn't know if the building permit would pass due to the location and that there was another location that we could show them. They didn't seem that interested but time will tell. Councilman Leach stated that he had called Sumner, New Hampton, Tripoli and LaPorte City to see how their Cities felt about Dollar General. They all stated that they had no problem with Dollar General and most stated that they were very active in the City with projects and felt that it had helped their City. Mayor Mitchell went over the tax impact, jobs, property tax and utilities. Discussion was held on the location and most feel the location on the east edge of town is not a good choice because of safety, the Trail, the school house etc. The Mayor stated that there is a lot to consider and to consider our current businesses also. No action was taken during this section of the meeting and Mayor Mitchell stated that he would call for a vote on the building permit at the December 7, 2020 Council Meeting.

The building permit application was the next on the agenda. Mayor Mitchell explained that a duplex would be built on Lots 7 & 8 in the Drewelow Addition across from Whispering Willow and the developer is Jerry Reno. Jerry was on-line and stated that all set-backs / regulations would be followed and that he would have an application to the City by Friday. The duplex would be a slab house and would be 1240 square foot with an oversized 2 stall garage with a patio on back. After discussion, a motion was made by Dettmer second by Leach to approve. Cook asked for discussion and asked that Jimmy look over the permit application on the Council's behalf. Dettmer amended his motion to state that and Leach seconded. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

The rest of the meeting was spent going over the Action Board. There being no further business requiring Council action the meeting was adjourned with a motion second by Leach second by Wendland at 7:45 p.m. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council is Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Jimmy Mitchell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Lantow, City Administrator