

**Tyler City Council**  
**Monday, February 6, 2017**  
**Tyler Fire Hall**  
**7 p.m. (Approved)**

Members present, Mayor Greg Peter, Council members Tim Sanderson, Erick Harper, Scott Dressen and Kenneth Jensen, City administrator Robert Wolfington and City Attorney Glen Petersen. Also present Mark Wilmes, Larry Wyttenback, Carolen Lutterman, Dub Lutterman, Mary Maertens and Dave Haroldson.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Tim Sanderson to approve the agenda with items employee pay added. Erick Harper seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes – Scott Dressen moved to approve the minutes from the Monday, January 9, 2017 council meeting. Kenneth Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Public Express – None.

Hospital Update – Mary Maertens, Avera Tyler CEO, gave a presentation on the current state of Avera Tyler. Avera took over the operations of the Tyler Healthcare Center in March 2016 and as part of a business subsidy agreement with the City of Tyler, Avera gives an annual update.

Food Shelf – Dub Lutterman spoke to the Council about the Food Shelf Board's desire to move to the now closing Senior Center building. The Senior Center group has offered to give the food shelf the building. Lutterman requested the council consider continuing to provide utilities to the building at no charge.

Currently the City of Tyler provides utilities for both the Food Shelf building located behind City Hall and for the Senior Center.

Erick Harper moved to continue providing utilities for the senior center building if the food shelf moves there. It would provide the services for the foreseeable future. Scott Dressen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TRED Representation – The Tyler City Council advertised two vacancies on the Tyler Regional Economic Development Authority Board. Three applications were received. Dennis Blomgren, Robert Fritz and Cricket Raschke applied for the positions.

Greg Peter said he met with acting TRED President Larry Wyttenback to go over the vacancies before the council meeting. Peter and Wyttenback both agreed to recommend the appointment of Robert Fritz to the six year vacant term and Dennis Blomgren to the two year vacant term.

Erick Harper said he would be unable to continue serving on TRED on behalf of the council due to scheduling conflicts. Kenneth Jensen said he would be willing to serve on the TRED Board.

Greg Peter moved that Robert Fritz and Dennis Blomgren be placed on the TRED Board and for Kenneth Jensen to serve on the TRED Board . Scott Dressen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

City Land – Administrator Wolfington informed the council that the TRED Board had requested the city consider selling a portion of land located near the water tower. Wolfington said the original intended buyer for the property had since purchased another lot in Tyler. Wolfington said however there was an additional buyer that had expressed interest in the land. The Council decided to wait until there was a proposal from a potential buyer to move forward.

New Employee – The Personnel Committee recommended the hiring of Josh Kiefer for the open utility position at a payrate of \$16.00 per hour. The committee also recommended sending Josh Kiefer and Matt Jobe through the MMUA Journeyman Program as presented by administrator Wolfington.

Motion by Scott Dressen to hire Josh Kiefer and send Josh and Matt Jobe through the MMUA program, second by Kenneth Jensen. Motion passed.

Employee Adjustment – The personnel committee recommended the pay adjustment for David Haroldson, Matt Jobe, Sandra Bakker and Cindy Koenig.

David Haroldson – \$22.58 – \$24.72

Matt Jobe – \$15.91-\$16.50

Sandra Bakker – \$15.91-\$18.50

Cindy Koenig – \$17.91-\$18.50

Motion by Greg Peter to approve the pay adjustment, second by Erick Harper. Motion passed.

Reports –

Airport – Greg Peter updated the council on efforts to re-enter the capital outlay plan for the Tyler Municipal Airport.

Police Report – Chief John Spindler presented his report to the council. Spindler also said officer Erick Bloch was scheduled to retire later this year. Spindler said he would like to begin the process of finding a replacement later this spring/summer.

Administrator’s Report – Administrator Wolfington talked about snow removal on streets and sidewalks during his report.

Wolfington said a power pole by the hospital that was damaged was scheduled to be replaced at the same time as a planned East River power outage that had yet to be scheduled.

Financial Report- Motion by Scott Dressen, second by Tim Sanderson to approve paying the bills. Motion passed.

Kenneth Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting, Greg Peter seconded. Motion passed.