



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas
Special Retreat / Work Session
Saturday, February 5, 2022

The City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm convened into a Special Retreat / Work Session on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at City Hall, 1371 West FM 550, McLendon-Chisholm, Texas, with the following members present:

ATTENDING:	Keith Short	Mayor
	Lorna Kipphut	Mayor Pro-Tem
	Trudy Woessner	Council Member (attended by stream)
	Daniel Tucker	Council Member
	Brian Davis	Council Member
Absent:	Norman Willis	Council Member
Staff Present:	Rick Crowley	Interim City Administrator
	Shelly Green	City Secretary
	Jim Simmons	Fire Chief
	Michael Halla	City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Short called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS

Council Member Tucker delivered the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

3. RULES OF DECORUM

Mayor Short announced the Rules of Decorum are in place and are to be observed throughout the meeting.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Citizen Comments

5. UPDATE ON FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION

- 5.1. Sean Spyres, AGCM Project Manager, will provide an update regarding status of the Fire Station construction project.

Seam Spyres presented a final update on the Fire Station construction. The project came in under budget and is complete other than a few small items.

Chief Simmons announced the Ribbon Cutting will be held on March 12, 2022. Details will be published as soon as possible.

6. PRESENTATION BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR – RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER ENTITIES.

Interim City Administrator Crowley gave an overview of the relationships the City has with other entities, mainly Rockwall County.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1. Law Enforcement

Discussion included thoughts about creating a police department in the City. Also, the Chief is to develop a strategic plan for creating a Neighborhood Crime Watch.

7.2. Interlocal Agreement for Fire Protection Services

It was determined that the City should look at the equation of how funds are established for distribution to Cities.

7.3. Code Enforcement

This item was pulled off until the regular Council Meeting on February 10, 2022.

7.4. Discussion Regarding SH 205 and Road Bond Projects

Discussion centered around the development of the intersection of Hwy 550 and Hwy 205. It was determined that the City does need to hire an architect to help with this item.

7.5. Water

General discussion regarding the City's water situation.

7.6. Wastewater

General discuss regarding providing wastewater service in the City.

7.7. Coronavirus Funds

Under Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Coronavirus State and Local Fund Recovery Funds were created. This is a \$350 billion appropriation used to make payments for specified uses to states, Tribal governments, territories, and units of local government. Funding is allocated based on population.

The City received \$428,050.23 in September 2021 and a second round of funding, in the same amount of \$428,050.23, will be disbursed Summer of 2022.

Recipients may use Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to invest in necessary improvements to their water and sewer infrastructures.

Funds may be used to invest in an array of drinking water infrastructure projects, such as building or upgrading facilities and transmission, distribution, and storage systems, including replacement of lead services.

Funds may also be used to invest in wastewater infrastructure projects, including constructing publicly owned treatment infrastructure, managing and treating stormwater or subsurface drainage water, facilitating water reuse, and securing publicly owned treatment works.

The City will retain substantial flexibility to identify those water and sewer infrastructure investments that are of the highest priority to their community.

Funds can also be used to invest in broadband infrastructure. Using these funds, recipients generally should build broadband infrastructure with modern technologies in mind.

All funds remain subject to statutory requirements that they must be used for costs incurred by the recipient during the period that begins on March 3, 2021, and ends on December 31, 2024, and that award funds for the financial obligations incurred by December 31, 2024 must be expended by December 31, 2026. Any funds not used must be returned to Treasury as part of the award closeout process.

It was recommended that the Council should start the process of developing plans to expend funds received.

7.8. Discussion of Home Rule

Each Council Member was given a copy of the "Handbook for Mayors and Councilmembers" which includes guidance for Home Rule. It was determined that the first step would be to establish a Home Rule Commission to start the process.

7.9. Inquiry Regarding Alcohol Sales

The Council received a report that there has been an inquiry regarding alcohol sales. At this time, no one has come forward regarding this item. City staff is prepared for receiving a petition.

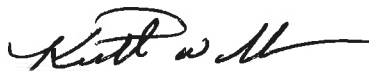
7.10. City Administrator's Observations

Interim City Administrator Crowley gave a brief report of his observations of this meeting.

8. ADJOURN

Mayor Short adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

APPROVED:



Keith Short, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rochelle Green, City Secretary

