

NOTICE OF
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSESSION, PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF PROVIDENCE VILLAGE, TEXAS
PROVIDENCE VILLAGE TOWN HALL
1755 MAIN ST., PROVIDENCE VILLAGE, TEXAS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019

7:30 P.M. Regular Session

MINUTE

REGULAR SESSION 7:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Newton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Town Council members present were Alderman Kelly Nelson, Alderman Linda Inman, and Alderman Klayton Rutherford, being a quorum. Mayor Michael Jordan and Alderman Jesse Rodriguez were absent.

II. INVOCATION

Julie Fort led invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- a. United States Flag
- b. Texas Flag

IV. OPEN FORUM:

There were no requests to address the Town Council.

V. WORKSESSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS/STAFF REPORTS:

- a. Staff Reports

Brian Roberson reported that Liberty Village is working on batch plant set up and hope to be pouring concrete in the week or two. Med Spa is also trying to get slab poured and projected to be poured later this week or next. Enclave Development will be moving dirt within the next few weeks. The Main Street signs will be ordered and currently working on scheduling time with TxDot to get them installed. Jiffy Libe is hoping to be in soon with the building permit. Brian Roberson further reported that an SUP application is expected within the next couple of weeks for a convenience store. Contemplating scheduling a special meeting on October 29th for Planning and Zoning Commission to review.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA – Items are considered self-explanatory and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless so requested by at least one member of the Town Council.

- a. Minute Approval – September 17, 2019 Town Council Regular Session Minutes
- b. Approve Administrative Actions

Alderman Rutherford moved to approve Consent Agenda; Alderman Nelson seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Consider, discuss and act upon Ordinance No. 2018-187 amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11 – Taxation, adding Section 11.04 entitled Hotel / Motel Occupancy Taxes.

Greg Fachner, a resident who resides at 9140 Blackstone Dr., Providence Village, Texas, spoke in opposition of hotel tax and feels that it will drive business away.

Brian Roberson explained that local municipalities can impose up to a 7% tax which carries very specific requirements for use of the funds collected. He explained the requirements and the various ways that the Town could use the funds to direct people towards the winery.

Julie Fort stated that in 25 years of attending meetings, she's never heard a hotel owner speak against the tax, but instead for it because it promote business in their beds.

There was discussion regarding the rate of 7%. Alderman Klayton noted that Little Elm, Aubrey, Cross Road have it set at 7%. Alderman Inman spoke that she's never seen a Town that did not have this tax and the funds are used to promote the hotel business. She did not believe any hotel would bat an eye about us having the tax. It was noted that it also covers Air BNB. There are some places fighting the Air BNB in residential areas because it's a business in a residential area. We will wait until these other cities determine the answer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Newton stated that in Louisiana, town's of less than 14,000 imposed this same tax and after several years they were able to fund other options.

Alderman Nelson moved to accept Ordinance No. 2018-187 amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11 – Taxation, adding Section 11.04 entitled Hotel / Motel Occupancy Taxes; Alderman Inman seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

- b. Consider, discuss and act upon acceptance of resignation from James Connor as a member of the Economic Development Corporation Board.

Brian Roberson read the resignation letter. Alderman Inman moved to accept resignation of James Connor from Economic Development Corporation Board; Alderman Nelson seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

- c. Consider, discuss and act upon appointment of member to Economic Development Corporation Board.

Brian Roberson reported that the EDC bylaws suggest that the EDC can make a recommendation and they recommended Victoria Mitchell. Alderman Inman moved to nominate Victoria Mitchell in conjunction with recommendation; Alderman Rutherford seconded.

Alderman Inman stated that everyone on the council got the chance to meet with Ms. Mitchell during the interviews for the Alderman, Place 5 position, and they all believe that she is the best candidate for this spot. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

- d. Consider, discuss and act upon appointment of member to the Board of Adjustments.

Alderman Rutherford recused himself since he is married to one of the applicants and left the council chamber. There was discussion regarding council member and board members being related and they believe it is best to play it safe. Alderman Nelson and Alderman Inman both agreed that it would be best to leave Faith Robinson as an alternate on the BOA.

Alderman Inman moved to table this item; Mayor Pro-Tem Newton seconded. Motion carried: 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

Alderman Rutherford returned to the Council meeting.

- e. Consider, discuss and act upon appointment of alternate members to the Board of Adjustment.

Alderman Nelson moved to table this item; Alderman Inman seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

- f. Consider, discuss and act upon appointment of alternate members of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Alderman Nelson moved to table this item; Alderman Inman seconded. Alderman Rutherford stated that it objected to tabling the item. Motion carried: 3 in favor, Alderman Rutherford opposed.

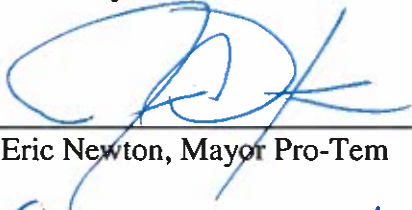
- g. Identify agenda items to be discussed at future meeting.

1. Board of Adjustment appointment
2. Board of Adjustment alternate appointments
3. P&Z alternate appointments

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Newton moved to adjourn; Alderman Rutherford seconded. Motion carried: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Newton adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



J. Eric Newton, Mayor Pro-Tem

10/15/19

Date Minutes Approved



Connie S. Hansen, TRMC
Town Secretary

10/15/19

Date Minutes Approved

