

Julie Masters, Mayor  
Charles Suderman, Mayor Pro Tem  
Sean Skipworth  
Walter Wilson

**MINUTES**  
City of Dickinson  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL WORKSHOP**  
**MEETING**

Wally Deats  
Louis Decker  
William H. King III  
Chris Heard, City Administrator

**July 14, 2020**

The Dickinson City Council met in a duly called and announced **SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING** on **Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.** In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Dickinson, Texas conducted the meeting by telephone conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The meeting was held for the purpose of considering the following items:

**ITEM 1.) CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

Mayor Masters called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. City Secretary Alun Thomas called roll and certified a quorum. Council Members present were as follows: Mayor Julie Masters, and Council Members Sean Skipworth, Wally Deats, Louis Decker, and William H. King, III. Mayor Pro-Tem Charles Suderman and Council Member Walter Wilson were not present at the time of the certification of a quorum, but arrived at 6:10 p.m. Also present were City Administrator Chris Heard, Police Chief Ron Morales, Court Administrator Irma Rivera, Police Captain Melvin Mason, Police Captain Jay Jaekel, and Police Captain Oscar Stoker.

**ITEM 2.) PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING: Development of the 2020-2021 Budget for the City of Dickinson.**

City Administrator Chris Heard presented the item to Council. He discussed the City’s taxable value for ad valorem taxes, and how if the City began to also include 85% of the total value of properties under protest or otherwise not included on certified appraisal roll in its calculations for anticipated tax revenue, it could increase its capacity to issue debt. Council Member Wilson asked by how much the City’s debt service tax rate would have to change if the Certificates of Obligation are issued. Mr. Heard said that the change would be from \$0.0674 to \$0.0750. Council Member Wilson said that he did not want to put the City in a financial bind. Mr. Heard said that the City will know in May 2021 if its revenue from its 380 agreements will go away in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Mr. Heard discussed the approximately \$4.7 million in funds from the Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program that the City has been allocated. He noted that if the City spends the money out-of-pocket, it will eventually be reimbursed through the PA program. That process, he said, might take a few years. Mr. Heard spoke about three main infrastructure projects that he would like the City to undertake. The projects are: California Avenue (which

is already underway through Galveston County's bond issuance), the Nicholstone Subdivision, and Pin Oak.

Council discussed additional potential streets and drainage projects, with some members asking about the streets that are in the poorest conditions. Mr. Heard said that the City does not have enough money to replace all of the streets that received a PCI score of 7 or below. Council Member Suderman asked for a list of streets that are in bad condition, and Mr. Heard agreed to provide a list by the next Council meeting. Mr. Heard and Joe Myers, Vice President of Huitt-Zollars, the City's contract hydrological engineers, said that the City needs approximately 15,000 lane-feet of 8-inch overlay on its poorest-condition streets to lessen the perception of potholes. Such an overlay would last for approximately ten years.

**ITEM 3.) ADJOURN**

Council Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m., and Council Member King seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Mayor Masters called for the vote.

**VOTE:**

6 AYES (Suderman, Skipworth, Wilson, Deats, Decker, King)

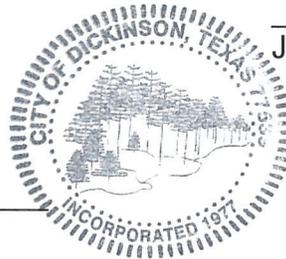
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**MOTION PASSED**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this the 28th day of July, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

  
Alun W. Thomas, City Secretary



  
Julie Masters, Mayor