

THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION SEPTEMBER 24, 2019, AT THE MIAMI CIVIC CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 4:30 PM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rudy Schultz, Mayor	Dean Kruithof, City Manager
Brian Forrester, Councilmember Ward 1 (Absent)	Ben Loring, City Attorney
Doug Weston, Councilmember Ward 2 (Absent)	Melissa Moore, City Clerk
Ryan Orcutt, Councilmember Ward 3	
Vicki Lewis, Councilmember Ward 4	

The agenda for the meeting was posted in the main lobby and the north outside entryway of the Miami Civic Center at 2:17PM on September 23, 2019.

THE COUNCIL MAY DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND VOTE ON ANY ITEM IN THIS AGENDA:

Call to Order

Mayor Schultz called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Contract With Oklahoma Emergency Management (OEM) and Designate Political Sub-Division Agent for the Federal Fiscal Year October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020

Dean Kruithof explained this grant is applied for annually and assists with emergency management operations.

Councilmember Lewis moved to approve the emergency management performance grant contract with Oklahoma Emergency Management and designate political sub-division agent for the federal fiscal year October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020. Councilmember Orcutt made the second. The Council was polled with the following results:

Lewis, Aye	Orcutt; Aye	Schultz; Aye	Weston, Absent	Forrester, Absent
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Mayor Schultz declared the motion carried.

Animal Shelter Update

Dean Kruithof explained the staff at the animal shelter are doing a great job and he is very proud of them. Maycee Wilkins explained that the animal shelter was originally built without a slope. In the 2018—2019 fiscal year a slope was added to the floor to assist with drainage. Industrial fans were added to each end of the shelter to help circulate the air and aid in faster drying time for the floor. A wysiwash disinfecting system was added to cut down the amount of time spent on disinfecting both the new and old shelter. An average of fifty-two point four (52.4) dogs are taken in each month. Thirty-five percent (35%) are reclaimed, two percent (2%) are adopted, and sixty percent (60%) are sent to rescue organizations. In August a dog was dropped off at the shelter and has since been named Kkas, the shelter dog. Kkas welcomes citizens as they come in to the shelter. Kkas has boosted employee morale and increased donations. Wilkins explained the shelter operates with three (3) employees seven (7) days a week three hundred sixty-five (365) days a year. The shelter often exceeds maximum capacity and the money for operating the shelter is not recouped. Wilkins gave an overview of changes she would like to see in the future such as city-wide mandatory microchipping and a catch, neuter, and release program for cats. Wilkins would also like to see participation in nation wide events, creating a foster program, and the ability for animal control to write Notices to Appear. Kevin Browning commended the staff at the animal shelter. The contractor who built the animal shelter did not bear any cost for sloping the floor due to the city approving the plans utilized.

No action taken.

Discussion of Credit Card Service Fee Ordinance

Ben Loring explained that the legislature approved a bill that allows cities to accept credit cards and charge a processing fee for doing so. The bill will go into effect on November 1, 2019. The plan is to start with utilities and then accept credit cards in other departments. There are a few departments who already accept credit cards and have just been absorbing the fees. Jill Fitzgibbon explained they are ready to recommend a processor and the fee will be equal to the processor fee. Credit card information will be stored with the processing company only, the city will not have anyone's credit card information on file. Customers will be able to pay online.

No action taken.

Discussion of Utility Ordinances Cleanup

Ben Loring explained that the in the current ordinance there is a monthly minimum charge for electric to accounts that are active, even if they do not have a meter due to flooding. To not be charged the monthly minimum they would need to close their account. We want to create a procedure for the property owners to not have a monthly minimum charge for such incidents for the 2019 flood event and in the future. The current ordinances also require a deposit based on the previous usage of the property, even if the use was going to change, we are looking at providing a procedure to lower that requirement if the use of the property would change. Also, while looking at the ordinances it was discovered that they needed to be cleaned up. The changes being proposed will allow the City Manager to waive or reduce minimum charges and to reduce the deposit charge for properties which are changing the use of the property.

No action taken.

Discussion of Panhandler/Solicitation Ordinance

Ben Loring explained the proposed panhandler/solicitation ordinance is included in the packet. There were no questions. Loring will have Police Chief Thomas Anderson review the ordinance. A person who stops traffic to give the solicitor money can be ticketed.

No action taken.

Adjournment

Councilmember Orcutt moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lewis made the second. The Council was polled with the following results:

Orcutt, Aye Lewis, Aye Schultz, Aye Weston, Absent Forrester, Absent

Mayor Schultz declared the meeting adjourned at 5:06PM.



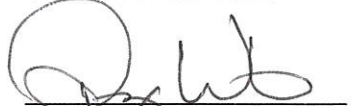
Councilmember Lewis

Absent

Councilmember Orcutt

Absent

Councilmember Forrester



Councilmember Weston



Mayor Schultz

ATTEST: Melissa Moore
Melissa Moore, City Clerk

