

**CITY OF CASTROVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR CALLED COUNCIL MEETING**

**1209 Fiorella  
City Council Chambers**

**September 08, 2020**

**Tuesday**

**5:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Darrin Schroeder  
Councilmember Sheena Martinez  
Councilmember Paul Carey  
Councilmember Phil King  
Councilmember Todd Tschirhart

Leroy Vidales, Interim City Administrator  
Debra Howe, City Secretary  
Brian Jackson, Police Chief  
Devin Fredrickson, Parks and Recreation Director

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. INVOCATION**

Councilmember Phil King gave the invocation.

**V. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. Written questions or comments may be submitted up to two hours before the meeting. A recording of the telephonic meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance of the Texas Public Information Act upon request.**

Bryan Persyn, former Chamber of Commerce President spoke on bringing back Fiorella Fridays to Castroville. Mr. Persyn said the businesses in town were working together to bring back a plan for council to consider.

**VI. Updates on safety measures for city staff and the public during the COVID 19 pandemic**

Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder briefed the city council on the latest COVID 19 numbers provided by the county. Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder said hopefully the numbers will continue to drop.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes for August 20, 2020 Special Called Council Meeting. (Budget work session)
- B. Minutes for August 25, 2020 Special Called Council Meeting. (Budget work session)
- C. Minutes for August 25, 2020 Regular Called Meeting.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Carey and duly seconded by Councilmember King to approve the consent agenda. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.**

**VIII. Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate of 0.495178 for FY 2020**

Open: 5:06 p.m.

No one requested to speak.

Interim City Administrator Leroy Vidales briefed the city council and provided a slide presentation on the new terminology and calculations, the tax rate history for the city for the last 4 years, property tax exemptions including disabled veterans. Mr. Vidales said the next public hearing was scheduled for September 15, 2020.

Closed: 5:16 p.m.

**IX. Public Hearing on proposed extension of the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance No.2009-003, originally adopted November 5, 2008**

Open: 5:16 p.m.

No one requested to speak.

Police Chief Jackson spoke briefly on the current ordinance and the enforcement. Chief Jackson said his recommendation was to leave the document the same.

Closed: 5:19 p.m.

**X. Discussion on progress of updating Thoroughfare Plan (Darrin Schroeder, Mayor Pro Tem)**

Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder said the city had had a Thoroughfare Plan for several years but the last update had been several years back. Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder said with the new growth on the west side of town the updating needed to move forward. Councilmember Carey said he had been in several meetings with TXDot Traffic Engineer Clayton Riggs on looking at ways to help with traffic control on Hwy 90. Mr. Carey said there had been discussion on utilizing roads outside the city limits but that needed to involve the county on the possible alternative routes. Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder said with Alsatian Oaks Development there was discussion on possibly providing an alternative route at the back of the development to connect to 471North. Councilmember Carey wanted to have the item as an agenda item in the very near future. Mr. Carey said he would provide a list of property owners when they looked at the alternative routes. He wanted the meetings to be scheduled soon.

**XI. Discussion on future agenda items**

Councilmember Martinez wanted staff to provide council a plan for trick or treating in the city. Ms. Martinez said she wanted to make sure the city had a backup plan and for everyone to have fun but

to be safe. Councilmember Carey requested information be placed in the city newsletter on the new recycle rates and what could be put in recycling. Interim City Administrator Leroy Vidales said Waste Management would be placing new brochures in the utility bills during this billing cycle. Councilmember Carey requested the Home Occupancy Ordinance be brought back at a future meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder said this was one of the ordinances the council and Planning and Zoning Commission would be holding a joint work session on after the budget meetings were completed. Councilmember King wanted to remind the citizens bulk pickup was once a month and it was a combination of brush and bulk and 6 yards instead of 8 yards.

**XII. ADJOURN**

Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Darrin Schroeder  
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Debra Howe  
City Secretary