

**LAKEWOOD VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

**Council Members:**

Dr. Mark Vargus, Mayor  
Darrell West – Mayor Pro-Tem  
Clint Bushong  
Serena Lepley  
Matt Bissonnette  
Eric Farage

**Town Staff:**

Linda Asbell, TRMC, CMC – Town Secretary

**REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 P.M.**

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Vargus called the Regular Meeting of the Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Lakewood Village Town Hall, 100 Highridge Drive, Lakewood Village, Texas.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

**(Agenda Item A)**

Mayor Vargus led the Pledge of Allegiance

**VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:**

**(Agenda Item B)**

No one requested to speak

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**(Agenda Item C)**

Mayor Vargus presented a proclamation designating September 17 – 23, 2019 as Constitution week. The presentation was received by Ms. Carolyn Sanders of the Prestonwood Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. Gordon Meredith presented Mayor Vargus with the official certification designating Lakewood Village as an International Dark Sky Community.

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**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**(Agenda Item D)**

A public hearing was held to provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on the proposed combined property tax rate of \$0.415/\$100. Mayor Vargus opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. No one requested to speak.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem West and seconded by Councilman Farage, council voted five (5) “ayes”, no (0) “nays” to close the public hearing at 7:05 pm. *The motion carried.*

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**(Agenda Item E)**

A public hearing was held to provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on the proposed ordinance changes in agenda items F5. Through F.7. Mayor Vargus opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. No one requested to speak.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem West and seconded by Councilman Bissonnette, council voted five (5) “ayes”, no (0) “nays” to close the public hearing at 7:06 pm. *The motion carried.*

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**(Agenda Item F)**

**Consideration of Ordinance Adopting the  
Property Tax Rate of \$0.415/\$100 (Asbell)**

**(Agenda Item F.1)**

Council noted the error on the agenda item stating the date of 2018 and noted a correction in the ordinance. The tax rate adopts the 2019-2020 rate of \$0.25/\$100 maintenance and operations and \$0.165 interest and sinking for a total tax rate of \$0.415/\$100.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem West and seconded by Councilwoman Lepley, council voted five (5) “ayes”, no (0) “nays” to adopt the property tax rate of \$0.415/\$100. *The motion carried.*

**ROLLCALL VOTE**

Mayor Vargus – present and not voting  
Mayor Pro-Tem West - aye  
Councilman Bushong - aye  
Councilwoman Lepley - aye  
Councilman Farage - aye  
Councilman Bissonnette - aye

**Ratification of Ordinance 19-08 Adopting  
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget (Asbell)**

**(Agenda Item F.2)**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilman Bissonnette and seconded by Councilman Farage, council voted five (5) “ayes”, no (0) “nays” to ratify ordinance 19-08 adopting the budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. *The motion carried.*

**ROLLCALL VOTE**

Mayor Vargus – present and not voting  
Mayor Pro-Tem West - aye  
Councilman Bushong - aye  
Councilwoman Lepley - aye  
Councilman Farage - aye  
Councilman Bissonnette - aye

**Discussion of Republic Services Contract  
(Asbell)**

**(Agenda Item F.3)**

Mayor Vargus reported that Republic Services has provided services to the town for more than 15 years. The town could send the contract out for bid, but it is not required. There is a greater benefit to the town to stay with Republic Services. Mayor Vargus reported that Town Secretary Asbell has renegotiated the contract with new provisions for recycling, bulk trash, and fixed rates. There was some discussion about the current bulk trash schedule being undesirable due to conflicts with holidays. There was some discussion about providing notice to citizens about the change in bulk trash schedule. There was some discussion about changes to the recycling provisions in the contract. There was some discussion about the rate schedule. There was some discussion about the type and size of vehicles used by Republic Services for collection. There was some discussion about the term of the contract.

**Update on Concrete Road Project (Vargus)**

**(Agenda Item F.4)**

Mayor Vargus reported the project sign has been constructed and will be installed near the mailboxes at Melody Lane in a week. The survey work has been completed and over 19,000 survey points have been uploaded into the mapping software. Mayor Vargus reported on discussions with AT&T and Suddenlink about installation of fiber optic in the areas the concrete roads will be installed. Suddenlink is more interested in installing fiber than AT&T.

**Consideration of Oversized Vehicle Parking Ordinance (Vargus)**

**(Agenda Item F.5)**

Mayor Vargus reported this ordinance was discussed last month. There was some discussion about updating the language to require approved surfaces to comply with the current zoning ordinance.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilman Bushong and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem West, council voted five (5) “ayes”, no (0) “nays” to adopt the oversized vehicle ordinance as presented. *The motion carried.*

**Consideration of Junked Vehicle Ordinance (Vargus)**

**(Agenda Item F.6)**

Mayor Vargus reported the ordinance was reviewed last month.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilman Bissonnette and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem West, council voted five (5) “ayes”, no (0) “nays” to adopt the junked vehicle ordinance as presented. *The motion carried.*

**Consideration of Nuisance Ordinance (Vargus)**

**(Agenda Item F.7)**

Mayor Vargus reviewed the history of the nuisance ordinance and reported that no changes have been made since the council reviewed the ordinance last month.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem West and seconded by Councilwoman Lepley, council voted five (5) “ayes”, no (0) “nays” to adopt the nuisance ordinance as presented. *The motion carried.*

**Discussion of Emergency Operations Plan (Vargus)**

**(Agenda Item F.8)**

Mayor Vargus reported on emergency services provided by Denton County and the chain of command. Mayor Vargus stated the town needs to have a plan for continuing town operations in the event of an emergency. There was some discussion about the types of operations that need to be covered in the plan.

**Discussion of Recycled Water Project  
(Vargus)**

**(Agenda Item F.9)**

Mayor Vargus reported on the number of gallons of water being generated at the sewer plant that could be used for landscaping or a water feature. Mayor Vargus asked council members to consider taking on this project.

**Update on Community Events Calendar  
(Asbell)**

**(Agenda Item F.10)**

Linda Loudon reported that the MDD will host a chili cook-off on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Denton County Sheriff's Office and Little Elm Fire Department will serve as judges for chili. Entertainment will be provided. Linda Loudon reported on other town events.

**Consideration of Minutes of August 8, 2019  
(Asbell)**

**(Agenda Item F.11)**

Town Secretary Asbell requested the minutes be considered at the next council meeting.

Mayor Vargus reported the town audit has been moved up due to the concrete road project

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**(Agenda Item G)**

At 8:02 p.m. Mayor Vargus recessed into executive session in accordance with (1) § 551.071(2), Texas Government Code to wit: consultation with Town Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter to receive legal advice. (2) § 551.072 Texas Government Code to wit: deliberations about real property; (3) § 551.087 Texas Government Code to wit: Economic Development Negotiations; and (4) § 551.076 Texas Government Code to wit: deliberations about Security Devices

**RECONVENE:**

**(Agenda Item H)**

Mayor Vargus reconvened the regular session at 9:35 p.m. No action was taken.

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**REPORTS**

**(Agenda Item I)**

Mayor Vargus reported on Special Meeting dates coming up after the submittal of the preliminary road design. In November the Denton County Emergency Services will be attending a council meeting, the audit will take place in November. Mayor Vargus reported on the timing of the financing and the bid process for the roads. Mayor Vargus reported that development submittals must be acted upon within 30 days.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**(Agenda Item J)**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilwoman Lepley and seconded by Councilman Farage council voted five (5) “ayes” and no (0) “nays” to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Lakewood Village Town Council at 9:38 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2019. The motion carried.

These minutes approved by the Lakewood Village Town Council on the 14th day of November 2019.

APPROVED



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Darrell West  
MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

  
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Linda Asbell, TRMC, CMC  
TOWN SECRETARY

