

Mayor Dave Olson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. July 8, 2019 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council present: Mayor David Olson, Tony Schultz, Cheryl Sanden and Emily Krage. Council absent: Matt Schutte. Staff present: Chris Peterson, Randy Thesing, Brett Hurley.

This council meeting had a limited agenda. Full agenda to be covered at July 15, 2019 meeting. A public notice for the two council meetings was given in the Houston Banner.

Police Department Staffing: Chief Hurley asked for the council to approve two new hires for the Police Department. Interviews were completed and the committee recommendation was to hire Robert Ott for a 20 hr/month part-time position and Brett Levin for a full-time position. Hurley noted both officers had experience and passed a background check. MOTION BY SANDEN, SECONDED BY SCHULTZ TO APPROVE THE HIRES; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Olson read a proclamation of appreciation for retiring Chief David Breault which included the retirement of City of Houston Police Badge #216.

Wages: The Police/Personnel Committee recommended wages of \$19.77/hr for Brett Levin and \$16/hr for Robert Ott. MOTION BY SCHULTZ, SECONDED BY KRAGE TO APPROVE THE WAGES; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Rules for the Playground at City Park: Chief Hurley handed out a draft of rules for the playground. Discussion between the Council, Staff, and representatives of the Mission 66 Committee occurred. Audrey Hegland was especially concerned about misuse of the equipment. Mary Dahle suggested including a list of positive, permitted uses as well. It was debated as to whether hours of the playground should match the 10pm closing of the park or if the playground should close at dark. It was also suggested to add a phone number(s) to the rule sign so people could call if they witnessed misuse. Hurley and Peterson will finalize a draft of rules and coordinate the sign ordering to coincide with other playground signage.

Scout event at Trailhead Park. The Boy Scouts of America Gateway Council had arranged with Sue Wiegrefe to host a Pop-Up Camp for cub scouts at Trailhead Park on July 15, 2019. After receiving details of the event, current staff at the Nature Center asked Peterson and Hurley about the rules on bb guns and archery within the City. The city ordinance does allow for this activity with approval from the Police Chief as a special event. Hurley asked council for direction. None of the council members in attendance had concerns with this activity assuming it would be set-up and run by qualified individuals assigned by the Gateway Council.

Motion to Adjourn: MOTION BY SANDEN, SECONDED BY KRAGE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:38 PM; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Christina Peterson, City Clerk