

Duncanville City Council Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
Town Hall Meeting
Thursday, April 29, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Duncanville City Council was called to order on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via videoconference with a quorum to wit:

**COUNCIL VIA VIDEO
CONFERENCING:**

Mayor Barry L. Gordon
Councilmember Joe Veracruz
Councilmember Don McBurnett
Mayor Pro Tem Mark D. Cooks
Councilmember Johnette Jameson

**STAFF VIA VIDEO
CONFERENCING:**

IT Director Tracy Beekman
Interim Assistant City Manager Robert D. Brown Jr.
Public Works Director Bryan “Greg” Ramey
Fire Chief Sam Rohde
Assistant Fire Chief Greg Chase
City Secretary Kristin Downs
City Manager Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF MEETING BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

In accordance with an Order of the Office of the Governor issued on March 16, 2020, as extended by Office of the Governor on June 12, 2020, the City Council for the City of Duncanville, Texas will conduct a City Council Special Meeting by video conference at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 29, 2021, in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) in an effort to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This is an open meeting conducted by video conference. There will be no public access to a physical location.

To speak during the Town Hall Meeting after the presentation (Agenda Item #4), you will need to REGISTER in advance with the ZOOM link below. When it is time for questions, you will need to use the “raise your hand” option that is provided by ZOOM. If you are calling in and would like to speak, press *9 on your phone’s dial pad to “raise your hand”. You may also submit your comments in advance by emailing the City Secretary before 4pm on Thursday, April 29, 2021, citysecretary@duncanville.com and title the email “Public Comment – April 29th”. You will need to register with the ZOOM link below and attend the meeting.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_x5aK_VKRSZGogrpqkl9qJA

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

A recording of the video meeting will be made available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

1. Call to Order

2. Welcome and Introductions.

3. Receive a presentation on New Fire Station Design.

Public Works Director Ramey and Fire Chief Rohde presented the item. BRW Architects Carol Kesler and Stephen Hilt were in attendance and spoke. Jeff Jackson with CORE Construction was also in attendance and spoke.

Issues with Current Fire Station #1:

- Built in 1966
- Too small for modern fire engines
- Open sleeping area
- Limited facilities for female fire fighters
- No fuel-water separator for washing fire engines

Budget – Bond Funding:

Item	Budget
Design	\$ 500,000.00
CMAR Pre-Construction	\$ 20,000.00
Construction + CMAR Fee (4%)	\$ 4,000,000.00
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FFE) – includes emer. generator	\$ 480,000.00
Land Acquisition	\$ 1,000,000.00
Total:	\$ 6,000,000.00

Options Summary:

Option 1	Option 2
	
Contemporary Massing and Color Palette	Contemporary Massing and Color Palette
Exposed Pre-Engineered Metal Building Structure	Concealed Pre-Engineered Metal Building Structure
\$300K less expensive than Option 2	Extra Volume - Potential Storage Space

Next Steps:

- 04/29 – 05/04/2021, Public Survey
- 05/04/2021, Brief Council on Feedback from Fire Station #1 Town Hall
- 05/18/2021, Council approves exterior design
- Fall 2021, Release Pricing Package to CMAR for final review and pricing
- Winter 2021, Council Approves CMAR contract; Construction Starts
- Spring 2023, Construction Complete

4. Citizen Input; Q&A of Staff.

Due to technical difficulties the citizens name was not clear – Citizen questioned if there were current plans to incorporate solar panels or wind turbines.

Public Works Director Ramey stated the design will have standard prime power through the electric, as well as natural gas and a back up generator. There are no solar panels or wind turbines in the current plans.

Derwin Broughton – Camp Wisdom corridor is a great opportunity to set the tone for redevelopment in Duncanville and to look forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:

MAYOR