

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING
COMMUNITY FORUM (TOWN HALL MEETING)
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

COUNCIL MEMBER DAN CHISHOLM
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN CLARIDGE
MAYOR PRO TEM JOE ASHTON

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER MARVIN GREGORY
PW SUPERINTENDENT JEREMY BELL
PW ADMIN ASSISTANT MARIA TUEME
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK
DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF CHUCK STEWART
EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

COUNCIL MEMBER DARREN HOUK
MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting started at 6:01 P.M.

CM Gregory introduced Chris Carathers from the U.S. Census Bureau.

JoAnn Butler gave the Invocation and James Myrick led the Pledge of Allegiances.

Chris Carathers presented a power point presentation and stated that the information that is gathered is confidential. Currently, they are still recruiting but they will not start work until March 2020. The high economic areas have a higher response and the lower economic areas have a lower response. Currently working on looking for organizations to become partners with and to help get the word out that the census is safe and beneficial. Some people do not submit the census due to a language barrier, knowledge or trust issues. The census is only one per household and it is addressed to the residence not the residents.

At this time, questions from the audience were asked and answered.

PW Superintendent Bell presented a power point presentation on the Byrd Drive project. Sidewalks are not being installed and the money for this project is through a grant that cities get every other year.

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Emergency Management Myrick handed out flyers and briefly discussed the viruses that are going around and that everyone needs to be aware of what is going on and to wash hands.

The next Community Forum will be March 3, 2020.

THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TAKEN.

At approximately 6:48 p.m. the Community Forum (Town Hall Meeting) ended.

APPROVED:



Joe Ashton, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Paula Luck, City Secretary