

The City Council of the City of Willis, Texas convened in special session at city hall on the date and time aforesaid with the following members present:

Leonard Reed, Mayor
Thomas Belinoski, Mayor Pro-Tem
Tom Luster, Council Member
William Brown, Council Member
Robert Evans, City Manager
Larry Foerster, City Attorney
Marissa Quintanilla, City Secretary
James Nowak, Chief of Police
Taylor Whichard, Director of Public Works
Beth Rodriguez, Director of Finance

And the following members absent: Barney Stone, and Teresa Herod, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted to-wit:

1. Call to order the special meeting.
Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation
I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee Texas; one state under God, one and indivisible.
City Secretary called roll. Barney Stone, and Teresa Herod were absent. Pledges were recited. Councilman Brown gave the invocation.
3. ELECTION
 - a. Consider approval of a resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the City Election held on May 1, 2021, for the election of Mayor and five City Council Positions.
Marissa Quintanilla read the following from the resolution: "Position of Mayor, Leonard Reed received 119 votes, Council Position 1, Ashley Nixon received 110 votes, Council Position 2, Barney Stone received 90 votes, Council Position 3 Tamara Young-Hector received 84 votes, and Thomas Belinoski received 51 votes, Council Position 4, Thomas (Tom) Luster received 84 votes, and Council Position 5, William Brown received 117 votes, and Juan C. Cristales received 13 votes. The City Council declares the election has resulted in the election of Leonard Reed for Mayor, Ashley Nixon for Council Position 1, Barney Stone for Council Position 2, Tamara Young-Hector for Council Position 3, Thomas (Tom) Luster for Council Position 4, and William Brown for Council Position 5." Motion was made by Thomas Belinoski to approve a resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the City Election held on May 1, 2021, for the election of Mayor and five City Council Positions. William Brown seconded the motion. Mayor asked for questions. None were received. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Administer the Oath of Office for Mayor and Council

City Attorney Larry Foerster administers the Oath of Office to Mayor and Council. Councilman Thomas Belinoski relinquished her seat to Councilwoman Tamara Young-Hector.

4. CITIZENS INQUIRY

- a. Public Comments
No public comments

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider approving a deed to Market at Willis Associates, LLC for the conveyance of an alley and a portion of Mink and Watson Streets that have been abandoned by the City. Mr. Foerster stated that as part of the agreement that the City has with Fidelis for the development of the HEB property, there were some short tracks of an alley, and Mink and Watson streets that run up to the property. Mr. Foerster stated that part of the agreement was to abandon those tracks and deed them to Fidelis for part of the development. Mr. Foerster stated that at the previous Council meeting the City approved an ordinance abandoning these strips. Mr. Foerster stated one strip is a 20 ft wide alley, which is just a little over a 10th of an acre, and then a portion of Mink Street, which is less than half an acre, and a portion of Watson Street, which is also less than half an acre. Mr. Foerster stated it is just over an acre of property that the City would be deeding to Fidelis under a special warranty deed, meaning that there is no warranty expression implied, but it is the way of they will need so that they can develop the property as part of their commercial development. Mayor asked for questions. None were received. Motion was made by Tom Luster to approve a deed to Market at Willis Associates, LLC for the conveyance of an alley and a portion of Mink and Watson Streets that have been abandoned by the City. William Brown seconded the motion. Mayor asked for any discussion. None was received. Motion passed unanimously.

6. REPORTS

Input from Council related to issues for possible inclusion on future agendas; related to issues such as (but not limited to) municipal projects, personnel, public property, development, and other city/public business.

Councilwoman Tamara Young-Hector stated she was glad to be back and serving on the Council.

- a. City Manager's Report
 - 1. Update on Tow Truck Operations
Mr. Evans stated that at the previous meeting regarding the tow truck operations, staff and Council discussed implementing an interim tow truck operation. Mr. Evan stated it has been a success so far, and will be presenting to Council the adjustments that need to be made to the City's current tow ordinance.

7. ADJOURN

Motion was made by William Brown to adjourn. Tamara Young-Hector seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Leonard Reed, Mayor

Marissa Quintanilla, City Secretary

