

**CITY OF CASTROVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
1209 Fiorella
City Council Chambers
March 24, 2026
Tuesday
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Sheena Martinez	Scott Dixon, City Administrator
Councilmember Houston Marchman	Debra Howe, City Secretary
Councilmember Phil King	James, Kohler, Police Chief
Councilmember David Merz	John Gomez, Public Works Director
Councilmember Robert Lee	Jonah Chang, Parks and Recreation Director
	Leroy Vidales, Finance Director

Absent:

Mayor Bruce Alexander

Others in Attendance:

Daniel Jones, Denton, Navarro, Rodrigues, Santee, Benal & Zach

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEIGENCE

IV. INVOCATION

Pastor Max Mendiola, of the Discover Church gave the invocation.

V. CITIZENS COMMENTS

The City Council will hear comments from any citizen or visitor. Speakers must address their comments to the presiding officer rather than individual council members or staff; stand at the podium, speak clearly into the microphone, and state your name and residential address before speaking. Speakers will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes for testimony. Speakers making personal, impertinent, profane, or slanderous remarks will be given one warning before losing the privilege to speak or may be removed from the room. In accordance with the State Open Meetings Act, the City Council is restricted from discussing or taking action on items not listed on the agenda. Action can only be taken at a future meeting.

Priscilla Garrett, 702 Florence Street, spoke on the proposed September Square Memorial Project saying she was in support of the project honoring the branches of the military with benches, monuments, and a new walkway. Ms. Garrett said this would give better handicap accessibility to the memorials and there has been discussion on cleaning of the current monuments. Ms. Garrett said the park area had limited parking and

wished to have future discussions on a parking plan with head in parking verses current unmarked parallel parking and a suggestion of making one block of Lafayette a one-way to help with the congestion in the area. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez read an email she received from Helen Delavan, 1105 Lisbon. Ms. Delavan wrote on the proposed September Square Memorial Project. Ms. Delavan was very much in favor of the project and was impressed with the plan and the complimentary materials Johnny Guzman and Brae Robertson were proposing. Ms. Delavan wrote her late father who was a former Mayor and a World War 1 Veteran would have been honored by the project.

Abigail Figueroa, Commander of American Legion Post 460, spoke in support of the proposed September Square Memorial. Ms. Figueroa said she had worked closely with Cindy Guzman, mother of Johnny Guzman and the 4-H Group on this plan. Ms. Figueroa encouraged the City Council to approve.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes for March 10, 2026 Regular Called Meeting

A motion was made by Councilmember King and duly seconded by Councilmember Marchman to approve the consent agenda. A vote was taken (5:0) the motion carried by all present.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

a. Presentation on the installation of a Veterans Memorial at September Square by Barry Roberson and Johnny Guzman

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez also opened Discussion and Action item 9a. for the City Council to take action directly after the presentation.

Brae Roberson spoke on the Veterans Memorial project he and Johnny Guzman were proposing to build at September Square honoring the branches of the military. The City Council watched a short video on the proposed project. Mr. Roberson said the current monuments area would not be effected and provided pictures of the benches and pillars to be installed. Mr. Roberson said from the feedback they had received they had gone back and revised the placement of the military emblems on the benches to be seen but not sat on. The materials to be used on the project were provided with costs, a list of donors, and the company Nash Construction who would helping with the project. Mr. Roberson requested the City Council to consider and approve their project.

IX. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Discussion and take appropriate action on approving the proposed September Square Military Memorial Project

Councilmember Lee said he had spoken with Ms. Guzman on the project and was in favor of the project but suggested changing the wording shown related to suicides of military members. Councilmember Merz was in favor of the project and said it gave a proper entrance and walkway of the memorial. Councilmember King asked if the photos had a copyright protection. Parks Director Chang said he would research to make sure they could use.

A motion was made by Councilmember King and duly seconded by Councilmember Marchman to approve the proposed September Square Military Memorial Project with the changes to the

wording related to suicide and moving the seals to side of benches. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

b. Presentation by the Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce on the proposed service contract with the City of Castroville for Tourism and Economic Development Activities

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez also opened Discussion and Action item 9b. for the City Council to take action directly after the presentation.

Chamber of Commerce President Olivia Stone with other members of the Chamber present provided a presentation on what the Chamber would provide the City for tourism and economic development activities. Ms. Stone provided an itemized sample budget with a breakout of the \$75,000 HOT funds provided by the City. Councilmember Marchman asked if the Chamber had confirmed they could use the HOT funds for what they had listed in the budget. Ms. Stone said they had and gave a breakdown of what they proposed for the HOT Funds. Councilmembers discussed the use of the HOT funds for maintenance on the Chamber building including a new parking area. Councilmember Merz said this was a one-time maintenance and asked what the \$18,000 would be used for in future years. Councilmember Lee asked about new signage denoting the Chamber as the Visitor Center and what would change for the Steinbach Haus. Mr. Lee said he only saw the Chamber was to provide financial reports, not results of the marketing of the City and measures of success. Mr. Lee said the contract should have detailed information on what the City Council expected. Councilmember King thought the funds were to be used for promoting tourism and was not sure he supported repairs and maintenance on the building. There was discussion on what the Chamber of Commerce name would be since the Steinbach Haus was currently the Visitor Center. Ms. Stone said if the Chamber was to not be the official visitor center but an extension then they would not need to do maintenance or enlarge the parking area and could use the funds for promotions. Mr. King asked for an example how they planned to promote the Alsatian Festive. Ms. Stone said they would promote with swag, advertisements on social media, and other media outlets. Ms. Stone said they were looking for help from others in having activities/events which would bring people for overnight stays. Ms. Stone said the additional funds would also be used on the Castroville TX website. City Administrator Dixon said the former Tourism/Business Development Director Darin Hamm had also promoted business development for the city. Councilmember Marchman said Mr. Hamm provided collected data on who came to town and asked if they would provide. Ms. Stone said part of the funds would be used to hire a marketing firm and they would provide the data. Councilmember Lee felt performance requirements were needed in the document. Councilmember Merz liked a living document with an annual review. Mr. Merz asked if a business was not a member of the Chamber of Commerce how would that be handled. Ms. Stone said they would keep the City HOT Funds in a separate account and use to promote all of Castroville. Councilmember King asked about the \$18,000 shown for employee salaries and if they were looking to add staff. Ms. Stone said they decided to keep the same number of staff and increase the hours to 35hrs per week. Councilmember King felt they should wait until the Mayor was at the meeting to review the recommended changes by City Council since he was the one who wished to initiate the partnership.

A motion was made by Councilmember Marchman to approve the proposed service contract with the Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Castroville for Tourism and Economic Development Activities. The motion died from a lack of a second.

Further discussion followed.

Councilmember King asked that the document be cleaned up and Chamber Liaison Councilmember Marchman and Mayor Alexander work with the Chamber on changes. Councilmember Lee asked for the wording mistakes to be corrected and performance measures be added. Councilmember King wanted to see sales tax growth charts including surrounding areas, where people came from, clicks from website visits, hotel stays, and measure total revenues from the visits. Mr. King was in favor of first year budget but was not in favor of spending funds on building maintenance for a building the city did not own. City Attorney Jones asked that the councilmembers email him what they wished to have in the contract and he would add and provide a one year contract to start with. **No other actions were taken.**

c. Presentation from Parks and Recreation Director Jonah Chang on recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the new Pool Bathhouse

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez also opened Discussion and Action item 9h. for the City Council to take action after the presentation.

Parks and Recreation Director Chang provided an updated presentation with Options one and two to answer any questions the City Council may have on the project. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez asked if there was a cost estimate for Option 2. Mr. Chang said he did not have one he had given the plans to Frontera and provided the approved budgeted amount of \$205,000. Ms. Martinez said they had some cushion with the CIP Funds, if necessary. City Administrator Dixon said they planned to stay within the budgeted amount of \$205,000. Councilmember Lee said they needed storage added to store paper and cleaning supplies and a water heater. Mr. Lee said the building needed to have hot water. Mr. Lee said they may need to adjust the budget to include. Mr. Dixon said they were going to try and stay within the budget with options. Mr. Dixon said had brought back both options as requested by Councilmember King for further discussion. Councilmember King said he was in favor of Option 2 if they could get a larger building for \$205,000. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez said she just wanted to make sure the citizens could see what they would be getting for their money. Mr. Dixon said they already have a design engineer and the changes to the project would only need to be done by a change order.

A motion was made by Councilmember Marchman and duly seconded by Councilmember King to approve the updates to Option 2 plans by adding a storage area and installing hot water. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

VIII. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Airport Advisory Board - March 3, 2026 - Martinez

Library Advisory Board - March 12, 2026 - Lee

Historic Landmark Commission - March 17, 2026 - King

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - March 18, 2026 - Merz

* Planning and Zoning Commission Special Called is March 25, 2026 this month (no report)

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez reported on the Airport Advisory Board meeting held on March 3rd. Ms. Martinez said the board was looking at fuel costs; waiting on the airport appraisal; FAA letter discussion on the April 14th Council meeting; the courtesy car policy was approved; the airport FCC radio frequency was renewed; working with Pape Dawson on possible projects; city staff and chairman of the advisory board were going to

the annual TxDOT Aviation Conference in Frisco in April; and a historic marker would be unveiled on June 12th. Councilmember Lee reported on the Library Advisory Board meeting on March 12th. Mr. Lee said the board heard a presentation from the former chairman Lauren Cortez on a project she wished to do featuring the Library. Mr. Lee said the board discussed the remodel plan the City Council had approved. The advisory board and friends of the Library had not been briefed on the original plans and their input was needed. This item would be placed on the April 9th meeting with recommendations submitted for the April 14th City Council meeting.

Councilmember King reported on the Historic Landmark Commission meeting on March 17th. Mr. King said the commission had approved a Certificate of Appropriate and HPO Selina Angel would be providing a summary to the City Council on the special called meeting they had approved at a future meeting.

Councilmember Merz reported on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting on March 18th. Mr. Merz said the board had appointed a committee to explore land options for a future sports complex and they voted to change their meetings to the first Wednesday of the month to be able to get items on the City Council agenda.

IX. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- c. Discuss and take appropriate action to adopt an Ordinance authorizing the installation of Stop Signs at the intersections of Gentilz and Athens (convert to 4-way), London and Fiorella (convert to 4-way) and Country Village and Village Path (convert to 3-way)

Police Chief Jim Kohler briefed the City Council on the ordinances provided for the additional stop signs at the intersections of Gentilz and Athens, London and Fiorella, and Country Village and Village Path approved at the previous council meeting. Chief Kohler said the ordinance for Country Village and Village Path direction was incorrect. The ordinance should read installation of a stop sign on Country Village and Village Path for northbound traffic and this would be corrected before it was signed. Councilmember Merz read all three ordinance headings.

A motion was made by Councilmember Merz and duly seconded by Councilmember Marchman to adopt an ordinance for each intersection listed; authorizing the installation of stop signs at the intersections of Gentilz and Athens (4-way); London and Fiorella (4-way); and Country Village and Village Path (3-way) with a correction of wording, replacing southbound with northbound; establishing a penalty; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date and publication. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

- d. FY 2025 Annual Financial Audit Presentation and appropriate action on acceptance of the FY 2025 Annual Financial Audit

Kim Roach, CPA with Armstrong, Vaughan, & Associates briefed the City Council on the FY2025 Financial Audit. Ms. Roach reviewed the finding of the FY25 Annual Audit noting the City did have a Single Audit conducted in 2025 due to the City spending over the \$1million threshold of federal grant funds. Ms. Roach said the grant funds were being tracked internally. Ms. Roach noted the increase in municipal court fine collections in this audit. Councilmember Marchman clarified the General Fund decrease of \$1.4 million was due to grant funds. Ms. Roach said in the utility funds Impact fees were shown, which were shown as revenue but were restricted funds and would be paid back to the developer.

Ms. Roach noted the budget had shown an increase due to salaries of increased workforce. The Airport Fund had increases of revenues and expenditures with a net loss of \$191,000. Ms. Roach said the loss was due to depreciations shown and the Airport would have had a positive balance of \$94,000 if the depreciation amount had been removed. Councilmember Merz asked about capital assets and depreciation of old water lines and how that was captured. Ms. Roach said the lines were in stages of depreciation due to age and was not a simple equation. Councilmember Lee had questions on the transfers from the Airport to General Fund. Ms. Roach said those transfers could be from the timing of for example, the Ramp Grant monies and when the City received. They would then transfer into the Airport Fund. Councilmember Marchman asked about the \$46,000 shown for the USDA loan. Ms. Roach said this was now depleted as the City had drawn the remaining balance out. City Administrator Dixon said the funds available that were presented at the CIP work session were received from working with Ms. Roach so the City Council would have the most current numbers to make informative decisions. **A motion was made by Councilmember King and duly seconded by Councilmember Marchman to accept the FY2025 Annual Financial Audit as presented. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.**

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez recessed the meeting for a short break at 7:58 p.m.
Mayor Pro Tem Martinez reconvened in open session at 8:09 p.m.

- e. Discussion and possible action to award a contract for Design-Build Services for the Garcia Creek Drainage Improvements Project

Community Development Director Breana Soto briefed the City Council on the City advertising and receiving proposals for design-build services for the Garcia Creek drainage improvements project. Ms. Soto said the City had received four proposals ranging from \$1,200,000 to \$4,950,000. Ms. Soto said bids received were much higher for the project and the recommendation was to reject all bids and re-advertise the project; include additional information on the City providing the easements and holding a pre-bid meeting for questions on the project.

A motion was made by Councilmember King and duly seconded by Councilmember Merz to reject all bids received for the design-build services for the Garcia Creek Drainage Improvement Project and readvertise with additional criteria as discussed. A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

Councilmember Lee said there was no backup material showing how and why they bid the amount submitted. Mr. Lee saw nothing on the bridge and asked if the City would need to do more work on it. Ms. Soto said the bridge was stable. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez said she did not want this to be a band-aid effect.

- f. Discussion and take appropriate action on **Change Order No. 2** for the Flat Creek Water Well Plant – Package 1 Project with Hydro Resources in the amount of **\$599,631** and authorize the City Administrator to execute the necessary documents

Public Work Director John Gomez briefed the City Council on Change Order #2 for the Flat Creek Well Plant – Package 1 project. Mr. Gomez said Flat Creek had additional funds and the City had been about

to capture and this change order would allow the contractor to complete the installation of the well equipment to place the Flat Creek Water Well in service.

A motion was made by Councilmember King and duly seconded by Councilmember Marchman to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Flat Creek Water Well Plant-Package 1 Project with Hydro Resources in the amount of \$599,631 and authorize the City Administrator to execute the necessary documents.

Discussion followed.

Councilmember Lee asked if a soft pump was included in the package. Mr. Gomez said the pump was included. Councilmember Merz asked if this project would create any rework once the elevated tank was installed. Mr. Gomez said there could be some. Mr. Dixon said this was only for the wellsite and Flat Creek was making their own plan. Mr. Dixon said the goal at some point in the future was to connect to the Medina Valley Well. Mr. Dixon said KingFish was installing power out to area. Councilmember Merz asked what the benefit was for the City. Mr. Gomez said the City would have redundancy. Councilmember Lee asked on the fencing and how large the wellsite was. The site was three acres and would be fenced completely.

A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

- g. Consider and take appropriate action on seeking input on the City Library Expansion Plans from the Library Advisory Board and the Friends of the Library Group before moving forward with the City Council approved project

A motion was made by Councilmember Marchman and duly seconded by Councilmember King to direct the Library Advisory Board and request Friends of the Library to review and make recommendations on the City Library Expansion Plans before moving forward with the City Council approved project.

Discussion followed.

Councilmember Merz said there had been originally two options and thought the advisory board had already discussed the options. City Administrator Dixon said the board had not reviewed just staff, and now the scope was set with the design build the City Council had chosen. Councilmember Lee said the board would be reviewing and making a recommendation to be on the next City Council meeting.

A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

- i. Consider and take possible action on recommendations provided by the committee assigned to review the building maintenance requirements for the Steinbach Haus Visitor Center, Wagon Barn, and City Hall

Councilmember King gave an oral report on the committee inspecting the Steinbach Haus Visitor Center, Wagon (Pole) Barn, and City Hall. Mr. King said they had met with Contractor Guy Chipman to go over the structure and what was needed for repairs and maintenance on the Visitor Center. Mr. Chipman was to prepare a proposal and send to City Secretary Howe. Mr. King said after inspection the wagon barn did not need any repairs but they were going to put a clear coat on the Murial to preserve. Mr. King he was under the assumption that they would wait on the City Hall maintenance to see what the design build contractor would be doing to the exterior but had received a response from Councilman Marchman saying he wanted to move forward with the maintenance on the building now. Mr. King recommended

waiting. Councilmember Lee objected to discussing the item as no backup material had been provided in the council packets to review the report to formulate questions. **No action was taken.**

j. Consider and taken appropriate action on status of the drainage improvements, cleanup, and installation of security fencing for the Steinbach Haus Visitor Center

Councilmember Lee had asked for this item and said there was no backup materials from staff so they should not discuss. Parks and Recreation Director Jonah Chang said he could give an oral update if they wished.

A motion was made by Councilmember King and duly seconded by Councilmember Martinez to skip this item. A vote was taken (2 ayes: 3 nays (Marchman, King, Merz) the motion failed.

Parks and Recreation Director Jonah Chang said he needed direction on materials for the fence. Mr. Chang said he had cleaned up the area and completed tree trimming. The City Council agreed on a split rail type fence with signage for safety purposes. City Administrator Dixon said he needed direction from the City Council on drainage. Mr. Dixon said they could let him know later.

k. Update on Citywide Streets and Drainage Maintenance from Public Works Director John Gomez

Public Works Director John Gomez told the City Council he needed clarity on what was being requested on this item. Mayor Alexander had placed on the agenda and was not present to clarify. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez said she felt Mayor Alexander wanted to focus on the drainage issues and a follow-up on addressing those identified. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez said she thought the drainage issues in her district was the next priority. City Administrator Dixon said the idea was to go from south to north and he thought Athens Street area would be next after the Gentilz drainage project was complete. City Council directed staff to bring back a list of priorities, identifying which of the projects could be completed in-house by staff or bid out.

l. Update on the 2026 Street Paving Plan by Public Works Director John Gomez

Public Works Director John Gomez asked the City Council for clarity on this item placed on the agenda by Mayor Alexander. Mr. Gomez asked if the City Council wanted streets included that needed infrastructure upgrades in the plan. In the past, those streets were not included. Councilmember Lee said there had been discussions in the past on this and did not feel they needed to be linked, just concentrate on infrastructure improvements separately.

m. Discussion and appropriate action to direct staff to draft amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO) to create an Institutional Zone and all other required actions to prepare these changes for review and adoption

Councilmember Merz briefed the City Council on creating an Institutional Zone within the city. Mr. Merz said this had been introduced during the permitting process of approving the new school in the Historic Commercial District Zone. He said some of the City Council was concerned with the broad uses as a commercial building, if the school went out. Mr. Merz recommended creating an Institutional Zone for this protection. Mr. Merz provided a draft copy of what could be added to the CZO and asked

the City Council to review and look for any changes to be brought back at the April 14th meeting. Councilmember King was in favor of leaving as Historic Commercial District for versatility as Institutional Zoning limited the uses, if the current use went away. Mr. King asked what the cost to change a single zone for the city would be and if the whole city would need to be notified of the change. City Attorney Jones felt a published notice would be sufficient notification. This item would be brought back for action. **No action was taken.**

- n. Discussion and appropriate action to direct the Planning & Zoning Commission to review and make appropriate recommendations related to parkland dedication revisions in the subdivision ordinance

Councilmember Merz briefed the City Council on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board being tasked to review the Parkland dedication for revision in the subdivision ordinance. Mr. Merz said the board recommendations were targeted to the amounts of dedications and changes to fees paid in lieu of to the city. Councilmember Marchman clarified the park board was recommending to change to 5% of finished property and remove the 100 homes requirement from small subdivisions. Mr. Merz said that was the recommendation. Councilmember Lee provided his review and recommendation of : B(3) add payment in lieu of dedication with City Council approval; C(1) usability have a percentage of good usable land; F(1) add City Council approval; and F(4) questioned use of funds and CIP Projects.

A motion was made by Councilmember Merz and duly seconded by Councilmember King to direct the Planning & Zoning Commission to review and make appropriate recommendations related to parkland dedication revisions in the subdivision ordinance with Councilmember Lee's recommended changes of 65% must be buildable/usable land and add City Council approval.

Discussion followed.

Parks and Recreation Director Chang clarified the definition of usable land and drainage and detention ponds did not qualify as usable land. Councilmember Lee said some could be used and suggested 60-65% be the percentage for usable land for parks and drainage/detention pond areas to make up the other 35-40%.

A vote was taken (5:0 all ayes) the motion carried by all present.

- o. Discussion and appropriate action to direct staff to create a process to notify property owners when 8-1-1 locate calls are requested

Councilmember Merz briefed the City Council on his request to have property owners notified by the City when the City received an 811 locate request by contractors. Mr. Merz said with the location of his property he had in the past had three different cable companies conduct digs on his property. Councilmember King said the City could not go on private property and dig and if the City was made responsible to notify citizens of all line locates, that would put liability on the City. City Attorney Jones concurred. Councilmember Lee pointed out that if there was digging on private property the contractors were responsible for notification.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lee and duly seconded by Councilmember Merz to direct staff to create a process to notify property owners when 8-1-1 locate calls are requested. A vote was taken (2 ayes: 3 nays (Marchman, King, Martinez) the motion failed.

- p. Consider and take appropriate action to direct city staff to provide City Council with a survey of city power lines threatened by trees and providing a plan of action to remove the threat

Councilmember Lee said he had requested this item to have city staff identify and provide a survey of the powerlines and trees live and dead removal.

Public Works Director Gomez said they had been working on tree trimming and would continue to identify maintenance issues.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lee and duly seconded by Councilmember Merz to direct city staff to provide City Council with a survey of city power lines threatened by trees and providing a plan of action to remove the threat. A vote was taken (3 ayes: 2 nays (Marchman, King) the motion carried by a majority vote.

- q. Consider and take appropriate action on directing city staff to provide a report to City Council on the potential expansion of the natural gas services provided by the City

Councilmember Lee said he requested this item to get more information on costs associated with the City expanding the natural gas services to the new developments. Mr. Lee said with the City being contacted by West Texas Gas to provide the service to future developments he wanted to look at the costs associated with the expansion of services and whether the City should do this or allow West Texas Gas to provide.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lee and duly seconded by Councilmember Merz to direct city staff to provide a report to City Council on the potential expansion of the natural gas services provided by the City at the second meeting in April.

Discussion followed.

Councilmember King asked if the city staff was being directed to contact the city's consultant and ask for costs to provide. Councilmember Merz asked how many units were going to have gas. City Administrator Dixon said the developments had already started design. Public Works Director Gomez said he had just received the cost for 1st unit in Flat Creek and the cost was \$375,000 for the mainlines for 61 homes, then expansion costs at an average of \$40.00 per home for 12 years on that unit. Councilmember Marchman asked if the next phase of Alsatian Oaks would help with RMO and look at an option of having the developers do the infrastructure.

A vote was taken (3 ayes: 2 nays (Marchman, King) the motion carried by a majority vote.

- r. Consider and take appropriate action on directing city staff to provide a report to City Council on proposed expansion of the water and wastewater systems within the City CCN to meet the demands of future developments

Councilmember Lee requested this item and briefed the City Council on wanting to receive information on what was needed to expanding the water and wastewater systems to meet the future demands of the developments. Mr. Lee wanted to have the information brought back to the seconded meeting in April to help the City Council make good financial decisions in the future. City Administrator Dixon said the information on proposed expansions of the water and wastewater systems were already on the website for their review. Mr. Lee said he wanted it presented to council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lee and duly seconded by Councilmember Merz to direct city staff to provide a report to City Council on proposed expansion of the water and wastewater systems within the City CCN to meet the demands of future developments. A vote was taken (2 ayes: 3 nays (Martinez, Marchman, King) the motion failed.

- s. Consider and take appropriate action on directing city staff to provide a report to City Council on the use of recycled water for storage and distribution for irrigation

Councilmember Lee had requested this item and wanted city staff to provide a report on the use of recycled water for city use such as irrigation of the park (soccer fields) and possibly for crops. City Administrator Dixon said he had spoken with Public Works Director Gomez on storage at the sewer plant but was unclear on what staff were to provide if this was to recycle water from the plant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lee and duly seconded by Councilmember Merz to direct city staff to provide a report to City Council on the use of recycled water for storage and distribution for irrigation. A vote was taken (1 aye: 4 nays (Martinez, Marchman, King, Merz) the motion failed.

- t. Consider and take appropriate action directing city staff to provide a report to City Council on the operational condition, including testing cycles and readiness of all city owned generators used for emergency power

Councilmember Lee had requested this item and said he had read the report provided in the City Administrator Report and questioned whether the City had on hand fuel reserves to run the generators for 72hrs in an emergency.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lee and duly seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to direct city staff to provide a report to City Council on the operational condition, including testing cycles and readiness of all city owned generators used for emergency power.

City Administrator Dixon said the City was still waiting for word from FEMA grant applications. Councilmember Lee said he wanted what was needed now, not wait on grants. Public Works Director Gomez briefed City Council saying Well 2 generator would be online the next week and Well 3 generator was on back order. Mr. Gomez said staff were doing better on keeping maintenance records and doing testing weekly, monthly, or twice a year depending. Mr. Gomez said Country Village lift station would be going online and the city had a fuel agreement with Golden West for fuel for the generators. Mr. Lee said they could not count on grants and they needed to look at options.

A vote was taken (2 ayes: 3 nays (Marchman, King, Merz) the motion failed.

X. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The following report topics may be discussed and acted upon:

- a. Drainage Projects: Geneva Channel, Garza Creek, Athens Area Drainage, Country Channel
- b. BMA Trail Access
- c. Streets, Maintenance, and Paving Plan
- d. WWTP Ponds
- e. Multimodal Planning Effort
- f. Community Center Construction
- g. Lion's Park Splash Pad

- h. CIP Workshop Implementation
- i. Hwy 90 TxDOT Construction Project
- j. County Streets Plan
- k. Flat Creek Water Plan

City Administrator Dixon briefed the City Council on his report saying the quote for the BMA Trail Access was much higher at \$15,982 than the original estimate for the control-access gates for two locations on the canal and staff would obtain additional quotes from two other vendors before going back to the BMA Board for approval. The wastewater treatment plan ponds project was ongoing; Community Center completion date still the end of May; Lions Park Splash Pad had more breaks and contractor was working on with staff monitoring; County Streets Plan had been sent to the County with a priority list. Mr. Dixon said he was working with the county to do 2 miles of streets.

XI. DISCUSSION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Lee wanted a discussion on Utilities and Airport CIP; September Square Parking Plan; Airport Sales and Property Tax; and Airport Appraisal and compliance with FAA requirements. Councilmember Merz wanted a discussion/action item on Parks Board to form a committee to research future land opportunities for a Sports Complex; Block lengths and Street layouts; and Council Rules and Regulations related to agenda materials.

XII. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

Bruce Alexander
Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Howe
City Secretary