

The Childress City Council met in Called Session Friday, December 10th, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Childress City Hall, 315 Commerce St., Childress, TX 79201.

Mayor	Cary Preston
Aldermen	Marino Rodriquez (absent) Gary Clark John Preston C.T. Taylor Sharon Johnson (absent)
City Manager	Kevin Hodges
City Attorney	Steve Bird (absent)

Mayor led invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Reviewed and discuss the proposed donation of real property from PAMCO, Block 247 OP, Lots 19-24, Block 315 OP, Lots 4-8 to the City of Childress.

To start discussions Alderman Clark advised PAMCO representative that the offer was beyond generous, and the City appreciates being considered for such a donation.

The City has had time now to explore the feasibility of conducting an environmental study prior to the required closing date. Council and City Representatives have been in contact with Engineering Firms that could complete the environmental assessment. Unfortunately, there is no way for the City to obtain this study prior to January 1, 2022. Being that this property had a gas station, there is potential environmental mitigation that would need to be completed to make any improvement on the land. PAMCO Representative Larry Johnson advised Council that to his knowledge, engineering studies, and the resulting mitigation was \$26,000.00 for another property. Council discussed their quoted rates on two-part study. The quoted range from 2 firms was from \$20,000-\$100,000 to complete the study, but unfortunately the firms contacted would not be able to do the work prior to the deadline to act.

Consensus of Council is we would need to know what/if those mitigation measures would be and would cost prior to acceptance. Council discussed concerns over owning property that may be costly to improve or use, or result in surplus property that the City cannot easily sell due to City Charter mandates on property sales. Council advised that there may be no environmental issues, but prior to committing taxpayers to a potentially costly process they would like a study prior to acceptance of the donation.

Due to the limited timeframe and inability to answer these questions relating to the potential mitigation in the time allotted, motion to decline PAMCO's donation of property made by Alderman Clark; Seconded by Alderman Preston. All Ayes.

With there being no further business, Council adjourned 12:38 p.m.

The minutes were read and approved the ____ day of January 2021.

Cary Preston, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kevin Hodges, City Manager