

**CITY OF NASH
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert H. Bunch, Cranford Graves, Charles Underwood, Dale Vickers and John Watwood.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Danica Porter

STAFF PRESENT: Doug Bowers, City Administrator, Kelly Dial, Chief of Police, Terry Davis, City Inspector and Jackie Chestnutt, Administrative Assistant.

GUEST:

Regular Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

- A. INVOCATION – Councilmember Cranford Graves.

- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGENCE – Lead by Mayor Robert Bunch.

- C. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Robert H. Bunch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
 - a) Roll call and establishment of Quorum –Administrative Assistant – Jackie Chestnutt.

Consideration/Approval of Agenda Items

- D. Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes for the January 14, 2019 Regular Council Meeting – Motion made by Councilmember Cranford Graves and seconded by Councilmember Charles Underwood. All in Favor.

- E. Consideration and possible action to amend the 2018-2019 Water & Sewer Budget for the City of Nash – A motion was made by Councilmember Dale Vickers to approve the amendment to the 2018-2019 Water & Sewer Budget and seconded by Councilmember John Watwood. All in Favor.

- F. Consideration and/or possible action to adopt Resolution R02-19; A Resolution of the City Council of Nash, Texas supporting the passage of Legislation HB and SB 578 by Senator Bryan Hughes related to Riverbend Water Resources District; Allowing Water Supply Corporations to become Members of the District; Eliminating the Four-Year sit out provision for the Board of Directors; Requesting immediate passage through the House and Senate to be prepared for Signature by the Governor of the State of Texas; And establishing an effective date. – A motion was made by Councilmember Charles Underwood to adopt Resolution R02-19 and seconded by Councilmember Cranford Graves. All in Favor.

- G.** Consideration and/or possible action to adopt Ordinance 02-19; An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Nash, Texas Amending Ordinance No. 09-16, Providing for the Sale of Water and Treatment of Wastewater by the City of Nash; Providing for Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges; Declaring all Ordinances in conflict amended; Declaring for the immediate passage of this Ordinance; Declaring that should any part of this Ordinance be invalid such invalidity will not affect the remainder of this Ordinance; and Declaring an Emergency. – A motion was made by Councilmember Dale Vickers to adopt Ordinance 02-19 and seconded by Councilmember John Watwood. All in Favor.
- H.** Consideration and/or possible action to adopt Resolution R02-19A; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nash, Texas, supporting the role of Riverbend Water Resources District as the designated Lead Sponsor and Regional Wholesale Water Provider to produce new regional water infrastructure for development of water supply for the potable and non-potable use by Nash and other surrounding entities; receiving Riverbend’s Draft Regional Water Rate and evaluating other possible funding options; establishing a new water rate structure by Ordinance No. 02-19; and establishing an effective date. – A motion was made by Councilmember Charles Underwood to adopt Resolution R02-19A and seconded by Councilmember Cranford Graves.

Open Forum/Citizens Comments

- 1.** Ray Smith – 258 N. Pecan Street – Ray stated, “A long time ago Nash got on Texarkana Water and Wake Village got on Texarkana Water. Wake Village’s water per thousand gallon is cheaper than ours. Are we fixing to equalize this when Riverbend comes in?” Mayor Bunch explained that back in 1959 when the original contractors signed with the Corps of Engineers and the City of Texarkana the contracts gave Texarkana the right to the water at Texarkana Lake. When the contracts were negotiated in 1969 all the cities were able to join and buy and build this water plant on New Boston Road. Nash decided that we weren’t a big enough City at the time and decided not to join. So, we chose to supply all our residents with our wells. This in turn gave us a higher water rate than the Cities that joined them. Now the new water supply corporation, which is Riverbend will all be equal and have the same rates when they build the new plant. Nash, Wake Village, Texarkana, Redwater and everyone will pay the same rate. Ray asked, “So what I want to know is everyone is going to be equal, correct?” Mayor Bunch told him that is correct we will all be equal and pay the same rates.

I. ADJOURN:

Mayor Robert H. Bunch moved to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. Adjourned by consensus.

Robert H. Bunch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Studdard, City Secretary