

CITY OF DOUBLE HORN

Minutes

SPECIAL MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 7, 2021

7:00PM

VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL: PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.127 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GUIDANCE AND PROVISIONS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS IN THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER ENACTED MARCH 13, 2020, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL BE PARTICIPATING REMOTELY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, AS TEMPORARILY MODIFIED BY THE GOVERNOR, AND COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE. THERE WILL BE NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR THE MEETING.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE BY JOINING AT:

<https://www.uberconference.com/room/citysecretary> or by phone at **866-607-3969**

(NO PIN REQUIRED)

Members of the public will be allowed to speak on any agenda item during citizen comments, however, enforcement to the time limit (3 MINUTES) on comments will be enforced.

Note: Meeting was a videoconference for the presentation slides only. All attendees showed up on the screen with their individual identifier.

1. Call Meeting to Order: Time 7:01 PM
2. Rollcall to Confirm Quorum

Jim Millard, Glenn Leisey, RG Carver, John Osborne, Tom King and Mayor Sereno were present.

RG Carver was late joining due to technical difficulty.

Karen Maxwell City Secretary was also present.

3. Invocation: Glenn Leisey
4. Pledge of Allegiance – U.S. & Texas

Texas Pledge: *Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.*

5. Citizen Comments – This is an opportunity for the citizens to address the City Council concerning an issue of community interest not on the agenda. Any deliberation of an issue raised during Citizen Comments is limited to a statement of fact regarding the item; a statement concerning the policy regarding the item or a proposal to place the item on a future agenda. Each citizen will be allowed 3 minutes to speak and must sign up before the meeting begins and indicate the subject the speaker wishes to address.

No one contacted the City Secretary asking to speak on non-agenda items. The invite to sign-up to speak was given at the beginning of the meeting and no one spoke up.

6. Agenda – the Council will individually discuss, consider, and possibly take action on any or all of the following items:

- a. **Guest Speaker – Jill Shackelford**

Presentation to include Ms. Shackelford's experience in the aggregate industry, management best practices, environmental concerns and compliance, and a Q&A session. See website for Ms. Shackelford's biography at www.doublehorntx.org under City Documents, Agendas & Minutes

Mayor Sereno introduced the speaker stating that the purpose of this meeting was to educate the Council on the aggregate industry

Jill Shackelford spoke about Best Practice Operations

- Covered conveyors for dust compression
- White noise alarms vs. traditional beeping alarms (quack like a duck)
- Wind Breaks and barriers (natural or constructed)
- Controlling truck speeds within site
- Preservation of native plants
- Wide haul roads saturated for dust suppression
- Paved haul roads for dust abatement
- Fuel Containment Center and or Mobile service Truck
- Use of water misters for dust abatement at drop points
- Quarry Berms
- Tire Wash
- Vegetative Cover
- Wind Breaks
- Designated Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Area
- Installation of appropriate Turn Lane/Hwy Improvements
- Hold out Bound Trucks during school zone Hours
- Dust Monitor/Particulate Matter- dust and particulate matter all can be controlled with above abatement issues.
- Need flexibility with blasting time as weather conditions can affect its impact- not good to blast with cloud cover
- Dry Plant when water is a crucial issue- vacuum dust from rock

Jill suggested the usefulness of a Permanent Advisory Council.

Tyler Lowe from Vulcan Quarry said to contact Vulcan if there are problems with their drivers and they are all contract but they want to know.

Tyler Lowe clarified there is a century worth of research on blasting. The Vulcan quarry has a goal of 70%-80% of their water usage.

Jill Shackelford addressed the question of overloading trucks. It doesn't benefit the Quarry to overload a truck.

Tyler Lowe clarified that some trucks may say "Vulcan" and are still independent contractors but are using Vulcan's D.O.T. number. He clarified that failed DPS safety inspections on trucks are reported to the operator and can affect whether their contracts are renewed.

Jill Shackelford explained at her former plant there was a residential community in very close proximity to her quarry. Communication and transparency was key to working with them. With the technology of today, it is very easy to calculate the blast and keep it so adjacent neighbors doesn't feel it.

Matt Dalrymple from Spicewood Crushed Stone stated their corporate philosophy is to work toward "engineering out the need to use a lot of water" and informed the Council that Spicewood Crushed Stone has paved the entrance past the scales house. The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) set limits on the amount of water quarries can pull out of the aquifer and requires them to monitor their wells to ensure they aren't affecting neighbor's wells.

Jill Shackelford was asked about the best practice operations for Asphalt plants and Batch plants.

- Similar requirements as above with respectful working times. Can be difficult if emergency situation occurs.
- Drug testing of drivers
- Shouldn't see black smoke form Asphalt plant.

Bag house shouldn't have holes in it. (Bag house is like a giant vacuum cleaner- dust collection system)

- Good housekeeping is the nuts and bolts.

Jim Millard asked about the importance of vegetation and trees on berms. Jill responded that it was important for erosion control and dust suppression.

Tyler Lowe has been the Manager of Community Relations for Vulcan and was just promoted to Director of Government Affairs. He can be reached at lowet@vmcmail.com and phone (210) 250-1553. He can answer any questions anyone might have.

No actions were taken by the Council from tonight's information.

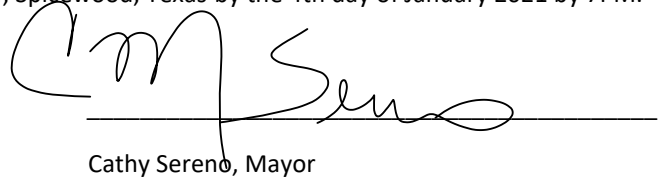
7. Adjournment: Time: 8:26 PM

Motion: Jim Millard moved to adjourn the Special Meeting.

Second: Glenn Leisey seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous and the motion carried to adjourn the meeting and reconvene at the next Regular Meeting on January, 14th, 2021, for a teleconference.

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at 7901 CR 404, Spicewood, Texas by the 4th day of January 2021 by 7PM.



Cathy Sereno, Mayor