

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DENTON
TOWN OF DOUBLE OAK

The Double Oak Town Council met in regular session via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. March 1, 2021 with the following members present to-wit:

Mike Donnelly	Mayor
Joe Dent	Mayor Pro-Tem
Billie Garrett	Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem
Anita Nelson	Council Member
Scott Whisenhunt	Council Member
Von Beougher	Council Member

Also, in attendance were Town Secretary Eileen Kennedy, Assistant Town Secretary Lynn Jones, Administrative Town Clerk Brian Shults, Police Chief Ruben Rivas, Town Attorney David Berman, and Town Engineer Steve Templer.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dent gave the invocation and Mayor Donnelly lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

II. Citizens comments

None

III. Consent Agenda - All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Information concerning consent agenda items is available for public review.

1. Consideration on minutes from the February 1, 2021 meeting.

Motion Beougher, second Nelson to approve the minutes as presented

AYE:	Garrett, Dent, Nelson, Beougher, Whisenhunt
NAY:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion carried

IV. Mayor, Council Members and Staff reports:

2. Mayor and Council – Mayor Donnelly reported that two Double Oak Scouts will be honored at their Eagle Scout Court of Honor this weekend.

They are:

Joey Schoenrade, who made a picnic table for the park as his Eagle Scout project.

Grady Ward, his project was replacing the blue reflectors on fire hydrants and painted the hydrants.

Mayor Donnelly also reported that Mark and Peggy Rose will be moving from Double Oak and thanked the Rose's for their support to the town and best wishes to them.

3. Public Works - Code Enforcement – Animal Control –

Public Works – None

Code Enforcement - a few letters were mailed but giving the residents more time to comply due to the winter weather event.

Animal Control – report in the packet

4. Engineering

Town Engineer, Steve Templer reported the Braum's development is moving forward and would be reviewing the preliminary plat.

5. Administration

Town Secretary Eileen Kennedy reported that drawing for place on the May 1, 2021 General Election ballot was held on February 22nd. She also reported that Town Hall will be an early voting and election day site.

6. Public Safety

DOPD Police Chief Ruben Rivas stated the CARES compliance certification that was filed with Denton County on February 1, 2021 had to be amended due to the interest earned on the CARES bank account.

7. Roads and Drainage Committee - None

V. New business agenda (consideration and action):

8. Discussion, consideration, and action on February 2021 Winter storm event

Town Secretary Eileen Kennedy reported administration started preparing for the storm on the Friday before making sure all electronic devices at Town Hall were disconnected, water faucets dripping, and town devices (laptops, tablets, phones) were running properly so to stay in communication with staff and residents. Communications to residents were sent frequently through the website, Facebook, and Next Door.

DOPD Police Chief Ruben Rivas reported that during the storm event officers were kept up to date on the weather conditions, patrol units were running properly, limited patrols but responded the emergencies, and insured the building was kept warm. Town Hall was also made available to anyone who needed shelter from the storm.

DOVFD Fire Chief Scott Whisenhunt reported the department responded to 42 calls, assisted calls from ESD-1, and help with cleanup. Chief Whisenhunt said they will be working on a grant for a generator run on natural gas.

No action was taken.

9. Discussion, consideration, and action on a resolution* supporting the State of Texas Legislature to conduct hearings and investigations into the February 2021 Winter storm event statewide electrical blackouts.

Motion Nelson, second Garrett to approve the resolution as presented.

AYE: Beougher, Garrett, Dent, Whisenhunt, Nelson
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried

10. Discussion, consideration, and action on waiving certain fees for permits due to the winter storm event occurring in February of 2021

Mayor Donnelly asked the council to waive certain permit fees in an effort to help businesses and residents with repairs due to the winter storm. Mayor Donnelly asked the waiver to be effective from March 1 to April 30.

Motion Beougher, second Dent to waive permit fees. Beougher amended his motion to add timeframe March 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021. Dent second the amended motion.

AYE: Dent, Whisenhunt, Nelson, Garrett, Beougher
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried

11. Discussion, consideration, and action on the Waketon Road Improvement Project.

Town Engineer Steve Temple reported the advertising for the Waketon Road Improvement Project will be March 7th and March 14th. Bids to be opened April 7th. Mr. Templer recommended the town make repairs to the asphalt at the intersection of Cross Timbers and Waketon as the result of water line repairs made by Cross Timbers Water Supply that is not a part of the Waketon Road Improvement Project.

* a copy is attached and made a part of these minutes

12. Citizens comments - None
13. Council – staff announcements and comments:
 - May 1, 2021 municipal election day

The following candidates have filed for a place on the ballot:

MAYOR
Von Beougher

COUNCIL MEMBER (2 SEATS)
Patrick Johnson
Scott Whisenhunt
Casey Parsons

- Town Secretary Eileen Kennedy will celebrate her 15th anniversary with the town on March 15th.

14. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, motion Whisenhunt, Dent second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Eileen Kennedy

Eileen Kennedy, Town Secretary

Mike Donnelly

Mike Donnelly, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 21-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DOUBLE OAK, TEXAS WHICH SUPPORTS DOUBLE OAK'S STATE LEGISLATORS, DENTON COUNTY'S STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE STATE LEGISLATURE, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DAN PATRICK AND GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT TO HOLD COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE FEBRUARY 2021 WINTER STORM STATEWIDE POWER GRID CRISIS AND MANDATE IMPROVEMENTS TO PROTECT THE POWER GRID AND PROVIDE CONTINUOUS, RELIABLE AND AFFORDABLE POWER FOR TEXAS RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, the Town of Double Oak, Texas is an Incorporated Type A General Law municipality in the State of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of Double Oak are represented by an elected mayor and town council of five members: and,

WHEREAS, Double Oak is located in State Senate District 12 and is represented by Senator Jane Nelson, and, in Texas House District 63 and is represented by Representative Tan Parker; and,

WHEREAS, in February of 2021, a devastating winter storm hit the state affecting all 254 counties and Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a statewide disaster declaration: and,

WHEREAS, this February 2021 winter storm took lives, left millions without power and water and caused devastating damage to homes and businesses: and,

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott, has added the reform of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) as an emergency item this legislative session and calls on the legislature to hold hearings and conduct investigations into ERCOT to ensure Texans never again experience power outages on the scale they have seen with this February 2021 winter storm event: and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature is in session and has started committee hearings related to the February 2021 winter storm event and the statewide power grid crisis:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DOUBLE OAK TEXAS:


The Double Oak Town Council hereby supports Texas Governor Greg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, State Senator Jane Nelson, State Representative Tan Parker, Denton County's Legislative Delegation, and the State of Texas Legislature to hold hearings and conduct investigations related to the February 2021 winter storm power grid crisis. Protecting the Texas power grid is a state and national security interest. The legislature and industry must propose best practices, solutions and implement improvements so the State of Texas' power grid is never threatened again, and the residents and businesses of Texas are never again left in the dark and without water supply.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of March 2021.


Mike Donnelly Mayor, Town of Double Oak

ATTEST:


Eileen Kennedy, Town Secretary



David Berman, Town Attorney