

City Council Special Meeting
July 24, 2024

Mayor Fuchs called the meeting to order at 1:21 p.m. with Council Members Cryer and Pratt being absent.

A City Council special meeting was held on the above date to tour city facilities and departments.

Mayor Fuchs called the meeting to order at 1:21 p.m. at Cameron City Hall, McLane Municipal Center, 100 S. Houston Avenue, Cameron, Texas. 304 East 3rd Street for the City Budget Tours. Council Members Cryer and Pratt were not present.

Council Members Dominguez, Deal, and Vaculin, Mayor Fuchs, City Manager Ricky Tow, City Secretary Amy Harris and Library Director reviewed Cameron Public Library needs for the upcoming budget year and toured the facility. The Library would like a security camera system, increased book budget and increase in wages for pay increases and additional part-time personnel.

Council Members Dominguez, Deal, Vaculin and Harris, Mayor Fuchs, City Manager Ricky Tow, City Secretary Amy Harris, Library Director Elena Burkes, Fire Chief John Mendoza and Assistant Fire Chief Chris Diver reviewed the Cameron Volunteer Fire Department needs for the upcoming budget year and toured the facility. AMR staff joined the tour for the EMS facility. The Cameron Volunteer Fire Department would like security upgrades for access into building and possible remote control bay doors.

Council Members Dominguez, Deal, Vaculin and Harris, Mayor Fuchs, City Manager Ricky Tow, City Secretary Amy Harris, Library Director Elena Burkes, Municipal Judge Marion Cooley and Municipal Court Clerk Wrenie Wheelless reviewed the Cameron Municipal Court needs for the upcoming budget year and toured the facility. Municipal Court would like to purchase new desk and get credit card reader working correctly.

Lieutenant Antony Maskunas began the tour of the Police Department facility and Police Chief Gosch joined throughout the tour. Cameron Police Department has asked for labor costs to install carport covers for parking lot. New vehicles need to be discussed in the near future.

Municipal Judge Sam Berry was present after the Police Department Facility tour.

Council Members Dominguez, Deal, Vaculin, Harris and Pratt, Mayor Fuchs, City Manager Ricky Tow, City Secretary Amy Harris, Library Director Elena Burkes and Animal Control Officer Sandra Ritch toured the Cameron Animal Shelter. Electrical work will continue and a part-time person is wanted for the facility.

Council Members Dominguez, Deal, Vaculin, Harris and Pratt, Mayor Fuchs, City Manager Ricky Tow, City Secretary Amy Harris, Library Director Elena Burkes toured the Waste Water Plant briefly then joined the Utility Director Brandon Moore at the Water Treatment Plant to tour the facility. TWDB projects are ongoing and will hopefully start back up this upcoming budget year.

Council Members Dominguez, Deal, Vaculin, Harris and Pratt, Mayor Fuchs, City Manager Ricky Tow, City Secretary Amy Harris, Library Director Elena Burkes, Utility Director Brandon White and Street Supervisor Craig Arnold discussed upcoming needs for the street and parks department as well as toured the equipment and facilities. Council would like for budgeted money to be used and

not be left behind. The Council and Mayor asked for different products and processes to be looked at for streets.

Council Members Dominguez, Deal, Vaculin and Pratt, Mayor Fuchs, City Manager Ricky Tow, City Secretary Amy Harris, Library Director Elena Burkes, Police Chief Lonnie Gosch concluded the city tour with dinner at City Hall.

Council Member Deal moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Council Member Pratt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.