

TOWN HALL MEETING

November 28, 2018

A Town Hall Meeting of the City of Fayetteville, Texas was held on Wednesday, November 28th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center Meeting Room. Those present to witness were Mayor Stephen Cushing, Councilpersons Amy Nini and Michelle Crisler, and City Secretary Janice Wasut. Mayor Pro tem Julia Stroup, Councilmen Steve Pavlicek and Bradley Girndt were absent. Also 26 visitors attended.

Mayor Cushing opened the Town Hall meeting with the Pledges of Allegiance to the Flags and welcomed visitors.

Mayor Cushing announced that this is a Town Hall Meeting and there will be no formal actions taken by Council at this time. Mayor Cushing addressed strategic plan for City of Fayetteville, B & Bs and trying to draw more families to town, substandard housing, have been notified that we are receiving a grant but need another grant for additional water lines, sidewalks around the Square needing to be improved.

Numerous citizens spoke on a variety of subjects including but not limited to:

Movie Night at the Red & White, Chamber of Commerce Mixer, and Country Christmas on the Square. Striping the Square – Mayor Cushing responded that this is an ongoing 50/50 split argument. Handicap parking. The process of a grant to pave Scott Street – Mayor Cushing states the grant process takes time and will follow up on it. City sewer for a citizen outside of the city limit but still in the ETJ (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) – Mayor Cushing states he will check into the possibility of providing sewer to this customer. Derelict buildings – Mayor Cushing states he is trying to improve the process on sending letters and getting a new ordinance. Fracking rigs and how it could affect our water supply, testing water – Mayor Cushing states he will contact the County to see if someone will come to a council meeting to address citizens questions. Strategic plan – Mayor Cushing responded that he hopes within the next 3 months the plan should be ready to be presented to council. Historic Preservation Ordinance, not being like Round Top, Country Christmas timeline of events, and City budget. Ball Park losing money – Mayor Cushing states he is looking at the costs and time City Staff spends working on the Ball Field and as it stands the city is losing money. Volunteering at the Ball Park. City debt – Mayor Cushing states Councilperson Stroup did a study showing the expenditures on the ballfield is \$300,000 to \$350,000 for building up the ballfield. When will the new cemetery be ready and how much longer before selling plots – Mayor Cushing responded that city staff is working on it and will need landscaping, a computer-based program was already approved to buy. Hoping it will be within the next 2 months. Ball Park, income from the signs at the Ball Park on the fence – Mayor Cushing states he will have a sit down with the SPJST to hash out the issues like that. Lighting contest for the home owners.

Mayor Cushing adjourned meeting, time 8:22 p.m.

Stephen Cushing, Mayor

Respectfully by:

Janice Wasut, City Secretary