

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
BASTROP CITY COUNCIL  
November 29, 2017**

The Bastrop City Council met in a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Members present were Mayor Schroeder, Mayor Pro Tem Schiff and Council Members, Jones, Ennis, Nelson and Peterson.

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Schroeder called the meeting to order with a quorum being present.

Mayor Schroeder explained the purpose of the meeting and provided some background information and gave a brief history of the Chicken Sanctuary, the City's ordinance. Mayor Schroeder provided instruction as to how the meeting would be conducted.

Mayor Schroeder called on citizens who had signed up to speak. Equal time was allotted both for and against. All citizens who wished to speak did. At 8:25 p.m., Mayor Schroeder concluded the public comments. Mayor Schroeder asked each Council Member to address the citizens regarding this issue.

Council Member Peterson: Thanked all citizens for coming out. He hopes that the Council will move quickly to resolve these issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Schiff: Mr. Schiff stated that there are too many roosters. Expressed his desire to continue with ongoing methods of control. He also stated that the wild animal ordinance does not apply to feral chickens and if chickens are outside of the sanctuary area they need to be dealt with.

Council Member Ennis: Mr. Ennis expressed his fondness of the chickens. He feels it is an amazing situation and favors the sanctuary, but feels it needs assistance. He also expressed his desire to see no harm come to the chickens.

Council Member Nelson: Mr. Nelson would like to see the City adhere to the ordinance as he is in favor of retaining the sanctuary. He does feel the feral chicken issues need to be addressed. Council should act now and not delay a response to the problems brought up tonight.

Council Member Jones: Ms. Jones requested that City Manager Humble review and present to Council options that are available. She would request that the City remove the chickens ASAP from the Pecan Street Inn, Ms. Leisure's property, and the Johnsons home. She would ask the DMO to look at a possible special event such as a chicken roundup and remove to a different location or if possible include an adoption event.

Mayor Schroeder: Mayor Schroeder stated that what she is hearing from everyone is that you would like the City to keep the sanctuary, but that the sanctuary needs some fine tuning. I feel the ordinance needs to be defined and provided some clarity. I will ask that City Manager Humble address the roosters outside of the sanctuary, clarify the ordinance, and come back to Council

with an update and options available. Mayor Schroeder thanked all in attendance and welcomed the feedback and communication.

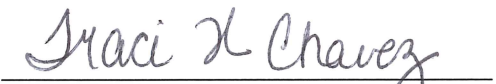
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Schroeder adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor Connie B. Schroeder

ATTEST:

  
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Deputy City Secretary, Traci Chavez

**The Minutes were approved on January 9, 2018, by Council Member Ennis' motion, Mayor Pro Tem Schiff's second. The motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.**