

Commission Workshop Minutes
May 20, 2025
4:30 pm

Mayor Redding called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm.

Members present included Mayor Andy Redding, Commissioner Bob Milner and Commissioner Danny Nugent. Also present were Executive Assistant Cathy Bradley, Executive Assistant Lisa Heeder, Administrative Assistant Becky Moore and General Manager Drew Mullins. Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer and Commissioner Scott Roberts were absent.

Chrissy Thompson from the Downtown Merchants came forward and passed out handouts with upcoming events. She said Pam Whittle with the Chamber of Commerce is here as well as Norman Dowdy with the American Legion. May 26th is Memorial Day. There will be a ceremony at Veteran's Park at 10:00 am and a car show from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. July 18th will be Chalking Up an Appetite with the local restaurants. Call Street will be closed from Walnut Street to Church Street from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Mrs. Thompson asked the commissioners to help serve food and to provide paper goods. The Great Pumpkin Escape is October 25th. They have put in a request for a road closure for that. For Veteran's Day, on November 1st they would like to have a golf cart parade led by the city fire truck. Christmas on Call Street will be a three-day event, December 12th to 14th. The parade will start at the high school and end at the square. There will be no throwing candy but there will be candy stations. The event will end with breakfast on Sunday. Rural Counties Day is January 21st and 22nd. They would like help handing out strawberry short cakes and bags. Mrs. Thompson asked Mr. Mullins about moving the monuments and acquiring additional monuments. Mayor Redding asked Mr. Mullins for an update on the new development and a designated timeline for the monuments. Mrs. Thompson said there was talk about a wall of honor and whether DOT was going to build it. She asked about a community website. She also asked the city for a \$500 donation for candy and a \$250 donation for paper goods. Dawn Strickland asked if the square could be used for Christmas on Call Street. Mayor Redding asked if the site could be used. Mr. Mullins said by that time the majority of the square should be useable. Mayor Redding asked what the drop-dead date would be. Mrs. Thompson said December 1st. Mayor Redding suggested having meetings with the Downtown Merchants more often. All involved were in agreement and discussed possibly once a quarter.

Mayor Redding adjourned the workshop at 5:14 pm.