

COUNCIL WRAP UP

FROM MAYOR LEWIS



CIVIL SERVICE

Civil Service
Chapter 143

At last night's Council was a presentation on Civil Service - a referendum on this Saturday's election ballot. A petitioners committee has filed for the adoption of the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 143 (aka 'Civil Service'). The adoption of Civil Service would require both a three-member Civil Service Commission and a Civil Service Director; however, day-to-day operations, department policies, and personnel assignments will continue to be handled by the Chiefs. Hiring and Promotional processes will change based on state law requirements. For more information on the merits of this change click [here](#) for the full presentation.



FORENSIC AUDIT RESULTS

After months' long review of the City's practices and procedures concerning purchasing and procurement with its focus on contracts over \$50,000 and the use of the CRF Funds ("CARES" Act), the Weaver and Tidwell accounting firm presented its Forensic Audit findings from three prior fiscal years. Some discrepancies in the competitive bidding process for certain contracts as well as violations of the Texas Local Government Code were found. You can view the report [here](#). Weaver made eleven recommendations for improvement to the City's purchasing process, grants management, and document retention. All recommendations will be implemented and are covered in the last four pages of the report.



REZONING REQUEST DENIED

The 46 acres behind the Kubota dealership was originally zoned with a primary use as a data center. That use is no longer a viable option in our changing market. The developer petitioned for a rezone for an expansion of use to not only include data centers, but also warehouses and distribution centers. Council agreed with P&Z's recommendation to not rezone due to traffic flow concerns, particularly with increased semi-truck traffic on the service road and Pinson Road leading to westbound Highway 80 access.



KAUFMAN COUNTY JOB FAIR

Looking for a career in Kaufman County? Come to the county wide job fair this Friday, May 6th at the Kaufman Civic Center (607 E Fair St. Kaufman, TX). Local organizations have partnered to host a county wide job fair that will host over 50 companies. You can register at the door or online at [this link](#).

The next Forney City Council Meeting will be on May 17th. Watch live at forneytx.gov