

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

On this, the 12th day of November 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m., the City Council convened in regular session in the City Council Room. The meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting having been given as prescribed by Chapter 51 of the Government Code with the following being present and in attendance to wit:

Mayor Joe Davis, Council Members Ed Bailey, David Gilbert, CW Ivey, Leslie Ivy, Melisa McIntosh, Woody Richardson, and Lloyd Roberts. Council member Ray Dickson was absent. Employees present were City Secretary Cindy Woodard, Public Works Director Jr Casas, Police Chief Rex Plant, Firemen Nick Narvaez, Municipal Court Judge David Aleman, and Administrative Assistant Amalia Gaxiola.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted a quorum present. He asked Alderman Richardson to voice the invocation. Davis asked Alderman Roberts to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The consent agenda items were presented for approval: the regular meeting minutes on October 7, 2024, accept collections & pay expenditures for October 2024, Quarterly and Annual Investment Income Report ending September 30, 2024. Alderman Bailey moved to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Alderwoman McIntosh. The vote was unanimous in favor.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS ON MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Public Works Director Jr Casas stated they've had leaks with the Highway 256 leak being the worst one. Would like to thank the State for being available. Will go through list for street signs so Allen Murdock can get that done. The recent Water Inspection slowed things down on getting other stuff done. Police Chief Plant brought up the School crossings needing to be re-done with certain specifications and will provide that to Jr.

Municipal Court Judge David Aleman read his written report. Mayor Davis asked when the new rates started and Aleman stated it was in October.

Firemen Nick Narvaez read his written report. Stated the County lifted the burn ban today. Alderwoman Ivy congratulated Narvaez on getting his Advanced EMT. Everything going good and not a lot is going on. Sirens are working.

City Secretary Woodard stated interest in Texas Class so far is \$3,163. She informed 43% Property Tax has been collected. Woodard read the statement of Revenue and Expenditure report. Cemetery getting low on available spaces. Audit will be December 4th and 5th.

Police Chief Rex Plant read his written report. Brian is on vacation. Mayor Davis stated a lady asked about the Maldonado property situation getting wrapped up. Plant reassured him he is working on it. IT set him up where he can work from home. Until he or Officer Gruwell can

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come back full time, he would like to reimburse the Sheriff's Department at their overtime rate for calls made after hours when they are not on shift. Plant added he will be going home for the Holidays and will return before his January 7th appointment. Has two part time guys coming Thursday and one started today. They will be working nights. Josh Talley at Housing Authority got approval for 3 Memphis Police Officer apartments.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER ADOPTING POLICY PROHIBITING THE USE OF TIKTOK AND CERTAIN OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA APPLICATIONS AND SERVICES ON GOVERNEMENTAL DEVICES

City Secretary Woodard stated once adopted, a copy of the policy will be given to each employee with an acknowledgment form to sign. This policy applies to City issued devices. Alderman Gilbert made the motion to adopt a policy prohibiting the use of TikTok and certain other social media applications and services on governmental devices, seconded by Alderwoman Ivy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

City Secretary Woodard provided in council packets a proposed ordinance that was approved by the City Attorney. Woodard stated they need to review the document, and this puts the City in compliance and will appoint the Judge every 2 years in conjunction with the Mayors term. Alderman Gilbert moved to table this item till the next to give time to review, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor.

RATIFY HIRING OF PART-TIME OFFICERS

Chief Plant reported hiring four part-time officers to cover shifts while he is out on medical leave. The officers were listed in his report. Alderman Bailey moved to ratify hiring of the part-time officers, seconded by Alderwoman Ivy. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN 2025 GROUP SEALCOAT PROGRAM

Per City Secretary Woodard and Public Works Director Casas, \$75,000 is available and \$25,000 is usually left for repairs. Casa's suggestion is to go solo and not participate this year. Mayor Davis stated he needs to get back with Billy Briar for pricing. Friday is the deadline to sign up for the group sealcoat program with Parkhill. Alderman Gilbert made the motion to get price from Briar Asphalt and if it's cheaper that the Co-Op the City will proceed with him if not the city will go with the Co-Op, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor.

CONSIDER DATE FOR CITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The consensus of the council was to have the Christmas party on Thursday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – THE COUNCIL MAY ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: PERSONNEL UNDER TEX GOV'T CODE, SEC. § 551.074: CONSIDER DUTIES OF THE POLICE CHIEF

Mayor Davis called the meeting into executive session at 7:32 p.m. under Personnel Tex Gov't Code, Sec. 551.074: Consider duties of the Police Chief.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION TO ACT, IF NECESSARY, REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Davis stated City Council is back in regular session at 7:52 p.m. Alderman Roberts made a motion to reimburse Chief Rex Plant for \$10,270 to cover expenses incurred while on official duty, seconded by Alderwoman Ivy. The vote was 6 in favor with Alderman Ivey remaining silent and not voting. The motion carried.


MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Alderman Gilbert is glad to have Chief Plant back. Alderwoman Ivy said the same and sorry it happened and glad he's not leaving. Alderman Bailey agreed and glad to have him back. Alderman Richardson wanted the Lord to bless everyone and their families today and the Holidays coming. Alderman Roberts thanked everyone and appreciated the City employees and Sheriff's Department. Alderwoman McIntosh would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers sent for the loss of LaSonya McIntosh's twin sister and sorry for her absences, glad to see Chief Plant back, and thanks to all the employees. Alderman Ivey is glad Chief Plant is back. Mayor Davis would like to thank Amalia and Cindy for the budget and keeping everything going and hoping Cindy is not out with above and beyond the call of duty after her accident. He will send out a letter in next month's packets that will talk about looking into what they can do more for the City. Chief Plant thanked everyone for the support and reminded that he will go home for the Holidays and will be back after Christmas.

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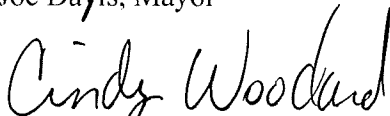
Alderman Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Roberts. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Approved:



Joe Davis, Mayor

Attest:



Cindy Woodard, City Secretary