

MINUTES:

City of Hays City Council Meeting

June 12, 2023

6:30 P.M.

**LOCATION: 520 Country Lane
BUDA, TEXAS**

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Maphies called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance in addition to Mayor Billy Maphies, were Mayor Pro Tem Roxanne O'Neal, Councilmembers Candace Blake, Lydia Bryan-Valdez, Tony Valdez and Glennell Strawn. Also attending were City Engineer Don Rauschuber, City Treasurer Harvey Davis, City Secretary Cynthia McCall and City Attorney Josh Katz.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – No comments were made.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a) Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the request to:

- 1. Execute an Engagement Agreement with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP**
- 2. Approve Joshua Katz as City Attorney**

Councilwoman Strawn made a motion to approve Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP & Joshua Katz as new City Attorney, seconded by Councilwoman O'Neal. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Consider and take appropriate action to appoint a budget committee.

Motion to appoint budget committee: Councilwoman Lydia Bryan-Valdez, Councilwoman Strawn, Mayor Maphies, City Secretary Cynthia McCall and City Treasures Harvey Davis. Councilwoman O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blake to appoint a budget committee. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Take action to approve minutes of meeting on 5/11/2023.

Councilwoman Strawn made a Motion to approve minutes of meeting on 5/11/2023, seconded by Councilwoman O'Neal. The Motion carried unanimously.

- d) Receive and take appropriate action on the May financial report.**
Mr. Davis gave a brief financial report, including the discussion about the balance sheet.
- e) Receive updates and take appropriate action regarding various IT projects.**
Mr. Davis and City Secretary, Cynthia McCall attended a video training led by Parried about the Microsoft migration for new emails using first initial/last name. Councilwoman Strawn made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Blake, to have first initial/last name as email. The motion carried unanimously.
- f) Review and take appropriate action regarding the investment policy.**
The Council discussed bonding city officials. Councilwoman Blake made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bryan-Valdez to approve the updated investment policy. The motion carried unanimously.
- g) Consider and take appropriate action on request to approve and Application for Drilling/Modification Authorization regarding the investment policy.**
City Engineer, Don Rauschuber asked that the city pay \$650 application fee to Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer. Councilman Tony Valdez made the motion for the \$650 application fee and seconded by Councilwoman O'Neal. The motion was carried out unanimously.
- h) Take appropriate action on request to appoint the Primary Contact and Certifying Official for 405 Severe Winter Storm Mara public assistance from FEMA and TDEM.**
The city is applying for a grant to pay \$9,740 and if successful, 75% will be paid. Councilman Valdez Certifying Official and Harvey Davis Primary Contact were made by a motion from Councilman Tony Valdez, seconded by Councilwoman O'Neal. The motion was carried out unanimously.
- i) Receive updates on office organization and FEMA grant.**
No action was taken.
- j) Discuss laws passed by the State Legislature that affect the city.** Attorney Katz introduced himself and updated the council with recent laws passed by the Legislature.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- k) **Receive update and take appropriate action on the status of negotiations with Milestone and Hays Common Development Agreement.**

Councilwoman Bryan-Valdez made a motion to hold a special council meeting on July 5th to receive an update from City Attorney Katz. Councilwoman O'Neal seconded the motion.

- l) **Receive update and take appropriate action regarding the installation of generators for the City of Hays and Elliott Ranch well sites.**

No action was taken.

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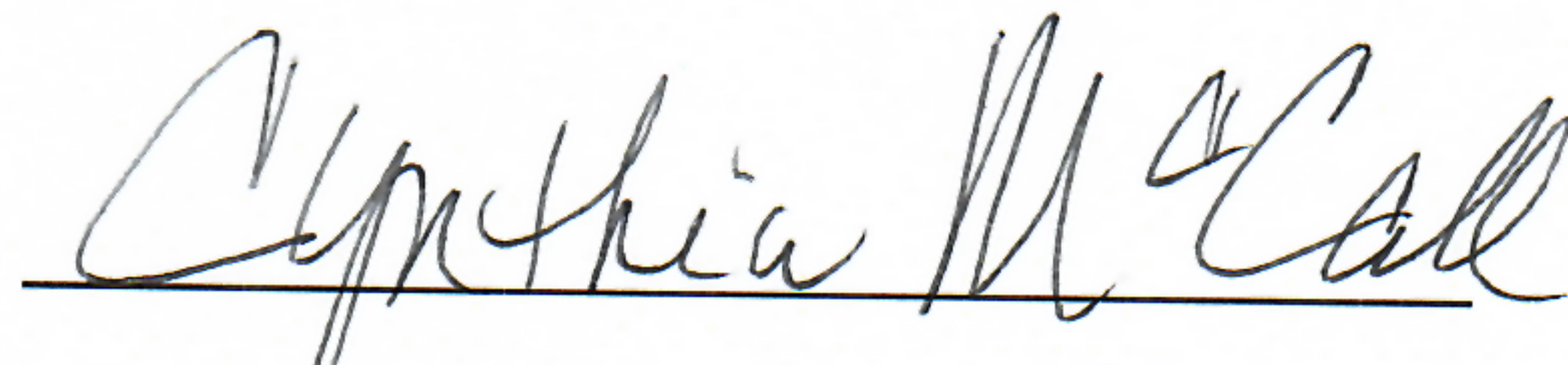
No action was taken.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.



Mayor Billy Maphies



Cynthia McCall, City Secretary