

MINUTES:

City of Hays City Council Meeting

October 10, 2023

6:31 P.M.

LOCATION: 520 Country Lane

BUDA, TEXAS 78610

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Maphies called the meeting to order at 6:31 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, City Treasurer Harvey Davis and City Secretary Cynthia McCall.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Treasurer Davis presented hand-outs of backup policies for part-time employees. Gayle Hudgens asked Mayor Maphies about the whiteboard and the use of them.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Receive and take appropriate action on the September 2023 Financial report.

Treasurer Davis is waiting for year-end accruals to come in by November. The Audit will begin early next year. Treasurer Davis also suggested using Treasury Direct from the Federal government to lock-in rates. Close out by Mayor Maphies.

Take action to approve minutes for August 14, 2023 and September 11, 2023 (Regular City Council meetings).

Motion to approve minutes for August 14, 2023 and September 11, 2023 was made by Councilwoman Strawn and seconded by Councilwoman O'Neal. Motion carried unanimously.

Receive updates and take appropriate action on office organization, FEMA grants and IT projects.

Treasurer Davis provided a list of items needed for the office and also IT projects. FEMA grants are ongoing. Councilwoman O'Neal made a motion to approve the list, with the exception of 1d and 3. Councilwoman Bryan-Valdez seconded the motion. The Motion carried unanimously.

Receive updates and take appropriate action regarding upgrades to City of Hays and Elliott Ranch pump stations.

No action or updates.

Receive updates on City of Hays Well #1 and proposed Well #3 on Country Ln. Repairs or replacement.

Our City Engineer will send out RFP for drilling Well #3. No action taken.

Receive updates and take appropriate action regarding the installation of generators for the City of Hays and Elliott Ranch well sites.

Treasurer Davis stated that the Elliott Ranch generator was approved by TCEQ and City of Hays approval will come soon. No action taken.

Receive updates and take appropriate action regarding a petition filed by Milestone with Public Utility Commission (PUC) for release from a portion of the City's water CCN.

Attorney Katz responded to their offer, and they didn't make a counteroffer. Tabled for November.

Receive updates about the past due payroll taxes.

Treasurer Davis has paid most of the IRS penalties. He submitted requests for penalty refunds from the IRS. Closed out.

Oath of office for Cynthia McCall appointed a Notary Public.

Mayor Maphies and City Secretary Cynthia McCall read the Oath and was sworn in as Notary from August 31, 2023 to August 31, 2027. Closed out.

Discuss and possible action regarding agenda backup distribution.

Discussion from Treasurer Davis and City Council on how the distribution of backup Agenda's will be distributed. Suggestions were made to make keys for all council members to pick up copies, purchase new laptops for each councilmember or keep having Treasurer Davis or City Secretary make copies.

No action was taken.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Receive updates and take action regarding the Hartford Insurance claim.

No action was taken as the city is waiting for IRS to act on the claims for refund.

Receive updates and take appropriate action regarding Hays Commons Development Application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to create a Municipal Utility District within the City of Hays ETJ.

No further action from the City of Hays was taken.

Consider and take appropriate action regarding amendments to the City Water Tariff including water charges and fees associated with customer water use during BSEACD declared Exceptional and Emergency Drought Stages and other possible tariff amendments.

Treasurer Davis said water tariff is updated for the new water rates. The water committee is not ready to address the flow restrictions issue. No action was taken.

6. Mayor MAPHIES 11/13/23 7:58 PM

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.



Mayor Billy Maphies



Cynthia McCall, City Secretary