

MINUTES:

City of Hays City Council Meeting

November 13, 2023

6:34 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 6:34 p.m. In attendance in addition to Mayor Billy Maphies, were Mayor Pro Tem Roxanne O'Neal (Zoom), Councilmembers, Lydia Bryan-Valdez (Zoom) Candace Blake, Tony Valdez and Glennell Strawn, City Treasurer Harvey Davis, City Attorney Josh Katz (Zoom), City Engineer Don Rauschuber (Zoom) and City Secretary Cynthia McCall.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Receive and take appropriate action on the September and October 2023 financial reports.

Treasurer Davis went over September and October 2023 financial reports. No action was taken.

Take action to approve minutes for October 10, 2023 (Regular City Council Meeting).

Motion to approve corrected minutes for October 10, 2023 was made by Councilwoman Strawn and seconded by Councilwoman O'Neal. Motion carried unanimously.

Take appropriate action on request to approve Agreement with Hays CISD to hold a joint election in certain precincts on May 4, 2024.

Motion to approve joint election with Hays CICD was made by Councilwoman Strawn and seconded by Councilwoman O'Neal. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider and take appropriate action on request to choose what to include in a Part-time employee policy

Part-time handouts about part-time policy. Suggestions are part-time holidays, sick leave (6 months) and vacation after a year (1 week).

Take action to choose the city official to prepare a part-time employee Ordinance.

Motion to approve Treasurer Davis to draft a part-time employee Ordinance by Councilwoman Strawn and seconded by Councilwoman Blake. Motion carried unanimously.

Take action to accept or reject a donation of a large white board.

Amended Motion to accept white board pending letter and receipt from Mayor's Company to donate the white board by Councilwoman Strawn and seconded by Councilwoman Bryan-Valdez. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss the recent bulk trash event on November 4th and take action to improve future bulk trash events.

After a general discussion of ideas to improve bulk trash events, no action taken.

Consider and take appropriate action on request to purchase signs for the following: City of Hays Meeting This Monday; City of Hays Special Council Meeting This (Day, TBD); and City of Hays Bulk Trash Pick Up This Saturday.

Motion made for permission for City Secretary to order signage for upcoming City of Hays events by Councilwoman Blake and seconded by Councilwoman O'Neil. Motion carried unanimously.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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 former ETJ.

Attorney Katz Filed gave a brief update, no action needed.

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

Treasurer Davis had Zoom call with the IT consultant who suggested a new desktop computer for City Secretary McCall and a laptop for City Treasurer Davis and website improvements for City of Hays. A proposal from the consultant will be sent about these new services.

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

Mr. Rauschuber gave a brief update.

Receive updates on City of Hays and take appropriate action on proposed Well #3 on Country Ln.

City Engineer Rauschuber commented that TCEQ forms are under consideration, with one exception – a survey to be prepared as the last item for TCEQ. The city received approval to plug the old well (BSEACD). Need wellhead pollution report, which is a requirement. Councilwoman O’Neal commented about the timeline to start drilling in approximately 3 months. Councilwoman Strawn motioned to authorize funds for well head pollution report and Councilmember Valdez seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

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

City engineer Rauschuber said that both generators were approved by TCEQ. There was a discussion about whether to buy the generators using city funds or to

wait for the approval for a FEMA grant application.

Councilmember Valdez made a motion to Table the issue until December meeting. Councilwoman Blake seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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 reported that there wasn't much of an update. The offer for \$5,000 by Milestone was not accepted by the city and Milestone has not made a counteroffer.

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.

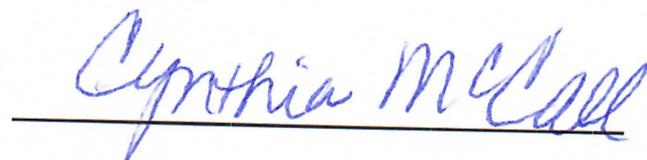
City Engineer Rauschuber has nothing for this agenda item. No action was taken.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.



Mayor Billy Maphies



Cynthia McCall, City Secretary