

**MINUTES:**

City of Hays City Council Meeting

January 8, 2024

6:30 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 6:30 p.m. In attendance in addition to Mayor Billy Maphies, were Mayor Pro Tem Roxanne O’Neal, Councilmembers, Lydia Bryan-Valdez, Candace Blake, Tony Valdez and Glennell Strawn, City Treasurer Harvey Davis, City Engineer Don Rauschuber, and City Secretary Cynthia McCall.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider and take appropriate action on request from Mohammed Motiwala to set up an auto dealership at 1701 W. FM 1626.**

Mohammed explained that he leased the land for 3 years and explained how he would set up the auto dealership. City Engineer Don Rauschuber explained that they need a special permit, non-code compliance and he gave him an application to look at. Tabled for consideration February Council meeting.

**Receive and take appropriate action on December 2023 financial report.**

Treasurer Davis told the Council that the report was not ready because PGMS has not sent the December water reports yet.

**Take action to approve minutes for December 11, 2023 (Regular City Council Meeting).**

Motion to approve minutes for December 11, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting, was made by Councilwoman Bryan-Valdez and seconded by Councilwoman Strawn. Motion carried unanimously.

**Take action on request to sponsor a 2024 Total Eclipse event at city hall on April 8, 2024.**

Councilwoman Bryan-Valdez made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Strawn, to form a solar eclipse event committee consisting of Councilwoman Bryan-Valdez, Councilwoman O'Neal and Councilwoman Blake to allocate a budget of \$200 for snack, drinks and solar glasses for April 8, 2024 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Take appropriate action on request to approve an update to Part 6 of the water tariff.**

No action taken. The item was Tabled.

**Review the fireworks ordinance and possibly take action.**

Motion by Councilwoman Strawn and seconded by Councilwoman O'Neal to provide City of Hays residents a copy of the fireworks ordinance prior to July 4<sup>th</sup> and New Year's and mark a reminder on our calendars. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Take appropriate action on settlement offer from Milestone regarding the release of a portion of the City's water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CNN).**

Treasurer Davis commented that Milestone counteroffered with \$10,000. Councilwoman Strawn made a motion to accept the offer. Motion died for lack of a second. Councilman Valdez motioned to talk to attorney for more time with this offer and Councilwoman O'Neal seconded .

## **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.**

Treasurer Davis commented that he talked to Attorney Katz and no updates.

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

Treasurer Davis stated that he received his new laptop and Ms. McCall also got a new computer system. Update on new website is ongoing. Received grant money from FEMA.

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

Treasurer Davis stated that there are no updates and is partially completed.

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

City Engineer Rauschuber filed application in November. According to TCEQ website, their review should be done by January 28, 2024.

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

City Treasurer Davis stated that he had not heard from FEMA or TDEM. The item was tabled.

**Take action and receive update regarding brush near the Tanglewood wellsite.**

Treasurer Davis stated that Mr. Cook picked up brush on the weekends and the cost was \$2,000, which was under budget of \$3,500.

**Receive update on Hartford insurance claim.**

Treasurer Davis stated no updates but waiting for IRS.

**Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the May 4, 2024 election.**

Treasurer Davis suggested that signs put on all community boards to start voting by January 17.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.



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**Mayor Billy Maphies**



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**Cynthia McCall, City Secretary**