

MINUTES:**City of Hays City Council Meeting****February 12, 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**

City Treasury Davis commented that Stage IV drought conditions have now been lowered to Stage III drought conditions. Mr. Davis also explained the Recap and Standings Report on property taxes with handouts. Attorney Katz is not going to join today and has no updates.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Receive and take appropriate action on January 2024 financial report.

Treasurer Davis distributed handouts and explained to the Council that TexPool was good this year with a 5 ½% interest rate. Revenues and Interests for four months ended January 31, 2024, in which Revenue was larger the Expenses.

Take action to approve minutes for January 8, 2024 (Regular City Council meeting) and January 17, 2024 (Special City Council meeting).

Motion to approve minutes for January 8, 2024 (Regular City Council Meeting) and January 17, 2024 (Special City Council meeting) was made by Councilwoman Bryan-Valdez and seconded by Councilwoman O'Neal. Motion carried unanimously.

Receive and take appropriate action regarding recommendation to raise the sanitation fee.

City Treasurer Davis recommended that the City raise the sanitation fee to \$27.20/customer, a \$.80 increase. Councilwoman Bryan-Valdez made a motion to raise sanitation fee to \$27.20/customer and Councilwoman Blake seconded the motion. Motion was 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.

Treasurer Davis commented that he talked to Attorney Katz and he didn't need to talk to the Council at this point.

Receive update and take appropriate action concerning the 2024 Total Eclipse event at city hall on April 8, 2024.

Councilwoman O'Neal stated that the Solar Eclipse Event committee (Councilwomen O'Neal, Blake and Bryan-Valdez) meet to discuss snacks, chairs, and drinks.

Receive updates and take appropriate action regarding purchase of various signs.

Motion by Councilwoman O'Neal to approve aforementioned changes in the three signs that were presented by City Secretary McCall and seconded by Councilwoman Bryan-Valdez. Motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting was stopped at 7:08 p.m. to help the people that wanted to Zoom in on this Council meeting. The City Council meeting session reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

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

City Treasurer Davis explained that he and IT had finished the City of Hays website and everything are on the web page now. The FEMA grant still owes us \$420 for administration costs.

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

Engineer Rauschuber presented handouts and visited with Zack King, PGMS pumpstation electrician to change Odometer at Elliott Rach Pump Station (Item E on handout). The pump station has pressure tank problems and will propose an end date to have the problem solved.

Receive updates and take appropriate action on proposed Well #3 on Country Lane and receive updates and take appropriate action regarding the installation of generators for the City of Hays and Elliott Ranch well sites.

Engineer Rauschuber provided handouts and stated we still need approval from TCEQ for generators and to find drillers for the project. The paperwork is for generator RFP for drillers. Councilwoman Bryan-Valdez filed a motion to authorize Engineer Rauschuber to begin the process for bids for the Country Lane Well #3 drillers and TCEQ permit process for both generators. Councilwoman O'Neal seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

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

Treasurer Davis stated that there was nothing to report at this time and we did our best to advertise. City Secretary McCall will be in the office from 1-5 p.m. Friday, February 16, which is the last day of the ballot filing period.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

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Cynthia McCall

Mayor Billy Maphies

Cynthia McCall, City Secretary