

MINUTES:

City of Hays City Council Meeting

March 11, 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 (Zoom), City Engineer Don Rauschuber (Zoom), City Attorney, Josh Katz (Zoom) 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 II drought conditions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:38 p.m., the Council convened in executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 to deliberate upon and seek legal advice pursuant to Section 551.071 (Consultation with an attorney).

- c) Discuss and possibly take action regarding compensation for the mayor and the city council members.
- f) 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 Hay's former ETJ.

7:18 p.m., the Council reconvened, and the below business (c) and (f).

A motion was made to Table for later discussion on (c) by Councilwoman Bryan-Valdez and seconded by Councilwoman Strawn. Motion carried unanimously.

Item (f) – City of Hays request for contested hearing granted on Hays application to create a MUD and is referred to State Office of Administrative Hearings. TCEQ Commissioner denied hearings of all environmental groups.

Receive and take appropriate action on February 2024 financial report.

Treasurer Davis distributed handouts and explained to the Council the budget for Fiscal Year 2024, Payroll Taxes, and Transaction Report.

Receive update and take appropriate action regarding the claims for refunds, of payroll tax penalties.

Treasurer Davis explained that all taxes for 2019-2024 are paid and pending refunds on penalties.

Take action to approve minutes for February 12, 2024 (Regular City Council meeting)

Motion to approve minutes for February 12 (Regular City Council Meeting) was made by Councilwoman Bryan-Valdez and seconded by Councilwoman O’Neal. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider and take appropriate action on request to approve an Order of Cancellation of the city election and a Certification of Unopposed Candidates.

Motion to approve Order of Cancellation of the city election and a Certification of Unopposed Candidates was made by Councilwoman Bryan-Valdez and seconded by Councilwoman Blake. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilwoman O'Neal stated that snacks, variety package of chips, drinks, chairs and eclipse glasses are provided for the event. Signs announcing the event were put up at the beginning of each street corner in the City of Hays.

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

No updates.

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

Engineer Rauschuber stated that the proposal of the advanced well tech to be \$4,384.50 and the approximate cost of the pump and motor to be \$15,000 and not to exceed \$20,000 for wellhead.

Motion by Councilwoman Bryan-Valdez for the total of the wellhead not to exceed \$20,000 and Councilwoman Strawn seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

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.

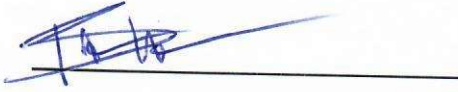
Engineer Rauschuber visited with drillers and no formal proposal yet. Closed out and will have an update at next council meeting.

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

Engineer Rauschuber presented no formal request yet but will move forward with with bids for the Country Lane Well #3 and also TCEQ permit process for both generators.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

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Mayor Billy Maphies

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Cynthia McCall, City Secretary