

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF DAWSON }
CITY OF LAMESA }

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING:

May 18, 2021

On this the 18th day of May 2021, at 5:30 P.M., there came on and was held a regularly called meeting of the City Council of the City of Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas. Notice of such meeting having been posted at the City Hall at 601 South First Street in the City of Lamesa, Texas in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Govt. Code, Chapter 551). The following items were listed on the notice and the following proceedings were had, viz.:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Stevens announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Govt. Code, Chapter 551), and that discussion and actions are limited to the agenda items as posted. A quorum being present as evidenced by the presence 7 City Council Members were present:

JOSH STEVENS	Mayor
BRANT STEWART	Council Member – District 1/ Morgan Vermillion sworn in
FRED VERA	Council Member – District 2
GLORIA V. RODRIGUEZ	Council Member – District 3
DORE EVAN RODRIQUEZ	Council Member - District 4/MAYOR PRO-TEM
BOBBY G. GONZALES	Council Member – District 5
DOUG MORRIS	Council Member – District 6 ABSENT

City staff members present at the meeting:

WAYNE CHAPMAN	INTERIM CITY MANAGER
BETTY CONDE	CITY SECRETARY
RUSSELL CASSELBERRY	CITY ATTORNEY

Members of the press present at the meeting:

Mary Elizabeth

Members of the public present at the meeting:

Scott Leonard	Morgan Vermillion	Wayne Chapman
Sandy Trevino	Lee Peterson	Mary Gonzales
Karen Mize	Larry Duyck	
Josh Peterson	Jaime Gonzales	Sandy Flores

T.J. Hernandez	Anthony Hernandez	Staci Hernandez
Pam Johnson	Veronica King	J Craig Cowan
Bob Henderson	Karen Mize	Carter T. Schildknecht
Mona Ferguson	Kale Ferguson	Crystal Hernandez
Lora Sandlin	Cody Sandlin	Gwen Aldridge
Josh Richter	Tammy Wyatt	Jacklyn Gomez
Steven Vermillion	Scott Leonard	Karlissa McMuntry
Lee Peterson	Jody Howard	Sonia Guzman
Sarah Benitez	Manual Benitez	Tana Howard

INVOCATION: Doug Morris

CONSENT AGENDA: All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Information concerning consent agenda items is available for public review.

- a. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Approval of the minutes of the City Council regular meeting held on April 21, 2020 and Special called meeting on Monday, May 4, 2020.
- b. **BILLS FOR APRIL 2020:** Approval of the bills paid by the City of Lamesa for the month of April, 2020.
- c.

Motion by Council Member Stewart to approve Items 3a & b. Motion seconded by Council Member Morris and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING: "AYE" 7 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AND OATH OF OFFICE - NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS: Deliver Certificate of Election and administer Oath of Office to the newly-elected Council Members from the May 1, 2020 City General Election. *(City Attorney)*

- a. Morgan Vermillion - District 1
- b. Dore Evan Rodriguez - District 4
- c. Bobby G. Gonzales - District 5

City Attorney administered the Oath of Office

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION: Consider passing a resolution of appreciation to Brant Stewart for 5 years of service on City Council. *(City Council)*

Motion by Council Member Morris to approve a resolution of appreciation to Brant Stewart for 5 years of service as City Council Member District 1 for the City of Lamesa. Motion seconded by Council Member Gloria Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING: "AYE" 7 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

Morgan Vermillion took her seat as Council Member District 1.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM: The City Council to elect Mayor Pro-tem for a one-year term of office. *(City Council)*

Fred was nominated for the office of Mayor Pro-Tem by Council Member Gonzales; then Fred was nominated for the office of Mayor Pro-Tem by Council Member Morris, there being no other nominations Council Member Gloria Rodriguez moved that nominations cease; the motion was seconded by Council Member Morris.

VOTING: "AYE" 7 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

OATH OF OFFICE - MAYOR PRO-TEM: The city attorney to administer the oath of office to the newly elected Mayor Pro-Tem. *(City Attorney)*

City Attorney administered the Oath of Office

ANNEXATION - (COUNTY ROAD): Consider passing an Ordinance on First Reading annexing the following tract in accordance with State Law, on proposed annexation by the City of Lamesa, Texas of the following described property to-wit;

All of that portion of Dawson County Road L which lies South of the intersection of Dawson County Road L with U.S. Highway 87 and North of the intersection of Dawson County Road L with Texas State Highway 349, together with all right of way owned by Dawson County, Texas adjoining said portion of Dawson County Road. *(City Manager & City Attorney)*

Motion by Council Member Morris to pass an Ordinance on Second reading annexing the following in accordance with State Law, on proposed annexation by the City of Lamesa, Texas. Motion seconded by Council Member Gonzales and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING: "AYE" 7 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC USE PERMIT: – 227 N. 22ND PLACE: City Council to consider approving an Ordinance on second reading approving a specific use permit for the following property located at 227 N. 22nd to convert her garage to a hair salon. *(Building Official)*

Motion by Council Member Vera to consider approving an Ordinance on second reading approving a specific use permit for the following property located at 227 N. 22nd to convert her garage to a hair salon zone. Motion seconded by Council Member Dore Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

BUDGET AMENDMENT VII: Consider amending Ordinance O-17-19 on first reading with respect to October 1, 2019. *(City Manager & Finance Director)*

Motion by Council Member Gonzalez to consider amending Ordinance O-20-20 on second reading with respect to the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. Motion seconded by Council Member Morris and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING: "AYE" 7 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

BUDGET AMENDMENT VIII: Consider amending Ordinance O-17-19 on first reading with respect to October 1, 2019. *(City Manager & Finance Director)*

Motion by Council Member Morris to consider amending Ordinance O-20-20 on second reading with respect to the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. Motion seconded by Council Member Dore Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING: "AYE" 7 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

BUDGET AMENDMENT IX: City Council to consider amending Ordinance O-20-20 on first reading with respect to the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 *(City Manager & Finance Director)*

Motion by Council Member Vera to consider amending Ordinance O-20-20 on first reading with respect to the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. Motion seconded by Council Member Morgan and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING:

"AYE" 7

"NAY"

"ABSTAIN"

APPROVAL OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY BY LAMESA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: City Council to consider passing a resolution of a contract approving the sale of Lots 10 and 11, Block 24, of the Original Town of Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas, to 1 SAM 1, LLC. (*EDC Director*)

Motion by Council Member Morris to consider passing a resolution of a contract approving the sale of Lots 10 and 11, Block 24, of the Original Town of Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas, to 1 SAM 1, LLC. Motion seconded by Council Member Vermillion and upon being put to a vote the motion did not pass.

VOTING:

"AYE" 3

"NAY" 4

"ABSTAIN"

AWARD BID ON LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY: Consider awarding bid for a lease of two (2) years beginning May 1, 2021 and ending March 31st, 2023 with up to three (3) one-year options, for the following City-owned property. (*Finance Director*)

Motion by Council Member Morris to consider awarding bid for a lease of two (2) years beginning May 1, 2021 and ending March 31st, 2023 with up to three (3) one year options, for the following City-owned property:

Tract "A": Approximately 168 acres of land surrounding the city's sewer treatment plant, lagoons, and sanitary landfill; and

Tract "B": Approximately 34 acres out of the West 120 acres of the South ½ of Section 17, Block 35, T-5-N, off of Radio Road. Motion seconded by Council Member Dore Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote the motion passed

VOTING:

"AYE" 7

"NAY"

"ABSTAIN"

Bid was awarded to Rodney Oaks

OPEN AND AWARD BIDS – SEALCOAT: City Council to open and award bid for the 2021 Seal Coat Program. (*City Manager & Street Director*)

Bids have been sent to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper for review.

MESONET SITE: City Council to hear a Request from West Texas Mesonet to move existing station from landfill to prepared location off South Houston Street beside the communication tower in a native ground/mesquite region. (*Fire Chief*)

Motion by Council Member Dore Rodriguez to approve the placement of a Mesonet Station to a proposed location off South Houston Street beside the communication tower in a native ground/ mesquite region. Motion seconded by Council Member Morris and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING: "AYE" 7 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

DISCUSSION - SWIMMING POOL: City Council to discuss the opening of the Dawson County/ City of Lamesa swimming pool at North 22nd Street Park. (*City Manager*)

DECLARE REGULARLY CALLED MEETINGS AND CANCELLATION OF REGULARLY CALLED MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2021: City Council to declare regularly called meetings for the following dates and cancellation of regularly called meeting on September 14, 2021:

- **June 14, 2021 (Monday) Regular Council Meeting** – Budget Workshop #1
- **June 15, 2021 (Tuesday) Regular Council Meeting** – Budget Workshop #2
- **June 21, 2021 (Monday) Regular Council Meeting** – Budget Workshop #3
- **June 22, 2021 (Tuesday) Regular Council Meeting** – Budget Workshop #4
- **July 20, 2021 (Tuesday) Regular Council Meeting**
- **August 3, 2021 (Tuesday) Regular Council Meeting** – Present Certified Tax Roll, Effective Tax Rate, Rollback Rate and Set Proposed Tax Rate with **RECORD VOTE** and Set Public Hearing Dates
- **August 17, 2021 (Tuesday) Regular Council Meeting**
- **August 19, 2021 (Thursday) Regular Council Meeting** – Public Hearing on Budget and 1st Reading of Budget Ordinance with **RECORD VOTE** and 1st
 - Public Hearing on Tax Rate
- **August 24, 2021 (Tuesday) Regular Council Meeting** – 2nd Reading of Budget Ordinance with **RECORD VOTE**, 2nd Public Hearing on Tax Rate
- **August 31, 2021 (Tuesday) Regular Council Meeting** – Ratify Tax Rate
- Reflected in the Budget, 1st
 - Reading of Ordinances for Tax Rate with **RECORD VOTE** (I&S, M&O and Total)
- **September 7, 2021 (Tuesday) Regular Council Meeting** – 2nd
 - Reading of Ordinance for Tax Rate with **RECORD VOTE** (I&S, M&O and Total)
- **September 14, 2021 (Tuesday) Regular Council Meeting to be cancelled.**

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

- d. **PARKS, STREETS, SANITATION/LANDFILL REPORT:** Director to report on the city's recent events.
- e. **UTILITIES DIRECTOR REPORT:** Utilities Director to report on the city's recent events.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Finance Director to report on the city's finances.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager to report on current activities and answer questions from the City Council.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor to report on current activities and to answer questions from City Council.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: Consider meeting in closed executive session to discuss personnel matters. (Section 551.074 Texas Government Code)

Motion by Council Member Vera to convene in closed executive session in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings to discuss and consider personnel matters. Motion seconded by Council Member Dore Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.

VOTING: "AYE" 7 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

OPEN SESSION: Reconvene into open session to consider and discuss taking action.

Motion by Council Member Vera reconvened in open session in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings to discuss and consider taking action regarding Wayne Chapman for the full time Interim City Manager position. Motion seconded by Council Member Morris and upon being put to a vote the motion passed.


VOTING: "AYE" 7 "NAY" "ABSTAIN"

ADJOURNMENT: *The next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of Lamesa will be June 15, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.*

ATTEST:


Betty Conde
City Secretary

APPROVED:


Josh Stevens
Mayor