

## MINUTES

## WORK SESSION & COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, November 2, 2021 7:00PM at City Hall

 Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum Time: <u>7:14</u>

Mayor Ponce, Mike Laye, Gwen Garlington, Kerrie Longoria, Karl Fisher

- 2. Invocation
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America
- 4. Greeting of Visitors
- 5. Public comment

Citizens are invited to address the City Council with public comments. Comments regarding items for which notice has not been given will be limited to three minutes, prior to discussion of agenda items, and Council responses shall be in accordance with Sec. 551.042 of the Texas Government Code. Comments regarding an item on the agenda may be given before or during discussion of that item. Comments that incite a breach of the peace are prohibited. No citizens to speak

- 6. Approval of previous meeting's minutes, or notes.
  - a. October 19, 2021 Minutes. Mike Laye motions to approve the minutes, Gwen Garlington 2nds, all in favor, aye, and motion carries.
- 7. Reports:
  - a. City Secretary Report ARPA Fund Account has been opened, Transferred funds to EDC
  - b. City Clerk Report No report
  - c. Council Representative to Community ISD No report
  - d. Mayor Pro Tem report- We received a 4<sup>th</sup> application for EDC, P&Z., and Impact committee

- e. Mayor's Report/Status: Annexation of CISD negotiation has been reached, for annexation. Will be on the next to meeting to schedule public hearings.
- 8. Work Session No vote

Review and discuss agenda items.

*Input from staff or counsel; only as requested by Mayor / Council or if asked to be recognized for points of order.* 

a. Review: Roy Albrecht, and Jodi Davey, with Globalscope Communications Presentation on Avaya Cloud Office/Phone Services. This presentation will be conducted over video conference.

Mayor Ponce expressed the concerns we currently have when it rains, and the phones will go in and out on the dedicated line.

Roy Albrecht, Avaya has been in Texas for over 20 years. Avaya Cloud base cell service, which will replace the dedicated line, and the city will no longer have long distance charges. Avaya offers Video conference, voice messaging, and text for 2 users, will have access on laptop and cell. The J179 is Bluetooth compatible, and a requested need for the city.

Jodi Davey with Avaya, showed the Council all the features, and how the system works.

Roy Albrecht will be the advocate for the staff, during and after installation process, and training. The staff will have access to a dedicated support team 24/7. Avaya is rated as a leader in the communication industry. Ring Central is Solid.

b. Review: Andrew Paschal, with Granite Telecommunications, Voice Solutions Presentation. This presentation will be conducted over video conference.

Andrew Paschal, stated Granite is a wholesaler service with lower rates. The phone features will have Bluetooth capability, normal business features, auto attendant, and voice mail. The Executive package, which includes the referenced features, along with call forwarding to mobile.

Kerrie Longoria requested a proposal for both companies on meeting services. 100 people capability for zoom, WebEx, or what they offer. Go to meeting app for cell phones, so it acts like desk phone.

Andrew Paschal explained the installation, and online support 24/7 365 days a year. The support line will answer your call within 10 seconds or less, with live

# service. Granite will provide one point of contact to our account during normal business hours.

#### 9. Business Session

Agenda documents and supporting material from the preceding Work Session agenda Input from staff or counsel; only as requested by Mayor / Council or if asked to be recognized for points of order.

a. <u>Discuss</u>/Take Action: Globalscope Communications or Granite Telecommunications for the phone services provided to the City of Nevada.
Gwen Garlington tabled until we receive 24, & 36 month Executive packages proposal for both companies, Mike Laye 2nds, all in favor, aye, and motion carries.

#### 10. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items shall be designated by the Mayor. In addition, a motion and a second from any two Councilpersons shall be sufficient to add an agenda item for a future meeting. Staff and counsel shall have prior consent of the Mayor to add an agenda item for a future meeting.

November 16, 2021 meeting, Phone/VOIP proposals, Resolution for public hearings on Annexations, Audit proposal, New ETJ maps, zoning Impact fees. Talk to Jim about committees, and send an informal invite to applicants.

### NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Executive Session - Time:

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, the Town Council may hold a closed meeting. Government code 551.071-Confidential legal advice regarding any of the agenda items on the open session agenda, and as follows:

- 12. Regular Session: Reconvene from Executive Session Time:
- 13. If required, act on items reviewed in Executive Session.
- 14. Adjournment / Closing Time: <u>8:45</u>

Mayor Ponce

City Secretary Judy Hill