



MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 21 2022
7:00PM at City Hall

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Time: **7:08PM**

Mayor Ponce, Donald Deering, Kerrie Longoria, Karl Fisher, John McBride

Not in attendance: Mike Laye

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

I pledge Allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

Honor the Texas flag, I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

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. An intentional act intended to disrupt a Government meeting is prohibited.

Paul Breitzman

6. Approval of previous meeting's minutes, or notes.

- a. June 07, 2022 MINUTES - Kerrie Longoria motioned to approve with amendments to item 8a. add "Budget 2023". Donald Deering 2nds, all in favor aye, motion carries.

7. Reports:

- b. City Clerk Report - **Update on the Air Quality Standard Permit for Permanent Rock and Concrete Crushers. Located at 17388 CR 543, Nevada TX 75173.**
- c. Code Enforcement Report - **Beginning July 2022, will submit reports/letters 2nd Council Meeting each month.**
- d. Financial Report (2nd meeting of the month) - **Will be available next meeting (July 5, 2022)**

- e. Mayor Pro Tem Report - **City Secretary position now posted online, and available for fulfillment.**
- f. Mayor's Report/Status - **Nevada Cleanup Day July 23, 2022 update.**
- g. NVFD Report (1st meeting of every month)

8. Business Session:

- a. Discuss/Take Action: Swearing in of Shane Brinton to the Impact and P&Z Committee. **Swore in Mr. Shane Brinton. He will be serving on both committees. We appreciate and thank him for his service to the city.**
- b. Discuss/Take Action: Streamline Invoice - Approve new invoice #2046 with the increase in bags used to fill potholes. **Work completed on June 6, 2022. Karl Fisher motioned to ratify \$3300. Donald Deering 2nds, all in favor aye, motion carries.**
- c. Discuss/Take Action: Over 65 Tax Exemption. The over 65 exemption caps the tax imposed on the year in which the taxpayer turns 65. Taxpayer demographics provided by Councilman McBride. **John McBride summarized the presentation in layman terms. Paul Breitzman explained how taxes are affected by recession vs. increases in value. Seniors have a locked in budget. He doesn't feel the options presented will work. John McBride said the council is working on that. Paul Breitzman offers a simpler solution. Kerrie Longoria reminded everyone; the council needs to consider all options as it affects everyone. Paul Breitzman and Kerrie Longoria discussed the affects of more subdivisions and tax payers coming in the near future. Donald Deering brought up the city of Nevada already has a \$10,000 over 65 tax exemption. Kerrie Longoria points out where to find the CC number to submit the application for the \$10,000 over 65 tax exemption. Mayor Ponce requested that we all keep in mind, the comparisons to the City of Nevada taxes to be fair. Lavon vs. Nevada is NOT a fair comparison as the population and tax ratio is much higher in Lavon, than it is in the city of Nevada.**
Donald Deering motioned to table this until more research is done. Kerrie Longoria 2nds the motion, and added we need to resolve no later than September 2022 as it's the end of budget year. All in favor aye, over 65 tax exemption motion tabled.

9. 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.

1. Over 65 tax exemption
2. Permitting - SafeBUILT isn't responsive for existing residents.
3. Hayter Engineering - Drainage and street assessment
4. RFP - City owned property maintenance

10. Executive Session - Time: **NA**

As authorized by Section 551.071 (2) of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item listed herein.

Texas Government Code 551.071 of the Texas Government Code legal advice from the City Attorney, regarding legal process requirements for code enforcement, building permits, and inspections.

11. Regular Session: Reconvene from Executive Session - Time: **NA**

12. If required, act on items reviewed in Executive Session.

13. Adjournment / Closing - Time: **8:20PM**



Mayor Ben Ponce



City Clerk Misty Hooker

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