

CITY OF NEVADA

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MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

7:00PM at City Hall

Mayor – Ben Ponce

Council Member Place 1 – Mike Laye

Council Member Place 2– Donald Deering

Council Member Place 3– Kerrie Longoria

Council Member Place 4 – Karl Fisher

Council Member Place 5 – John McBride

City Staff:

Deuce Waters, City Secretary

Jim Shepherd, City Attorney

Citizens:

Russell Newton

Randy DeMauro

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum-

Time: 7:07pm. All Council Members were present.

2. Invocation-

Mayor Ponce asked Council Member Fisher to lead the 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.

Those in attendance pledged allegiance to the United States of America.

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.

Those in attendance pledged allegiance to the Texas Flag.

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.

Mr. Randy DeMauro who lives at 19279 Horseshoe Drive Nevada, Texas 75173 turned in a speaker request form. Mr. DeMauro advised that Horseshoe Drive has been destroyed by a property owner that lives down the street on Horseshoe Drive. Mr. DeMauro advised that the property owner down the street has 18-20 18-wheeler trucks that come down Horseshoe Drive every day which is what is tearing up Horseshoe Drive. Mr. DeMauro advised that he has pictures of the trucks driving down Horseshoe Drive and the damaged asphalt on the road. Mr. DeMauro is asking for help to find out what can be done about preventing the damage and repairing the road.

REPORTS

6. **Reports:**

a. **City Secretary Report-**

At the last City Council Meeting I reported that we were going to have the potholes repaired on East Street, from FM 6 to CR 592, Collin Street, from East Street to FM 1138, W. South Street, from FM 1138 to West Street, and Eugene Street, from approximately 400 feet south of Lake Drive to the Collin County Maintenance Sign. Mayor Ponce made me aware of the potholes on Center Street and Warren Street. I reached back out to Adam Leach about the potholes that Mayor Ponce reported for an additional quote which is \$3200.00 to clean, tack and repair potholes and install asphalt level ups on large cracks. Mr. Leach did advise that due to the inclement weather that they were pushed back and had to finish up another job. Mr. Leach advised that his Forman, James moved their equipment into our city and repairs will start tomorrow.

I have spoken with City Engineer, Chris Donnan who advised that the sealed bids for the culverts and downtown Nevada drainage project will be opened tomorrow Wednesday March 8, 2023, at 2:00pm here at City Hall. Chris advised that he would have a recommendation at the Nevada City Council Meeting on Tuesday March 21, 2023.

Crossroads Barricades and Traffic Safety Services, Superintendent, John Godfrey has advised that the Street Signs are going up. I have had mostly great compliments from the citizens about this.

We made a job offer to a young lady (Morgan Kowaleski) that accepted and she will start on Monday March 20, 2023. I will introduce her at the City Council Meeting on Tuesday March 21, 2023. That said, the Mayor, MPT and me have been working to get her set up here at City Hall. We are trying to find a cubicle that will go in the back corner. There are a number of other things we will need to get in the coming days as well.

The filing deadline has passed on Tuesday February 21, 2023, at 5:00pm for write-in candidates to declare candidacy. I have also posted the list sent by Collin County Elections Administration of the election calendar, early voting locations, and elections day voting locations.

I have been working with our Building Official, James Chumley on getting an official maximum occupancy load for City Hall. It's been determined that maximum occupancy load for this building is 45 occupants and has been posted. That said, we will need to look into replacing our refrigerator with a smaller one due to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act to allow for proper access to the restroom.

I have reached out to Megan McAnally with Data Business Forms Inc. out of Ennis, Texas. Ms. Megan is getting samples of Citation Booklets, Door Hangers, and Fluorescent Orange Code Violation Stickers for our Code Enforcement and also STOP WORK ORDER labels for our Building Inspectors.

Finally, I have also installed the smoke detectors as you can see here in City Hall.

b. **City Attorney Report-**

c. **Code Enforcement Report-**

Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Wagner gave his report orally on the cases that he started inside the City Limits of Nevada.

d. **Financial Report (2nd Council Meeting)-**

No report at this time.

e. **Mayor Pro Tem Report-**

Mayor Pro Tem reported on the signs that she drove around checking on the signs and that we will be looking into painting the front door to the City Hall.

f. **Mayor's Report/Status-**

Mayor Ponce updated that the Nevada EDC will be starting up. Mayor Ponce advised that he will be meeting with TXDOT about the FM 1138 alignment in the next couple of weeks. Mayor Ponce advised that traffic lights will be going up at S FM 1138 at FM 6 and at Eugene Street at FM 6 this summer.

g. **NVFD Report (2nd Council Meeting)-**

No report at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

7. Approval of previous meeting's minutes- February 21, 2023, Minutes-

Council Member Laye made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member McBride seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Discuss and take appropriate action on setting a date for the Nevada Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) meeting-

After much discussion, the Council agreed to a date of Wednesday March 22, 2023, at 7:00pm. Council Member Laye made a motion to approve. Council Member McBride seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. 5-0.

9. Discuss the Steinbaugh Property-

After much discussion about the agenda item, it was agreed to take no action on this agenda item.

10. Discuss the schedule of fees for permitting-

After a presentation by City Secretary Waters about the new schedule of fees there was a question and answer between the City Council and City Secretary Waters. City Secretary Waters advised that he would send the new schedule of fees to City Attorney Shepherd to put into Ordinance form that will be presented at the next City Council Meeting.

11. Discuss the Over 65 Tax Exemption-

After much discussion about this agenda item, no action was taken.

12. Discuss and take appropriate action on the development agreement for Lone Tree Estates-

Council Member Laye made a motion to approve. Council Member Deering seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. 5-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. **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. Telecom Tax Ordinance
3. Official Groundskeeper
4. Steinbaugh Property
5. Horseshoe Drive
6. Culvert Bids
7. Court Date
8. Ordinance for Schedule of Fees
9. Fence Ordinance

14. **Executive Session** – N/A


15. **Regular Session: Reconvene from Executive Session** – N/A

16. **If required, act on items reviewed in Executive Session-** N/A

17. **Adjournment / Closing** - Time: 8:45pm.


Ben Ponce, Mayor

Attest:


Deuce Waters, City Secretary

