

# CITY OF NEVADA

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## MINUTES

### COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, June 29, 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 – Clayton Laughter**

**Council Member Place 5 – Frank Hudson**

#### **City Staff:**

Deuce Waters, City Secretary  
Morgan Kowaleski, City Clerk  
Jim Shepherd, City Attorney

#### **Citizens:**

Russell Newton  
Curt Houseworth  
Judy Hudson  
Al Longoria  
Bart Carroll  
Mark Hill  
Rocky Turner  
Krystal Turner  
Rocky Turner Jr.

## REGULAR MEETING

### 1. **Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum-**

Mayor Ponce led the meeting.

Time: 7:05pm

### 2. **Invocation-**

Mayor Ponce led 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-**

**NOTE: The City of Nevada, Texas, City Council meets regularly on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. The Council adheres to the printed Agenda for official action. Any individuals desiring official action on a matter should submit a request for the item to be considered for inclusion on a future Agenda to the office of the City Secretary no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Council Meeting.**

**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.**

There was none.

## REPORTS

6. **Reports:**

a. **City Secretary Report-**

1. Good evening, Mayor, Council, and citizens. Please do not forget that Cards Waste & Recycling will be here for our cleanup date of Saturday August 26, 2023.
2. I have spoken with Danny Wood with JD's Paving and Markings who advised he will be here tomorrow to get an idea of the street signs that still need to be replaced. More to come later.
3. I have made contact with Wopac who advised that they will be here to start on the potholes on Monday July 10, 2023, barring no inclement weather. The drainage issues that Ms. Janelle Deer brought before the council will also be starting the week of July 10<sup>th</sup>.
4. The Court Administrator has been working on the Court docket for the upcoming Court date. Mrs. Waters has been in contact with the Code Enforcement Officer, Dennis Wagner, and City Attorney Jim Shepherd to make sure the first court runs as smooth as possible on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

b. **City Attorney Report-**

City Attorney Jim Shepherd gave an update on the outcome of the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature and the rulings that pertain to local government entities.

c. **Code Enforcement Report-**

Code Enforcement Officer, Dennis Wagner, provided the Code Enforcement Report.

d. **Financial Report (2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting)-**

There was no financial report at this time.

e. **Mayor Pro Tem Report-**

No report at this time.

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

Mayor Ponce advised of the reason why the Nevada Volunteer Fire Department closed the Dollar General.

g. **NVFD Report (2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting)-**

No report at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION**

7. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes- June 20, 2023, Minutes-**

Council Member Laye made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Longoria seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 4-0 vote with Council Member Deering abstaining.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

8. **Discuss and consider action on the application for Collin County resident, Mr. Rocky Turner for the position of Director of the Nevada Economic Development Corporation.**

Council Member Deering made a motion to approve the application of Mr. Rocky Turner. Council Member Laye seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 5-0 vote.

**9. Swear in Mr. Rocky Turner upon approval of his NEDC application as a Director-**

City Secretary, Deuce Waters swore in Mr. Turner as the newest Director for the Nevada Economic Development Corporation.

**10. Swear in Mrs. Judith Hudson as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner-**

City Secretary, Deuce Waters swore in Mrs. Hudson as the newest Commissioner for the Nevada Planning and Zoning Commission.

**11. Swear in Mr. Karl Fisher as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner-**

Council Member Laye made a motion to table the agenda item. Council Member Deering seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 5-0 vote.

**12. Discuss and consider action on proposed renovations to City Hall-**

Nevada Economic Development Corporation President, Mark Hill gave his proposal to renovate the Nevada City Hall. Council Member Longoria made a motion to approve the agenda item. Council Member Laughter seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 5-0 vote.

**13. Discuss and consider action on the Tax Rate for the City of Nevada-**

City Secretary, Deuce Waters gave a briefing on his conversation with Finance Director Ray Smith.

Council Member Deering made a motion to table the agenda item with a deadline of having the budget spreadsheet by July 18th. Council Member Longoria seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 5-0 vote.

**14. Discuss and consider action on the approval of Documents on Demand from web designer, Revize.**

City Clerk, Morgan Kowaleski explained that Documents on Demand is a searching tool that will allow citizens to view Agendas & Minutes of the various Boards and Commissions as well as be able to search past meetings for specific meeting detail.

Council Member Laye made a motion to approve the agenda item at the over 3000 documents level at \$1000.00. Council Member Laughter seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 5-0 vote.

**15. Discuss and consider action on amending the current schedule of fees to add a commercial flatwork permit.**

After searching other surrounding municipalities, City Secretary Deuce Waters and City Clerk, Morgan Kowaleski have determined the fee to be \$9.00 per \$1000 of the valuation of the project.

Council Member Hudson made a motion to approve the agenda item. Council Member Laughter seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 5-0 vote.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**16. 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.*

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| 1. Ordinance for Solicitors  | 6.  | 11. |
| 2. Tax/Budget                | 7.  | 12. |
| 3. Ordinance for Speed Limit | 8.  | 13. |
| 4.                           | 9.  | 14. |
| 5.                           | 10. | 15. |


17. **Executive Session** - Time: N/A

18. **Regular Session: Reconvene from Executive Session** - Time: N/A

19. **If required, act on items reviewed in Executive Session.**

20. **Adjournment / Closing** - Time: 9:38pm

Attest:

  
Deuce Waters, City Secretary

  
Ben Ponce, Mayor

