

# CITY OF NEVADA

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## MINUTES

### COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 18, 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

Jim Shepherd, City Attorney

#### Citizens:

Russell Newton

Al Longoria

Bart Carroll

Mark Hill

Rocky Turner

## REGULAR MEETING

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

Time: 7:04pm Council Member Mike Laye was absent.

### 2. Invocation-

Mayor Ponce asked Karl 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-**

**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 Darrell Wood with JD's Paving and Markings who was out here today getting a visual on the street signs. Mr. Wood advised he is working on the quote this week for street signs and will get that to us as soon as he is done with it.
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.
4. The drainage issues that Ms. Janelle Deer brought before the council, those repairs were started today and are expected to be completed by Thursday of this week.
5. The Court Administrator is working on the Court docket for the upcoming Court date. Mrs. Waters has been in contact with the Code Enforcement Officer, Dennis Wagner, and the next court date will be on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
6. Lastly, RCI will be here on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> to get our records in order, so if you come to City Hall on either of those days, we will probably have boxes and documents about the room.

b. **City Attorney Report-**

City Attorney, Jim Shepherd advised that he would speak later on in the meeting.

c. **Code Enforcement Report-**

Code Enforcement Officer, Dennis Wagner provided a documented report for the Council to review.

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

Finance Director, Ray Smith, provided a documented report for the Council to review.

e. **Mayor Pro Tem Report-**

Mayor Pro Tem Longoria had nothing to report at this time.

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

Mayor Ponce had nothing to report at this time.

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

Nevada Volunteer Fire Department Chief Thad Anderson provided an oral report to the Council.

## CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

7. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes- June 29, 2023, Minutes-**

Council Member Longoria made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Deering seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 4-0 vote. Council Member Deering observed a correction of the mentioned minutes where it read, he was absent and he was present for the meeting. Council Member Longoria advised that she made a motion to amend the previous minutes with the correction and Council Member Deering seconded. The motion was carried with a 4-0 vote.

## REGULAR AGENDA

8. **Swear in Mr. Karl Fisher as a Commissioner of the City of Nevada Planning and Zoning Commission-**

City Secretary, Deuce Waters swore in Mr. Karl Fisher as a Commissioner for the City of Nevada Planning and Zoning Commission.

9. **Discuss and consider action on adding Nevada Economic Development Corporation President, Mark Hill and Nevada Economic Development Corporation Treasurer, Walter Newell to become signors for the Nevada Economic Development Corporation Fund and Certificate of Deposit Fund (C.D.)-**

Council Member Longoria made a motion to approve. Council Member Laughter seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 4-0 vote.

10. **Discuss and consider action on the presentation by Angie Aranda with the Women of Nevada and Josephine Networking Group-**

Ms. Aranda presented her presentation to the Council.

There was no action taken on this agenda item by the Council.

11. **Discuss and consider amending Ordinance No. 88-9A and 88-9B which are speed zone ordinances-**

After much discussion, Council Member Laughter made a motion to table the agenda item. Council Member Hudson seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 4-0 vote.

12. **Discuss and consider amending Ordinance No. 22-02 which is the solicitor's ordinance-**

After much discussion, Council Member Longoria made a motion to table the agenda item. Council Member Deering seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 4-0 vote.

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

After much discussion, Council Member Laughter made a motion to table the agenda item. Council Member Longoria seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 4-0 vote.

**14. Discuss and review the Legacy Park addition Development Agreement-**

No action taken on this agenda item.

**15. Discuss and review the Legacy Park addition Service Agreement-**

No action taken on this agenda item.

**16. Discuss and consider action on Resolution No. R080123, a resolution setting a date, time, and place for a public hearing on the proposed annexation of certain property by the City of Nevada, Texas, authorizing and direction the Mayor to publish notice of such public hearing-**

After much discussion, Council Member Deering made a motion to table the agenda item. Council Member Longoria seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 4-0 vote.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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

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

**21. Adjournment / Closing - Time: 9:34pm**

*Ben Ponce*  
 Ben Ponce, Mayor  
*Kerrie Longoria* Mayor  
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Attest:

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Deuce Waters, City Secretary