



## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 17, 2023  
7:00PM at City Hall

Mayor – Benito 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:  
Morgan Kowaleski, City Secretary  
Jim Shepherd, City Attorney

Citizens:  
Eric Wellwood, Russell Newton

## REGULAR MEETING

1. **Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum –**

Time: 7:05 PM

2. **Invocation –**

Mayor Benito 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 –**

*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.*

No public comment.

**6. Reports:**

**a. City Secretary Report –**

Good Evening everyone. I have a quick update for you.

1. I have received an update on the new website design by Revize. After approving the initial design concept, we will now be moving into the development stage. This stage is where Revize will be converting the approved designs into a functional website. I will keep the Council updated as we move forward.
2. I have reached out to JDS Pavement Marking & Repair, the company that Deuce was previously working with on the street signs project. I have not received an email back from him yet; I called their office directly and am expecting Darrell to return my call tomorrow.
3. OARS reporting has been a big topic here at City Hall. I have been in contact with Kathleen, a program specialist for TCEQ, and I am happy to say that Nevada is now current on reporting, back to January 2023. The City is required to submit their activity report by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. So I have put a reminder on my calendar to make sure that deadline is not missed.

**b. City Attorney Report –**

City Attorney Jim Shepherd spoke on the Bear Creek Development and informed the City Council that a joint meeting with the Planning & Zoning Commission is possible to help expedite the development process. Mr. Shepherd also spoke on Code Enforcement and Municipal Court activity.

**c. Code Enforcement Report –**

No report at this time.

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

No report at this time.

**e. Mayor Pro Tem Report –**

No report.

**f. Mayor's Report/Status –**

Mayor Ponce spoke on the recent cleanup of trees within the City of Nevada

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

No report at this time.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### 7. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 –

Council Member Mike Laye made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Pro Tem Longoria seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 6-0 vote.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 8. Discuss and take any necessary action on amending Ordinance Number 22-02; Vendors, Peddlers and Solicitors –

City Council deliberated over changes needing to be made to Ordinance Number 22-02. Mayor Benito Ponce tabled Agenda Item #8 until City Attorney Shepherd has a rough draft prepared.

### 9. Discuss and consider quotes provided by North Texas Paving LLC for the remainder of the pothole repairs & grading and paving for the parking lot at Nevada City Hall –

City Secretary Morgan Kowaleski and City Attorney Jim Shepherd spoke on this agenda item. Council Member Laye made a motion to table Agenda Item #9 until the Council has been provided with an updated quote, a list of streets for repair, and examples of the company's previous work. Council Member Deering seconded the motion to table. The motion was carried with a 6-0 vote.

### 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.*

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| 1. Solicitation Ordinance     | 6.  | 11. |
| 2. Bid on Road Repairs        | 7.  | 12. |
| 3. Advertising Sign Ordinance | 8.  | 13. |
| 4.                            | 9.  | 14. |
| 5.                            | 10. | 15. |

### 11. Executive Session –

### 12. Regular Session: Reconvene from Executive Session –

### 13. If required, act on items reviewed in Executive Session –

### 14. Adjournment/Closing –

Time: 8:27 PM



Benito Ponce, Mayor

Attest:



Morgan Kowaleski, City Secretary