

CITY OF NEVADA

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MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 5, 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
Heather Schell, Assistant City Secretary
Jim Shepherd, City Attorney

Citizens:

Russell Newton, Bruce Mathews,
Walt Newell, Sam Carroll,
Jasson Reed, Eric Wellwood,
Rocky Turner.

JOINT MEETING

1. **Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum for Nevada City Council –**
Time: 7:08PM

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.

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.

4. **Public Comment –**

Nevada Citizen Eric Welwood addressed the City Council about his concerns regarding potential anonymous complaints being filed against himself and his neighbors in Cedar Ridge Estates.

REPORTS

5. Reports:

a. City Secretary Report –

No report.

b. City Attorney Report –

City Attorney Shepherd spoke briefly to the Council and provided an update about new state laws regarding zoning ordinances.

c. Code Enforcement Report –

Code Enforcement Officer Wagner provided a report and an update to the Council on Code Enforcement activities in the City of Nevada. City Attorney Shepherd answered questions regarding Chapter 54.

d. Financial Report (2nd Council Meeting) –

The council reviewed the October financial report provided by the City CPA, Ray Smith.

e. Mayor Pro Tem Report –

No report.

f. Mayor's Report/Status –

Mayor Ponce provided an update following his meeting with TX regarding the FM 6 expansion project.

g. NVFD Report (2nd Council Meeting) –

No report.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

6. Approval of Previous Meeting(s) Minutes – November 21, 2023 –

Council Member Laye made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Deering seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Review and discuss the Bond Update provided by Community Independent School District. Summary: CISD provided an update on the progress made in the 2022 bond program –

The City Council reviewed and discussed the bond update that was provided by Community ISD. No action was taken.

8. Discuss and consider action regarding the acceptance of proposals for waste management services for the City of Nevada. Summary: The City Council is to discuss and deliberate upon the consideration of potential bids for waste management services within the municipal boundaries of the City of Nevada –

The City Council and city staff spoke on the complaints and concerns that have been raised by several citizens in Nevada. CARDS representative Jasson Reed, spoke with the Council to address the concerns. Mayor Ponce tabled the Agenda Item for the Council to review the performance of CARDS Waste Management in February 2024. Council Member Deering made a motion to table this agenda item. Council Member Laye seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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. CARDS February 2024
2. Annexation of ETJ homeowners with a tax break.
3. Anonymous Complaints to Cedar Ridge

10. Executive Session –

Time:

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

11. Regular Session: Reconvene from Executive Session –

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

13. Adjournment / Closing –

Time: 8:33PM



Benito Ponce, Mayor

Attest:



Morgan Kowaleski, City Secretary

