

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 7, 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:
Bruce Mathews, Russell Newton,
Walt Newell, Jose Valencia,
Eric Wellwood, Bart Carroll

REGULAR MEETING

1. **Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum –**
Time: 7:02PM

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 Council Members & Citizens,

I have a few updates for you:

I have successfully completed the Health Benefit Coordinator Training program with the TX Health Benefits Pool. This equips me with the capability to facilitate the enrollment of health benefits for new staff members as our city continues to expand.

The official minutes from the meeting held on October 10th, which appointed me as the City Secretary, have been sent to our contacts at Independent Bank. Desi will provide the DocuSign documents by the week's end, authorizing my role as a signatory on the accounts.

I spoke with the locksmith who replaced our locks, and the keys have been ordered for Mr. Mathews & Mr. Turner. I anticipate the keys to be delivered by the end of the week.

In tonight's agenda, an important item of discussion pertains to the parking lot quote from North Texas Paving. At the next City Council meeting, a representative will be here to provide a detailed list of areas in need of potholes repairs, and with photos of those areas for the Council's review.

b. City Attorney Report –

No report but did speak on current voting propositions.

c. Code Enforcement Report –

No report at this time.

d. Financial Report (2nd Council Meeting) –

N/A

e. Mayor Pro Tem Report –

No report.

f. Mayor's Report/Status –

No report.

g. NVFD Report (2nd Council Meeting) –

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2023 –

Council Member Mike Laye made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Hudson seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

REGULAR AGENDA

Discuss and consider action on City of Nevada citizen, Jose Valencia's Board & Committee application for the Planning &, Zoning Commission –

Council Member Laye made a motion to appoint Mr. Valencia as a Commissioner of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Council Member Deering seconded the motion. Mayor Ponce swore in Mr. Valencia in the presence of the council, staff and citizens in attendance.

Discuss and consider action on Ordinance O110723; Sign Regulations. Summary: An ordinance of the City of Nevada, Collin County, Texas, establishing regulations and requirements for signage in the city; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; providing for a penalty of fine not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense; and providing an effective date –

City Attorney Jim Shepherd spoke on this agenda item. Council Member Laye made a motion to approve accept the ordinance with a modification to section #11. Council Member Deering seconded the motion.

Discuss and consider action on the quote provided by North Texas Paving LLC, for the grading and paving of the Nevada City Hall parking lot. Summary: City Secretary, Morgan Kowaleski can speak on this agenda item –

After much discussion, Council Member Laye made a motion to reject the parking lot bid from North Texas Paving. Council Member Deering seconded the motion.

Discuss and consider action on the Audit Engagement Letter for 2023 provided by Murrey Paschall & Caperton PC –

Council Member Laye made a motion to authorize Murrey Paschall & Caperton PC to perform the City of Nevada's 3rd audit. Council Member Laughter seconded the motion.

8. 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. Public Hearing – Bear Creek | 6. | 11. |
| 2. Potential options for parking lot | 7. | 12. |

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9. Executive Session –

10. Regular Session: Reconvene from Executive Session –

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

12. Adjournment/Closing –

Time: 8:15PM


Benito Ponce, Mayor

Attest:


Morgan Kowaleski, City Secretary

