

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 2, 2024
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:

Heather Schell, Assistant City Secretary
City Engineer, Chris Donnan
City Attorney, Jim Shepherd

Citizens:

Bruce Mathews, Walt Newell,
James Gracey, James Frasier,
Rocky Turner

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum –

Time: 7:06 PM

2. Invocation –

Mayor Benito Ponce asked EDC President Bruce Mathews 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. Reports:

a. City Secretary Report –

N/A

b. City Attorney Report –

N/A

c. Code Enforcement Report –

N/A

d. Financial Report (2nd Council Meeting) –

N/A

e. Mayor Pro Tem Report –

Mayor Pro Tem Longoria provided council and citizens an update regarding the budget for employee benefits. The cost for employee health benefits with TML went up 39% for the fiscal year. Effective February 1st 2024, the city will carry health benefits and life insurance directly with Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS) whose cost is 13% less than TML.

f. Mayor's Report/Status –

Mayor Ponce spoke for public record, on the various rumors regarding the closure of Shoemaker & Hardt Coffee Trailer/Shop. The city has never denied or delayed permitting for Shoemaker & Hardt and had no influence on the owner's decision to close their location in Nevada.

g. NVFD Report (2nd Council Meeting) –

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2023 –

Council Member Longoria made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Laughter seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried with a 5-0 Vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Discuss and consider taking action on a potential Waste Water Treatment Plant –

City Engineer Chris Donnan spoke on the options for waste water treatment for potential commercial developments in the City of Nevada. The Nevada SUD (SUD) has two potential locations south of town. The City of Nevada would not have any expense as the SUD will be building the plant. Chris Donnan will notify the SUD the recommended capacity for the city. Council Member Laye motion to table this agenda item until the city has an agreement with the SUD. Council Member Deering seconded the motion to table. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

8. Discuss the concern taking action on the quote provided by WOPAC for the pothole repairs and level up repairs on various streets in the city limits of Nevada –

WOPAC representative, Jason Fraiser addressed the council's concerns and questions regarding level ups, materials to be used, and timeline. City Engineer, Chris Donnan, spoke about the County's estimate for the repair of Eugene Ln. Chris recommended a geotechnical investigation of the area for

reconstruction instead of repair based on predicted future traffic. With the fiscal year's budget in mind, Council Member Longoria made a motion to approve the quote from WOPAC. Council Member Laye seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

9. Discuss and consider taking action on provided CARDS with a 90-day termination notice and the potential acceptance of proposals for waste management services for the City of Nevada –

After much discussion and taking into consideration the numerous complaints from various citizens, Council Member Deering made a motion to extend a 90-day termination notice to CARDS Recycling & Waste Management immediately upon setting the schedule for a new RFP for Solid Waste services. Council Member Longoria seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

10. Discuss and consider taking action on the removal of Planning & Zoning Commissioner, Karl Fisher from the P&Z Commission –

Council Member Laye made a motion to approve the removal of Planning & Zoning Commissioner, Karl Fisher from the P&Z Commission. Council Member Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

11. 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. TXDOT/County Roads | 6. Street Sign Project |
| 2. Ordinance – temp. signs | 7. Code Enforcement – Old Church |
| 3. Waste Management RFP | |
| 4. Hayter Engineering Update – Eugene/WWTP | |
| 5. WOPAC - Eugene | |

12. Executive Session –

13. Regular Session: Reconvene from Executive Session –

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

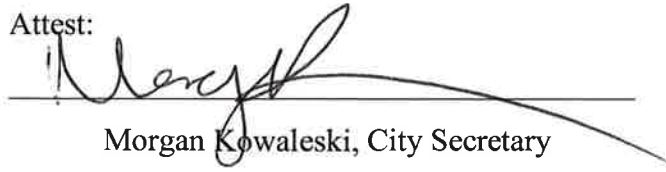
15. Adjournment/Closing –

Time: 8:49 PM



Benito Ponce, Mayor

Attest:



Morgan Kowaleski, City Secretary