



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 6, 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:
City Secretary, Morgan Kowaleski

Citizens:
James Gracey, Russell Newton,
Bruce Mathews, Al Longoria,
Derrick Little, Shawn Pharr

REGULAR MEETING

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

Time: 7:01 PM
Council Member Deering was absent.

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.

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 –**

There was no public comment.

5. **Reports:**

a. **City Secretary Report –**

Road Closure –

A citizen made a complaint today regarding a large dip on West St. Dennis, the code enforcement officer borrowed barriers from the SUD to block off the road from West to FM 6. I left a message with Adam with WOPAC, asking for them to start repairs on West this week. Transportation with CISD

Moved into Annex Space –

Heather & I have made the transition over to the new Annex Offices on Friday; and were up and running the same day.

Phones –

We have received complaints regarding the City's answering service; that when a citizen calls it takes them through loops of information, without being able to easily get ahold of a city employee. As of last Thursday, if you call the City, you will hear my voice as the new answering service. When a citizen calls now, the new menu will auto forward their call to the SUD, Collin County Development Services, CISD, and the NFVD if they choose that option.

Dennis' Phone & Line –

Code Enforcement now has their own direct phone line & extension, with a desk top phone that will remain at City Hall. New business cards have been ordered reflecting the new contact information.

Revize –

I received an update from Tim, our Project Manager with Revize. As of last Friday, we have moved to the Quality Assurance "phase" which will take roughly 3 weeks.

"If there are any custom development needs identified during the project, they will be executed during this phase. Additional tweaks may be requested during the beta testing period. In this phase, we also implement accessibility tools to ensure your website conforms as closely as possible to industry standards."

Once completed, the next 1-3 weeks will be for Training, and a Beta Site Review.

Liquor Sales

- **Application:** An application for a petition is made by written application by 10 or more qualified voters of the territory to be covered by the election.
- **Notice of Publication:** When an application for a petition is filed, the petitioners must also provide proof of publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Reminder to all –

Application for ballot deadline is February 16th.

b. City Attorney Report –

N/A

c. Code Enforcement Report –

Code Enforcement Officer Wagner was not present for the meeting but provided the Council with an updated report.

d. Financial Report (2nd Council Meeting) –

N/A

e. Mayor Pro Tem Report –

N/A

f. Mayor's Report/Status –

N/A

g. NVFD Report (2nd Council Meeting) –

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2024 –

Council Member Longoria made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Laye seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Joint Election Services Contract with Collin County Elections Administration and the City of Nevada –

Council Member Laye made a motion to approve the Joint Elections Contract with Collin County Elections Administration. Council Member Laughter seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

8. Deliberate and take any appropriate action on the removal of EDC Director, Thad Anderson –

Council Member Laye made a motion to remove Thad Anderson as a Director of the NEDC. Council Member Longoria seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

9. Deliberate and take any appropriate action on the Nevada Economic Development Committee (NEDC) application received from Nevada citizen, Shawn Pharr –

Council Member Laye made a motion to appoint Shawn Pharr as a Director of the NEDC. Council Member Laughter seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote. Director Pharr was sworn in by Mayor, Benito Ponce.

10. Discuss and take any appropriate action on the dedicated use of the ARPA Funds –

Council Member Laye made a motion to approve the ARPA Funds to be allocated towards Revenue Replacement to fund city operations. Council Member Longoria seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

11. Discuss and take any appropriate action on the refreshment project for City Hall –

No action taken. Mayor Ponce tabled this Agenda Item until the next City Council Meeting.

12. Discuss and take any appropriate action to plan a public meeting to discuss the tax rollback –

The council tentatively scheduled a workshop for April 2, 2024, with the encouraged attendance of Nevada citizens to discuss the tax rollback. No action was taken. Mayor Ponce tabled this Agenda Item until the next City Council meeting.

13. 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 council shall have prior consent of the Mayor to add an agenda item for a future meeting.

1. *P&Z – Derrick Little*
2. *Alcohol Sales*
3. *City Hall Renovations*
4. *Tax Rollback Presentation*
5. *Street Sign Project*
6. *Trash Bids*
7. *WOPAC Update*

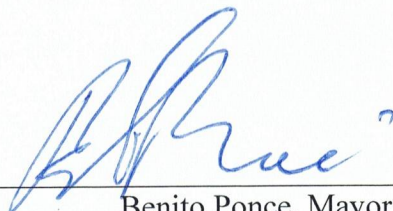
Executive Session - Time: N/A

Regular Session: Reconvene from Executive Session - Time: N/A

If required, take any action deemed necessary as the result of any executive session deliberations.

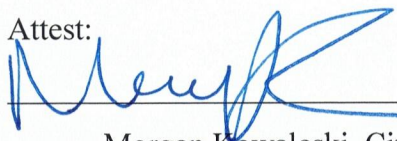
Adjournment / Closing –

Time: 8:04PM



Benito Ponce, Mayor

Attest:



Morgan Kowaleski, City Secretary

