



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL “TOWN HALL” MEETING

Tuesday, April 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:

City Secretary, Morgan Kowaleski
Assistant City Secretary, Heather Schell
City Attorney, Jim Shepherd

Citizens:

Lester Smith, Tracey Ponce, Sarah Ortega,
Shirley Houseworth, Chavez Wilson, Mark Besozzi,
Lisa Richardson, Keith Strickland, Paul Kenney,
Paul Breitzman, Natasha Schmitz, Ryan Schmitz,
Charles Liams, Joe Cleveland, Matthew Erickson,
Russell Newton, Bruce Mathews, Walt Newell,
James Gracey, Rex Adams, Janet Harris,
Shawn Pharr

REGULAR MEETING

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

Time: 7:01PM

2. **Invocation –**

Mayor 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 –**

Citizen Paul Breitzman addressed the Council.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. **Mayor's comments on how the Town Hall Meeting will be conducted.**

a. **Council presentation on the rollback election, and the effect on the City –**

Mayor Ponce showed a presentation to the citizens to highlight the financial challenges the city of Nevada faces and the potential impacts of lowering the tax rate.

b. **Q&A from citizens –**

Speakers:

Paul Breitzman

James Gracey

Paul Kenney

Joe Cleveland

Rex Adams

Mark Besozzi

Janet Harris

Ryan Schmitz

c. **Final comments by Mayor and Council –**

The Mayor & Council thanked the citizens in attendance and gave final remarks regarding the tax rate rollback.

Adjournment/Closing –

Time: 8:59PM



Benito Ponce, Mayor

Attest:



Morgan Kowaleski, City Secretary