

City of Taylor
Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Minutes
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
September 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Anderson
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Council Member Dwayne Ariola

Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager
Mark Schroeder, City Attorney
Dianna McLean, City Clerk

Absent: Mayor Brandt Rydell

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Library Card Sign Up Month

Councilmember Drummond read the proclamation and presented it to Karen Ellis and members of Friends of the Library.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Terry Burris, Jude Grissom, Janetta McCoy, Frances Sorrow, Windy Ellis

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve minutes from the August 23, 2023 special called City Council meeting and the August 24, 2023 regular City Council meeting.**
2. **Concur with preliminary financials for July 2023.**
3. **Consider bids and award Supplemental Carbon Feed Supply Chemical to supplier.**
4. **Consider Change Order 7 for the Carbon Feed System needed to receive wastewater flows from Samsung, Emergency Belt Press Panel Repair, and E-House delays contract time extension at the Mustang Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.**
5. **Consider Approval of Auditing Services for the FY2023 Audit with Brooks Watson & Company.**
6. **Consider Resolution R23-31, Automated License Plate Recognition Readers.**
7. **Consider approving Task Order 41 with HDR Engineering for permit expediting services.**
8. **Consider approving purchases for fleet approved in the FY 22-23 and FY 23-24 Budgets to include replacement of three (3) police department units, replacement of #515 Dump Truck (Streets and Grounds), replacement of #540 Progator (Streets and Grounds), replacement of #539 Skid steer Loader (Streets and Grounds), Shredder for Utility Tractor addition (Streets and Grounds), replacement of #619 (Utility Maintenance), replacement of #620 Backhoe (Utility Maintenance), replacement of #618 Utility Maintenance Truck, replacement of #47 Backhoe (Utility Maintenance), Chevrolet Tahoe addition (City Management).**

Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson announced that item #6 was being pulled from consideration and would be placed on a future agenda.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the consent agenda items 1 – 5 and 7 – 8 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

9. **Consider Introducing Ordinance 2023-42 establishing Fees for City Services for Fiscal Year 2024.**

Jeff Wood, Chief Financial Officer – This ordinance is to amend the current fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2024. Mr. Wood went over the changes.

The City Attorney read the caption of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-42

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-31 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 24, 2023 BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY.

First reading. No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

10. **Consider awarding engineering services for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) Drainage Project.**

Jim Gray, Public Works Director - Engineering Services must be awarded to help with the application and pre-award grant requirements. Projects targeted for this grant will be the Davis-2nd and Annie Street-2nd. Altogether these projects are estimated to cost \$9-\$10 million dollars. The grant provides 75% funding toward the project with 25% being matched by the city. City received one bid.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to award the grant engineering services to HDR Engineering. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Consider awarding grant administration services for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) Drainage Project.**

Jim Gray, Public Works Director - Administration Services must be awarded to help with the application and pre-award grant requirements. Projects targeted for this grant will be the Davis-2nd and Annie Street-2nd. The City received two bids.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to award the grant administration services to Langford Community Management. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **Approve quote for Bull Branch Playground Replacement.**

Tyler Bybee, Parks & Rec Director - The current playground at Bull Branch Park was installed 15 years ago and was donated to the City by the T Don Hutto Detention Center. Replacement parts are nonexistent. In January of 2023 the playscape was deemed unsafe and staff placed fencing

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and signage around the area. In March of 2023 the old playground was removed. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board selected "Tree Tops" concept. The Parks board approved the final Tree Tops concept with the addition of a ZipKrooz zip line.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the quote from Whirlix Design Incorporated in the amount of \$229,718.72 and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem read the Executive Session items and adjourned into closed session at 6:43pm.

Executive Session I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas authorize and allow such a closed meeting and which Rules conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

- a. MUD 48
- b. FM 973 LLC MUD
- c. Petitions for release from Taylor ETJ
- d. Special Events Policy
- e. Matterhorn Express Pipeline LLC v. City of Taylor

13. Reconvene into open session and take any action.

Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson reconvened into open session at 7:04pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:04p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna McLean, City Clerk

