

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF DAINGERFIELD
August 7, 2023

City Council Present: Mayor Wade Kerley Councilmembers Mike Carter, Ben Ramirez, David Hood, Jessie Ayers and Vicki Smith

Absent: None

City Staff Present: City Manager Keith Whitfield, City Secretary Michelle Jones, Finance Director Amanda Sanders, Police Chief Tracey Climer, Fire Chief Jimmy Cornelius

Others: Chad Sutton-C&A Creations, Arlee Johnson-C&A Creations, Josh Sanders-Start2Finish, Jason Horn, Terry Kox, Kyle Harrison-DLSYSA, Beverly Austin-Daingerfield EDC, Angie Ayers, Melinda Precise, Osiris Brantley-NETMWD, Scott Brantley, Teleshia Coleman, Joe Austin II, Ashley Hood-Raw Iron, Tyler Walker, Jessica Gannon, Lesia Lewis-DLSISD, Belinda McLaughlin, Stan Wyatt, Wayne Owen-NETMWD, Marty Walker, Leanna Walker, Gatlin Moore, Chad Crawley, and Jim Goodman

Mayor Kerley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Whitfield gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

Public Comments:

Terry Kox spoke on changes to the regular council meeting dates being made public, requested more updates from the website and frequency of water leaks.

Scott Brantley gave his appreciation of the work city council and city staff was doing and spoke on tabled agenda item 6D Irvin Ballpark, stating the city is doing a good job of not smelling the sewer plant that is nearby, he also stated that a privacy fence would be a good addition to block the sewer plant from the park.

Chad Crawley stated that he was the new owner of the car wash and spoke on the water rate increase and stated that no one notified him of the water leak and that the website should be updated better.

Belinda McLaughlin stated that she was appalled by the water rate increase, stated that the City cannot deliver reliable water service, she spoke on the previous increase in

2020 that was passed to improve infrastructure and stated she has not seen any improvement since that increase.

4. Consent Agenda

All Consent items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote.

- A. **Deliberate and act to Approve Minutes of July 10, 2023:** Motion made by Councilmember Hood to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

5. Presentation:

Informational report only, no action to be taken:

- A. **Presentation from Marty Walker on Potential Land Donation to Develop a new Baseball Sports Complex:** Informational presentation only, no action was taken. Presentation on file.

6. Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:

Mayor Kerley called for Item 6J and 6K to be considered prior to Items 6A and 6B as the water and sewer rate increase needed to be discussed prior to discussion on adopting meter size rate increases. Item 6J and 6K were acted upon first and after the Mayor reverted to the agenda order.

- A. **Deliberate and Take from the Table Agenda Item to Hear, Discuss, Review and Possibly Take Action on adopting Water Rate Minimum Charge based on Meter Size:** Motion made by Councilmember Carter to take from the table agenda item to Hear, Discuss, Review and Possibly Take Action on adopting Water Rate Minimum charge based on Meter Size, seconded by Councilmember Smith and all voted aye. Motion carried.
- B. **Hear, Discuss, Review and Possibly Take Action on adopting Water Rate Minimum Charge based on Meter Size:** Motion made by Councilmember Ramirez to adopt Water Rate Minimum Charge based on Meter Size as presented. No second motion. Motion Failed.
- C. **Deliberate and Take from the Table Agenda Item to Hear, Discuss, Review and Possibly Take Action on the City taking ownership of Irvin Ballpark located at 1105 Bert St, currently owned by Daingerfield Dixie Youth Baseball Association:** Motion made by Councilmember Carter to Take from the Table Agenda Item to Hear, Discuss, Review and Possibly Take Action on the City taking ownership of Irvin Ballpark located at 1105 Bert St, currently owned by Daingerfield Dixie Youth Baseball Association, seconded by Councilmember Hood, and all voted aye. Motion carried.
- D. **Hear, Discuss, Review and Possibly Take Action on the City taking ownership of Irvin Ballpark located at 1105 Bert St, currently owned**

by Daingerfield Dixie Youth Baseball Association: Motion made by Councilmember Ramirez to accept land donation of Irvin Ballpark located at 1105 Bert St. from the Daingerfield Dixie Youth Baseball Association, seconded by Councilmember Smith. Councilmembers Ayers, Hood, Smith, Ramirez all voted for. Councilmember Carter voted against. Motion carried.

- E. Deliberate and Take from the Table Agenda Item to Deliberate and Act to Approve a 5.7 Percent Consumer Price Index Increase in Rates Charged by Republic Services, Inc. for Garbage Collection and Disposal:** Motion made by Councilmember Carter to Take from the Table Agenda Item to Deliberate and Act to Approve a 5.7 Percent Consumer Price Index Increase in Rates Charged by Republic Services, Inc. for Garbage Collection and Disposal, seconded by Councilmember Ayers and all voted aye. Motion carried.
- F. Deliberate and Act to Approve a 5.7 Percent Consumer Price Index Increase in Rates Charged by Republic Services, Inc. for Garbage Collection and Disposal:** Motion made by Councilmember Carter to Approve a 5.7 Percent Consumer Price Index Increase in Rates Charged by Republic Services, Inc. for Garbage Collection and Disposal, seconded by Councilmember Hood and all voted aye. Motion carried.
- G. Deliberate and Take from the Table Agenda Item to Deliberate and Act on Ordinance No. 2023- to Amend Chapter 14, Section 14.17 Regarding Rates Charged by the City for Refuse Collection:** Motion made by Councilmember Ayers to Take from the Table Agenda Item to Deliberate and Act on Ordinance No. 2023- to Amend Chapter 14, Section 14.17 Regarding Rates Charged by the City for Refuse Collection, seconded by Councilmember Hood and all voted aye. Motion carried.
- H. Deliberate and Act on Ordinance No. 2023-02 to Amend Chapter 14, Section 14.17 Regarding Rates Charged by the City for Refuse Collection:** Motion made by Councilmember Hood to amend Ordinance No. 2023-02 to Amend Chapter 14, Section 14.17 Regarding Rates Charged by the City for Refuse Collection, seconded by Councilmember Hood and all voted aye. Motion carried.
- I. Hear, Discuss, Review and Possibly Take Action on Adopting a Downtown Beautification Donation Project presented by C & A Creations:** Motion made by Councilmember Hood to Adopt the Downtown Beautification Donation Project as presented by C&A Creations, seconded by Councilmember Smith, Councilmembers Smith, Ayers, Hood, and Ramirez all voted for. Councilmember Carter voted Against. Motion carried.
- J. Deliberate, Discuss and Approve Increase of Water Rates:** After discussion and questions presented to Wayne Owen District manager of

Northeast Texas Municipal Water District a motion made by Councilmember Ramirez to Approve increase of Water Rates of 10.10% as presented, seconded by Councilmember Ayers. Councilmembers Smith, Ayers and Ramirez voted for, and Councilmembers Hood and Carter voted against. Motion carried 3 to 2. A copy of the presentation by Wayne Owen is on file.

- K. Deliberate, Discuss and Approve Increase of Sewer Rates.** Motion was made by Councilmember Ayers to approve increase of sewer rates as presented, seconded by Councilmember Hood. Councilmembers Smith, Ayers, Hood, and Ramirez voted for and Councilmember Carter voted against. Motion carried 4 to 1.
- L. Presentation and Discussion of the Preliminary Budget for FY 2023-2024:** Motion was made by Councilmember Ayers to approve the Tax Rate of .491974 for use in the Budget for FY 2023-2024 the same rate as the previous budget, seconded by Councilmember Ramirez. Councilmembers Smith, Ayers, Hood, and Ramirez voted for and Councilmember Carter voted against. Motion carried 4 to 1.
- M. Deliberate and Set Date for Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024:** Motion made by Councilmember Carter to Set Date for Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for September 11, 2023, seconded by Councilmember Smith and all voted for. Motion carried.
- N. Deliberate and Set Date for Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024:** Motion made by Councilmember Ayers to Set Date for Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for September 11, 2023, seconded by Councilmember Ramirez and all voted aye. Motion carried
- O. Deliberate and Set Date to Vote on Proposed Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024:** Motion made by Councilmember Smith to Set Date to Vote on Proposed Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 on September 18, 2023, seconded by Councilmember Ayers and all voted aye. Motion carried.
- P. Hear, Discuss, Review and Possibly Take Action on adopting Ordinance No. 2023-06 Adopting New Policies and Procedures for City of Daingerfield Boards and Commissions:** Motion made by Councilmember Ayers to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-06 Adopting New Policies and Procedures for City of Daingerfield Boards and Commissions, seconded by Councilmember Ramirez. Councilmembers Smith, Ayers and Ramirez all voted for and Councilmembers Hood and Carter voted against. Motion carried 3 to 2.

Q. Deliberate, Discuss and Approve Ordinance No. 2023-9 Repealing Ordinance No 2010-03 Juvenil Curfew: Motion made by Councilmember Hood to Approve Ordinance No. 2023-9 Repealing Ordinance No 2010-03 Juvenil Curfew, seconded by Councilmember Carter, all voted aye. Motion carried.

R. Hear, Discuss, Review and Possibly Take Action on Request to close Webb St, Frazier St and Scurry Street on October 28, 2023 to Allow the City to sponsor a Trunk or Treat event organized by James White and Josh Sanders: Motion made by Councilmember Hood to approve Request to close Webb St, Frazier St and Scurry Street on October 28, 2023 to Allow the City to sponsor a Trunk or Treat event organized by James White and Josh Sanders, seconded by Councilmember Smith and all voted aye.

7. Monthly Departmental Reports: *Informational reports only; no action to be taken:*

- a. Animal Shelter, Code Enforcement, Electrical, EMS, Fire, Library, Municipal court, Police, Public Works
- b. Financial
- c. City Manager

Informational reports only, no action was taken. All reports remain on file.

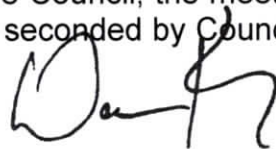
8. Monthly Boards and Commissions Minuets: *Informational reports only; no action to be taken:*

- a. Economic Development Corporation and Northeast Texas Municipal Water District

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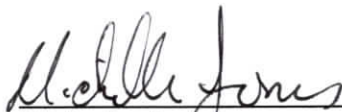
9. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. on motion by Councilmember Carter seconded by Councilmember Ramirez and all voted aye.



Wade Kerley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michelle Jones
City Secretary

