

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF DAINGERFIELD
July 10, 2023

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

Absent: Jessie Ayers

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

Others: Josh Sanders, Mike Ward-CPA, Stan Wyatt-NTMWD, Kyle Harrison-Dixie Youth Baseball association, Wayne and Robert Speight-NTMWD, Marty Walker, Leann Walker,

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:

Marty Walker requested updates Texas Water Development grants in light of boil water breaks, Mr. Walker also spoke on isolating the water system to stop water shut off to entire city and the low water pressure on west side of town.

Bob Scaff spoke of his dissatisfaction with the work done in his yard by public works and his dissatisfaction with the City Manager responding to his phone calls.

Mr. Whitfield responded to Mr. Scaff by stating that he did meet with Mr. Scaff and had a plan in place to resolve the situation.

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 June 12, 2023, and June 27, 2023
- B. Deliberate and Act to move the August 14, 2023, City Council meeting to August 7, 2023.

- C. Deliberate and Act to set a special City Council meeting September 18, 2023, to adopt the FY 2024 Budget.

Mayor Kerley considered all consent items on the July 10, 2023, agenda separately.

Motion made by Councilmember Smith to approve agenda Item 4A as presented, seconded by Councilmember Hood and all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilmember Hood to approve agenda Item 4B as presented, seconded by Councilmember Ramirez and all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilmember Carter to approve agenda Item 4C as presented, seconded by Councilmember Hood, and all voted aye. Motion carried.

5. Presentation:

Informational report only, no action to be taken:

- A. Presentation of the Audit for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 by Mike Ward, C.P.A

Mr. Mike Ward presented the audit for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Mr. Ward delivered a clean un-modified opinion and stated the City of Daingerfield is in the top 10% of Cities he audits. Mr. Ward stated that City Staff had been very helpful and provided him with all the information he needed, and he appreciates that. Mr. Ward stated that next year the City will need a special audit.

6. Business

Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:

- A. **Deliberate and Take from the Table Agenda Item Act to Approve Renewal of the Total Phosphorus Load Agreement with northeast Texas Municipal Water district.** Motion to take from table on agenda item 6A-Act to Approve Renewal of the Total Phosphorus Load Agreement with northeast Texas Municipal Water district made by Councilmember Carter, seconded by Councilmember Hood and all voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. **Deliberate and Act to Approve Renewal of the Total Phosphorus Load Agreement with Northeast Texas Municipal Water District.** Motion made by Councilmember Carter to Approve Renewal of the Total Phosphorus Load Agreement with Northeast Texas Municipal Water District, seconded by Councilmember Ramirez and all voted aye. Motion carried.

- C. **Deliberate and Act to Approve Resolution Budget Amendment 07102023 Certificate of Obligation Annual Payment.** Motion made by Councilmember Carter, seconded by Councilmember Hood, and all voted aye. Motion carried.

- D. **Hear, Discuss, Review and Possibly Take Action on adopting Water Rate Minimum Charge based on Meter Size.** Motion made by Councilmember Hood to table Water Rate minimum charge based on meter size, seconded by Councilmember Smith and all voted aye. Motion carried.
- E. **Hear, Discuss, Review and Possibly Take Action on Sales Tax Initiative to be placed on the Ballot to determine abolishment of existing sales tax to reallocate or lower existing sales tax and reallocate.** Motion made by Councilmember Hood to lower the property tax discount from .5% to .25% and reallocate the remaining .25% to the Economic Development Corporation on the Sales Tax Initiative to be placed on the May ballot, seconded by Councilmember Carter, Councilmembers Smith, Hood, Carter all voted aye and Councilmember Ramirez voted against. Motion carried.
- F. **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 table for further information, seconded by Councilmember Smith, Councilmembers Smith and Carter voted aye and Councilmembers Hood and Ramirez voted against. Mayor Kerley cast the tie-break vote for and motion to table carried.
- G. **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 table approval of the 5.7 percent increase pending information from the City Attorney on whether the City can legally gain revenue from garbage collection, seconded by Councilmember Smith, all voted aye, motion carried.
- H. **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 Hood to table ordinance No. 2023-to amend chapter 14 section 14.17 regarding rates charged by the City for Refuse Collection, seconded by Councilmember Ramirez and all voted aye, motion carried.
- I. **Hear, Discuss, Review and Possibly Take Action adopting a General Pay Plan Policy for the City of Daingerfield to become effective October 1, 2023.** Motion made by Councilmember Ramirez to adopt the General Pay Plan Policy for the City of Daingerfield to become effective October 1, 2023, seconded by Councilmember Hood and all voted aye, motion carried.

- J. **Hear, Discuss, Review and Possibly Take Action on Request from Chamber of Commerce board member Tracey Climer to close Webb St, Frazier St and Scurry Street overnight from October 13, 2023, to October 14, 2023, to facilitate the Daingerfield Days BBQ Competition.** Motion made by Councilmember Hood to approve request to close Webb St., Frazier St, and Scurry St. overnight from October 13, 2023, to October 14, 2023, to facilitate the Daingerfield Days BBQ Competition, seconded by Councilmember Ramirez and all voted aye, motion carried.

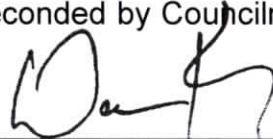
7. **Monthly Departmental Reports:** *Informational reports only; no action to be taken:*

- 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. **Adjournment.**

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. on motion by Councilmember Smith seconded by Councilmember Ramirez and all voted in favor.



Wade Kerley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michelle Jones
City Secretary