

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF DAINGERFIELD
November 13, 2023

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

Absent: David Hood

City Staff Present: City Secretary Michelle Jones, Police Chief Tracey Climer, Public Works Director Kiersten Wiley, Finance Director Amanda Sanders, Fire Chief Jimmy Cornileus, Assistant Chief Travis Miller

Others: Josh Sanders-S2F, Lanny Buck-KSA, Brian Pritchett-KSA, Robert Haberle-SPI, Steven Adams-SPFI, Ruben Carrington, Quentin Boyd-The Steel Country Bee

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

Mayor Kerley gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

Public Comments:

No public comment

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 October 9, 2023, and October 24, 2023:

Motion made by Councilmember Ramirez to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Smith and all voted for. Motion carried.

5. Business

Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:

- A. Discuss and Consider Awarding Contracts for Bond Counsel, Financial Advisory Services and Engineering in Connection with Texas Water Development Board Project and Authorize and Direct Interim City Manager to Execute Contracts with each such Firm:**

Motion made by Councilmember Carter to award contracts for Bond Counsel, Financial Advisory Services and Engineering in connection with Texas Water Development Board Project and Authorize and Direct Interim City Manager to Execute Contracts with the three firms that scored highest from the scoring committee, McCall Parkhurst & Horton for Bond Counsel, Specialized Public Finance Inc. for Financial Advisory Services and Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for Engineering, seconded by Councilmember Ramirez and all voted for. Motion carried.

- B. Discuss and Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of City of Daingerfield, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023, In the Principal Amount of \$1,950,000 and Awarding the Sale of Such Certificates of Obligation to the Texas Water Development Board:** Motion made by Councilmember Ayers to adopt an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of City of Daingerfield, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023, In the Principal Amount of \$1,950,000 and Awarding the Sale of Such Certificates of Obligation to the Texas Water Development Board, seconded by Councilmember Carter and all voted for. Motion carried.
- C. Discuss and Consider Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Principal Forgiveness Agreement for \$1,000,000 for Sewer System Improvements; and Resolving Other Matters Relating to the Subject:** Motion made by Councilmember Carter to adopt the Resolution Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Principal Forgiveness Agreement for \$1,000,000 for Sewer System Improvements; and Resolving Other Matters Relating to the Subject, seconded by Councilmember Ayers and all voted for, motion carried.
- D. Discuss and Consider Adoption of a Resolution authorizing Interim City Manager to open new bank accounts related to TWDB Loans and Grant Monies:** Motion made by Councilmember Carter to adopt Resolution authorizing Interim City Manager Michelle Jones to open new bank accounts and appoint Mayor Wade Kerley and City Secretary Michelle Jones as Authorized Signatories related to TWDB Loans and Grant Monies, seconded by Councilmember Ayers, all voted for, motion carried.
- E. Deliberate and Possibly Act to Approve Resolution 2023-12 to enact a Charter Commission to review the City Charter for revisions:** Motion made by Councilmember Ayers to approve Resolution 2023-12 to enact a Charter Commission to review the City Charter, seconded by Councilmember Ramirez, all voted for. Motion carried.

F. Deliberate and Possibly Act to Appoint Citizens to the City Charter Review Commission: Motion made by Councilmember Carter to appoint Rona Elwell, Martha Campbell, Jim Goodman, Stan Wyatt, Wendy Loupee, Pam Spann and Bob Scaff to serve on the City Charter Review Commission, seconded by Councilmember Ayers, and all voted for. Motion carried.

G. Deliberate and Possibly Act to Approve a Resolution Authorizing Interim City Manager Michelle Jones as the City's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative Pertaining to the City's Participation in the Home Program: Motion made by Councilmember Carter to approve the Resolution Authorizing Interim City Manager Michelle Jones as the City's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative Pertaining to the City's Participation in the Home Program, seconded by Councilmember Ayers and all voted for. Motion carried.

H. Deliberate and Act on Ordinance Voting for Candidate(s) for the Morris County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2024-2025: Motion made by Councilmember Carter to place all 222 votes on Candidate Jim Goodman for the Morris County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2024-2025, seconded by Councilmember Ayers and all voted for, motion carried.

6. 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

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

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

8. Executive Session

The City Council of Daingerfield has the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney), 551.072(Deliberations Regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations Regarding Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), and 551.076 (Deliberations Regarding Security Devices)

- A. **Convene into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074(Personnel Matters) of the Government Code to deliberate regarding the salary of the Interim City Manager and review submitted applications for City Manager:**

Mayor Kerley convened the City Council into a Closed meeting to deliberate the salary of the Interim City Manager and review submitted applications for City Manager beginning at 6:56p.m. Mayor Kerley adjourned the executive session at 7:20p.m. No action was taken.

- B. Reconvene into public session and take action as appropriate at the City Council's discretion regarding the salary of the Interim City Manager and submitted applications for City Manager:** Mayor Kerley reconvened into public session at 7:20pm and Councilmember Ramirez made a motion to increase the salary of the interim City Manager to \$75,000, seconded by Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Carter made an amendment to the motion to increase the salary of the interim City Manager to \$75,000 until such time that a City Manager is hired, all voted for, motion carried.

Motion made by Councilmember Ayers to place on hold accepting applications for the City Manager position until 60 days prior to the May 2024 election, seconded by Councilmember Carter and all voted for. Motion carried.

9. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. on motion by Councilmember Carter seconded by Councilmember Ayers and all voted for, motion carried.



Wade Kerley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michelle Jones
City Secretary

