

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF DAINGERFIELD  
September 11, 2023

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

Absent: City Manager Keith Whitfield

City Staff Present: City Secretary Michelle Jones, Finance Director Amanda Sanders and Police Chief Tracey Climer

Others: Josh Sanders-Start2Finish, Carolyn & Welton Walker, Martha & Clifton Martin, Tina Cooper, Chris Smith-Mug Shots, Jim Goodman, Jason Horn-EDC, Jeremy Buechtr-SPI, Chris Osburn-SPI, Melinda Precise, Angie Ayers, Paul Jasin-SPFI, Sheran West, Beberly Austin-EDC, Harvinder Singh, Terry Kox

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:**

There were no public comments.

**4. Public Hearing Items**

**a. Conduct Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Mayor Kerley opened the public hearing at 6:03 PM. Tina Cooper spoke in opposition to the proposed Tax Rate and urged Council to reconsider. Mayor Kerley announced the Meeting Information to adopt the Tax Rate for Fiscal year 2023-2024 to be held on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Daingerfield Volunteer Fire Department. There being no other speakers Mayor Kerley closed the public hearing at 6:07 PM

**b. Conduct Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Mayor Kerley opened the public hearing at 6:08 PM. Mayor Kerley announced the Meeting Information to adopt the Budget for Fiscal year 2023-2024 to be held on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Daingerfield Volunteer Fire Department. There being no speakers present Mayor Kerley closed the public hearing at 6:08 PM.

**5. 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 August 7, 2023.** Motion made by Councilmember Carter to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Smith. All voted for. Motion carried.

**6. Presentation:**

*Informational report only, no action to be taken:*

- A. **Hear status update from the engineers Schaumburg & Polk on Water Tower project.** Jeremy Buechter with SPI gave a status update on city systems. Mr. Buechter stated that the water system is struggling with water delivery during the hot months. Mr. Buechter stated that targeted flushing as well as potentially having the Water District increase the chlorine at their end may help. Mr. Buechter then gave a timeline for approval of projects from the Texas Water Development Board of spring 2024 and to begin work potentially in summer 2024. He stated that valve installations may be able to begin by the end of year. After questions from council Mayor Kerley thanked him for his time.

- B. **Presentation from the Daingerfield Economic Development Corporation and Sonny Havinder on development opportunities in Daingerfield for potential development of apartments and other possible investments.** Mr. Jason Horn with Daingerfield Economic Development Corporation introduced Mr. Sonny Havinder as a potential developer interested in bringing a new apartment complex to Daingerfield. Mr. Havinder then spoke of his plans to purchase land next to the new Family Dollar and build an apartment complex with 16 apartments. Mr. Havinder asked the council for guidance on this process. City Secretary Michelle Jones advised that she would be willing to meet with him at City Hall and go over all procedures involved in the project. Mr. Havinder was given a business card to contact Mrs. Jones and set up an appointment to go over further information. Mayor Kerley thanked him for his time and presentation.

**7. Business**

**Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:**

- A. **Discuss and Consider Adoption of a Resolution directing Publication of Notice of Intention to issue up to \$1,950,000 Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation to the Texas Water Development Board to provide funds for Sewer System Improvement Projects; and Resolving other matters relating to the subject.** Motion made by Councilmember Carter to adopt Resolution directing Publication of Notice of Intention to issue up to

\$1,950,000 combination tax and revenue Certificates of Obligation to the Texas Water Development Board, seconded by Councilmember Ayers and all voted for. Motion carried.

- B. Presentation and Discussion of the Preliminary Budget Version 2 for FY 2023-2024.** No action was taken. Council reviewed changes made to the preliminary budget version 2.
- C. Deliberate, Discuss and Possibly Take Action to Amend Ordinance Chapter 4, Alcoholic Beverages, to Adopt the terms and provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code.** Motion made by Councilmember Hood to approve to amend Ordinance Chapter 4, Alcoholic Beverages, to adopt the terms and provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, seconded by Councilmember Ramirez, and all voted for. Motion carried.
- D. Deliberate, Discuss and Possibly Take Action to Adopt Ordinance(s) Allowing for Minimum Charge based on Meter Size for Water and Sewer Rates:** Motion made by Councilmember Ramirez to table agenda item to adopt ordinance(s) allowing for minimum charge based on meter size for water and sewer rates, seconded by Councilmember Carter, Councilmembers Smith, Carter and Ramirez voted for and Councilmembers Ayers and Hood voted against. Motion carried 3 to 2.
- E. Deliberate and Discuss and Possibly Act on the Volunteer Fire Department limiting response to critical County emergencies only while continuing full coverage within City Limits.** Motion made by Councilmember Carter to set up a workshop with County commissioners to address the funding provided to the City from the County, seconded by Councilmember Hood and all voted for. Motion carried.
- F. Deliberate and Act to Approve Proposed Holiday Schedule for City of Daingerfield.** Motion made by Councilmember Hood to approve the proposed Holiday Schedule for the City of Daingerfield, seconded by Councilmember Smith, Councilmembers Smith, Ayers, Hood and Ramirez voted for. Councilmember Carter voted against. Motion carried 4 to 1.
- G. Deliberate and Act to Approve Budget Amendment Resolution 09112023 needed repairs on AC Units 1 & 4 at City Hall.** Motion made by Councilmember Carter to approve budget amendment resolution 09112023, seconded by Councilmember Smith and all voted for. Motion carried.
- H. Deliberate, Discuss and Possibly Approve Resolution for the City of Daingerfield to become eligible to Participate in Tax Abatement.** Motion made by Councilmember Carter to approve resolution for the City of Daingerfield to become eligible to participate in Tax Abatement, seconded by Councilmember Hood and all voted aye. Motion carried.

- I. **Deliberate and Act on Ordinance Nominating Candidate(s) for the Morris County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2022-2023.** Motion made by Councilmember Carter to nominate Jason Horn, pending his acceptance, and Randy Sutton if Jason Horn was unable to serve, seconded by Councilmember Hood and all voted for. Motion carried.
- J. **Deliberate and Possibly Act on Resolution to Approve Maintenance Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation:** No action was taken as a result of missing documents from the Texas Department of Transportation.

**8. 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 Secretary
- d. City Manager

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

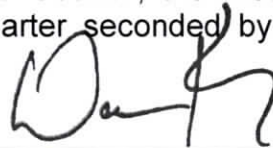
**9. Monthly Boards and Commissions Minuets:** *Informational reports only; no action to be taken:*

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

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

**10. 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 aye.



Wade Kerley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michelle Jones  
City Secretary

