

REGULAR CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
KENNETH T. NUNN COUNCIL ROOM – CITY HALL

A Regular Called Meeting of the City Commission was held on Wednesday, AUGUST 16, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. in the Kenneth T. Nunn Council Room in City Hall, Texas City, Texas. A quorum having been met, the meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dedrick D. Johnson.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor
Thelma Bowie, Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem
Abel Garza, Jr. , Commissioner At-Large
DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1
Dorthea Jones Pointer, Commissioner District 3
Jami Clark, Commissioner District 4

Absent: Felix Herrera, Commissioner District 2

2. INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Kevin Herrin of The Fellowship.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Service Awards

Jeremy Tucker	Police	08/05/2013	10 years
John Ivy	Police	08/25/2008	15 years
Joseph Biagas	Public Works	08/19/2008	15 years
Cynthia Baker	Fire	08/18/2008	15 years
Bradley Macik	Police	08/07/2008	15 years
Jimmie Reynolds	Police	08/04/2008	15 years
Debra Taylor	Parks & Recreation	08/28/1998	25 years
Mark Holland	Public Works	08/24/1998	25 years
Ramon Leon	Water	08/10/1998	25 years

Retirement

Joe Stanton Police 28 years

Joe Stanton, Police Chief, spoke about his 28 years in the Texas City Police Department.

b. Police Promotional Ceremony

Chris Kelemen Promotion from Officer to Sergeant
Jimmie Reynolds Promotion from Officer to Sergeant

Chris Kelemen was promoted from Officer to Sergeant by Assistant Chief Cravens and was pinned by his father.

Jimmie Reynolds was promoted from Officer to Sergeant by Assistant Chief Cravens and was pinned by Assistant Chief Cravens.

c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-098, confirming Landis Cravens as the Mayor's appointment to the Chief of Police and the swearing-in of his new position. (Human Resources)

Mayor Dedrick D. Johnson conducted the Oath of Office.

Motion by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie, Seconded by Commissioner District 3 Dorthea Jones Pointer to confirm Landis Cravens as the Texas City Chief of Police.

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

5. REPORTS

a. Community Outreach (Police Department)

Timothy Herd, Public Relations Officer, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Public hearing to hear citizens' opinions in favor of or in opposition to the proposed 2023 tax rate of \$0.49 per \$100 valuation.

There were no comments.

Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark, Seconded by Commissioner District 3 Dorthea Jones Pointer to close the Public Hearing.

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Shriey, resident, requested to speak before the Commission.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner District 3 Dorthea Jones Pointer motioned to approve Consent Agenda items a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, and j. The motion was seconded by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark.

- a. Approve City Commission Minutes for the August 2, 2023 meeting. (City Secretary)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-089, the acceptance of, and ability to expend, the FY' 2023 CDBG allocation from HUD. (Community Development)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-090, approve the execution of an engineering service agreement with ARKK Engineers, LLC., for rehabilitating the 14th Street 250,000 Gallon Elevated Storage Tank and the 32nd Street 500,000 Gallon Ground Storage Tank Project. (Public Works)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- d. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-091, authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Texas City, to enter into a Developer's Reimbursement Agreement with Mintos Communities - USA. (City Engineer)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- e. Consider and take action on 2023-092, authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Texas City, to enter into a Professional Consulting Services Agreement with Marsh Darcy regarding a 1300 Acre Tract Development Review. (City Engineer)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- f. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-093, adopting the PY' 23 (October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024) CDBG Action Plan and approving the plan submission to HUD. (Community Development)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- g. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-094, authorizing the purchase of an 800 Amp Transfer Switch from Crescent Electric through BuyBoard, a Local Government Purchasing Cooperative. (Municipal Court)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- h. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-095, awarding Bid No. 2023-435 Amburn Park and Freeway Park Drainage Improvements Project, to Teamwork Construction Services, Inc. (Public Works)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- i. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-096, authorizing the purchase of a 2024 Ford Expedition for the Emergency Management Department. (Purchasing)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- j. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-097, awarding Bid No. 2023-011 Code Compliance Abatement for Residential Substandard Structure Demolition to Texas Ranch Maintenance LLC and Diamond J Innovation LLC. (Purchasing)

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

9. REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Consider and take action on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-28, amending Chapter 150 'Building Regulations; Construction' related to additional authority regarding substandard structures. (Fire Department)

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2023-30, levying an ad valorem tax for the year 2023 for the City of Texas City. (Finance)

Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr. made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.49, which is effectively a 6.89 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson.

The record vote was as follows:

Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor --- aye

Thelma Bowie, Mayor Pro Tern, and Commissioner At-Large --- aye

Abel Garza, Jr., Commissioner At-Large --- aye

DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1 --- aye

Felix Herrera, Commissioner District 2 --- ABSENT

Dorthea Jones Pointer, Commissioner District 3 --- aye

Jami Clark, Commissioner District 4 --- aye

Vote: 6 - 0 CARRIED

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Abel Garza, Jr. congratulated League City (Tex.) Post 554 on a 1-0 victory against Lincoln (Neb.) Post 3 in the 2023 American Legion World Series championship game.

11. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Jonson congratulated Madison Swain for winning Miss Juneteenth Texas and advancing to represent the state of Texas at the national 2023 Miss Juneteenth USA pageant in Philadelphia this fall.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 6:10 p.m.; the motion was SECONDED by Commissioner At Large Abel Garza, Jr.. All present voted AYE.
MOTION CARRIED.

DEDRICK D. JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary
Date Approved: