

REGULAR CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.
KENNETH T. NUNN COUNCIL ROOM – CITY HALL

A Regular Called Meeting of the City Commission was held on Wednesday, DECEMBER 18, 2024, 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
Keith Love, Commissioner District 2
Chris Sharp, Commissioner District 3
Jami Clark, Commissioner District 4

2. INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Tim Franklin of The Connection Church.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner District 2, Keith Love.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Service Awards

Tacarra Creamer	Parks & Recreation	12/08/2014	10 years
Damon McNeel	Library	12/20/1999	25 years
Mickey House	Police	12/27/1994	30 years
Debra McGrew	Police	12/19/1994	30 years

b. Firefighter of the Year 2024 Award Presented to Engineer Brent Black

Dennis Harris, Fire Chief, promoted Brent Black to Engineer.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members of the public requested to address the City Commission: Evelyn Bell, Reva Ornelas Rodriguez, and Pastor James Daniel.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner District 4, Jami Clark, made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 6a, b, c, d, e, and f. The motion was seconded by Commission At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem, Thelma Bowie.

- a. Approve City Commission Minutes for the December 4, 2024 meeting. (City Secretary)

Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-171, approving and awarding a contract for Bid No. 2025-001 Vegetation Management Chemicals Annual Contract. (Public Works)

Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-172, authorizing a fiscal year payment to Badger Meter for wireless cell phone reading of water usage for billing of City Water Customers. (Public Works)

Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- d. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-173, authorizing the purchase of bunker gear for the Texas City Fire Department. (Fire)

Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- e. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-174, adopting the new City of Texas City Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan. (Public Works)

Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- f. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-175, authorizing payment to Accurate Utility Supply for the purchase of meters and other related appurtenances. (Public Works)

Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

7. REGULAR ITEMS

- a. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-176, authorizing a Waiver of Right to Terminate provision 16.6 of the 312 Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Texas City and Gulf Coast Ammonia LLC., for failure to place the improvement in service by December 31, 2024. (Management Services)

Jon Branson, Executive Director of Management Services, recommends that a Waiver of the Right to Terminate be approved and that the deadline be extended to December 31, 2025.

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner District 3 Chris Sharp

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- b. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-177, authorizing the Mayor or his designee to enter into a contract with Generocity Services (Choice Partners Contract #23/016MR-17) to replace the original target system and floor at the Criminal Justice Center Indoor Shooting Range. (Public Works)

Jack Haralson, Public Works Director, requested for this item to be pulled so the City can explore a more cost-effective way to complete this task.

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-178, authorizing a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Non-Civil Service staff. (Finance)

Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer, recommends a 3% COLA for non-civil service staff employed on or before July 1, 2024; going into effective on January 1, 2025.

Motion by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson, Seconded by Commissioner District 2 Keith Love

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- d. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2024-29, amending the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget to accept and appropriate funds from Lago Mar Development Authority and appropriate funds from the Undesignated Fund Balance Sewer Zone 2. (Finance)

Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer, recommends the Budget amendment to accept and record the Developer's deposit.

Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

- e. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2024-179, ratifying the authorization of payment made for windstorm insurance premiums to the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA). (Finance)

Cynthia Rushing, Chief Financial Officer, recommends to approve and to ratify the payment to Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA).

Motion by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr.

Vote: 7 - 0 CARRIED

8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

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10. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Commissioner At-Large, Abel Garza, Jr. made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 5:40 p.m.; the motion was SECONDED by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

DEDRICK D. JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary
Date Approved: