

Council Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2024

1. Opening Ceremonies:

Mayor Jolly called meeting to order at 6:30pm

Those in attendance were City Secretary Nacona Martinez, City Administrator Derek Stephens and Councilmembers S. Braddock, J. Craig, J. Forsythe, and S. Overstreet

2. Citizens Presentation: None

3. Department Head Reports

Public Works (Raymond)- 1 water leaks, 2 sewer taps, 2 daily pump station checks, 280-meter reads, 4 disconnects, 3 reconnects, 10 work orders, 2 new service, 2 dumpster issues, 2 cemetery markings, emptied recycle bin and took to Jarvis, 5 asphalt repairs.

Derek- We got a bid on lift station, Zenner came, and we did some education & we are hoping to fix meter issues.

Sanitation (Juan)- 1 rain day, 8 bad weather days, Type 1 703.74 tons with 3597.14 left, Type 4 785.71 with 4474.63 tons left, Weather cell still in progress, Type 1 cell 7 we started digging first 5 ft we started that on 2.27.24, tire container is 25% full, Tree pit is getting full but we are maintaining it, Hours on Equipment- Scraper 35, Compactor- 25, Loader- 122, Dozer- 45, Equipment repairs needed- Scraper starter replaced/ data link reset- there is fluid mixing in the engine oil somewhere and we are trying to figure out from where, Fuel tank is 40% full

Derek- There was coolant in the oil. We are getting a price on what we can do but it's not a good sign.

Library (Peggy)- 515 patrons came into library, 44 items new to library, 850 items were checked out, 206 color pages were picked up, 13 kids and 10 adults came to story time, \$149.50 were made in services, fees, and donations, I attended the monthly TSLAC Library Director virtual training.

Joe- You're a real bright spot in all of this!

Peggy- Thank you.

Court (Chambry)- We made a total of \$8523.32, and the city kept \$4951.37, and we sent \$3571.95 to the State.

Police Department (Chief Parker)- 9 crimes against persons, 24 crimes against property, 63 miscellaneous calls, 96 total calls, 84 citations written, 6 arrests, we were able to recover \$5425.00 worth of stolen property from 5 different stores out of Midland on a traffic stop, had 2

officers attend alert training and I have 1 going to school to be and instructor for that course so we can teach it here in Tahoka and not have to go somewhere to be taught

Animal Control (Chief Parker)- Had a call over the weekend in reference to our animal control to help aid in call. Dogs had gotten loose and attacked some goats. I told the Sheriff's office that we can come and help them and take the dogs, but it was going to be \$45/per dog and \$5/day that we hold the dogs and they decided they didn't want our help after all.

Stephen- have you received the information from the school that you were needing from the discussion the other day?

Jeff- No, I have not. I've reached out to them again and still have heard nothing.

4. Approve and Accept February 2024 minutes.

Stephen- Motion to approve minutes as is.

Joe- Seconded

(motion passes unanimously)

5. Discuss, consider, and take action on Approving the Order of General Election for May 4, 2024:

Shiloh- motion to approve General Election

Stephen- Seconded

(motion passes unanimously)

6. Discuss, consider, and take action on Approving the Purchase of the generator to satisfy the EPP:

Derek- So on the Emergency Preparedness Plan, its 2 years late, I looked into moving this one we have outside and that was a no go. It's cheaper to buy one and it'll be \$13,700.00 and it will be delivered. Warren Cat was \$25,000-\$35,000.

Stephen- we do have the ability to get it fixed if anything goes wrong. It comes with a warranty and stuff like that.

Derek- Yes

Joe- we will have to turn it on every now and again.

Derek- Yes, we will have to but I don't see us using it very often so there shouldn't be any issues.

Joe- I move to approve the purchase of what you need to satisfy it.

Shiloh- Seconded

(motion passes unanimously)

7. Discuss, consider, and take action on the Approval of the Resolution for LCHD for their Memory Care Unit:

Melanie- Resolution is just another fancy way of saying you support us. We have decided to go to congress and seek out grants to help us with this Unit. We have not gone to Congress in the last 5 congressional years to ask for any grants. Our case healthcare, education can ask for help. We are asking for 3 million for this grant. It will be at no cost to taxpayers. It will

have 16 beds. We chose 16 because of license and regulations. We have also asked in the grant that these 16 beds have emergency power, and, in that ask, we will also incorporate emergency power for Lynnwood. It's the best way that we can bring a nursing home to Lynn County without having to pay for it.

Shiloh- Is it connected to Lynnwood?

Melanie- there will be a sidewalk. It will be on that campus but will be at least 10 ft from them. The hospital will supply all the meals and employees. The caveat for us was we were able to ask for this grant because no one has asked for it in the last 5 years.

Joe- Why are you asking the city for the Resolution?

Melanie- They want to know we have community support.

Joe- I like the idea, but this is not asking for any money. You're just wanting community support?!

Melanie- Yes, I know Joe it sounds too good to be true but it's true.

Stephen- I'll motion we approve the Resolution.

Shiloh- I'll second that

(motion passes unanimously)

8. Discuss, consider, and take action on the Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Failure to Appear Program for Judge TJ McAuley:

Chambry- The Failure to Appear Program is with Omni base. If you receive a ticket and you do not pay for your ticket, you'll get a late notice and a show cause. We give you 10 days and if I don't hear from you, I will go into DPS website and shut down your driver's license. So, you will then get a letter from DPS saying you can no longer drive in the State of Texas until you take care of the citation with City of Tahoka. Most of the time when they get the letter from DPS they normally call me and get it taken care of. The city does make \$4 per Citation but it does not cost us anything to have this program

Shiloh- How far back does this go? Like is this going to start from here on out or are we going back years?

Chambry- At least 2 years back.

Stephen- Accountability! I make the motion to Approve the Failure to Appear Program

Joe- Seconded

(motion passes unanimously)

9. Discuss Financials, Incode and Auditors update.

Derek- Most of our Ad Valorem was collected already. We paid all admin insurance. They are at 42% we have a surplus of about \$18,000 that we plan on moving over to our insurance. Gary is coming in tomorrow to help us with that, but it'll be a budget adjustment. Sanitation is at 40%. Our budget looks healthy and is trending in the right direction. Our water survey was off, but we found the issues and Gary will help with that.

Stephen- Has the auditor seen any issues?

Derek- No all she has seen so far is a bunch of late fees that the City has incurred due to late payments. But nothing else. She is almost done with 21' and 22' then she will start working on 23'.

10. Discuss TCEQ updates.

Derek- The well on 8th street out of no where Kin called and said that the filter system will not satisfy them. They want the source treated and they want it clean. So, the filter system has been put on hold. We ordered a custom valve, and we will have to utilize it sometime over by Danny Preston's house well 17. We started sanitizing again and we haven't been able to get a clear sample. If we do not get a clear sample, then my next approach is to disconnect it completely from the water system. That should get that violation away from us. We are going to sample Dave Cooks drip patch and then Clay Taylor has a well and we will pull a sample and start to evaluate how far out from our well the sanitation issues are.

Shiloh- This is our newest well, isn't it?

Derek- This is our newest well. And if it had the same designation as 17 well, as a Gui well, then the filter system would be fine. Jeff Wyatt thinks we need to have a chlorinator as well as a filter, but I honestly just don't know. That is something TCEQ and their engineer would have to do. Really, I'm just winging it and trying to figure it out.

Stephen- What does Matt say? Because this is Matt's well that we just recently did that we had multiple change orders, that we had requested to know about because there were changes without us knowing. It just seems like we have dumped a lot of money into this well that isn't working.

Derek- You have spent a lot of money on this well and I'm going to do the best that I can because we have already made the investment in that well and so we will continue to sanitize it until we get a clean sample.

Shiloh- At what point are we looking at just pulling it up and putting it somewhere else?

Derek- You don't have to do that. I think you would have to get to a Gui well. And then you put the filter system on it, but you have to have that designation on it first. Or before you get the designation, now I'm not a water guy so take this all with a grain of salt, once we do get that designation then they filter will satisfy. But they want us to exhaust every aspect before anything else.

Joe- If we get to April and we have to separate. If we get to that point, then what?

Derek- we will continue to treat that well and try and sanitize it and we will get with TCEQ to see if we can get it designated as a Gui well. If that's truly what it takes. You can talk to one department at TCEQ and then another and they will contradict each other. Quinton turner said the same thing when he was here. It's just trying to jump through the hoops to get them satisfied.

Ronny- Maybe Kin Quinny will retire pretty quick.

Derek- Man, he's young!

Ronny- OH! Never mind.

Stephen- Wishful thinking.

Shiloh- Is that all the TCEQ stuff. Any other big problems?

Derek- just getting the generator purchased will satisfy them. There is a tank inspection coming up and they will be here in March. You have to have them done annually.

Shiloh- When in the last time we got that done.

Derek- 22

Ronny- We got fined for it because we didn't turn it in on time.

Derek- getting the Emergency Preparedness Plan done and then we can start chopping away at the other ones.

11. Future Agenda Items

Shiloh- Michael Thorton, the New EMC


12. Adjourn

Shiloh- motion to adjourn at 7:17pm

Joe- seconded.

(motion passes unanimously)

These meeting minutes were **PASSED** and **APPROVED** on the 9 day of April 2024



Nacona Martinez, City Secretary



Ronny Jolly, Mayor