

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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May 08, 2023

Mayor ProTem Trevor Baize called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. All Councilmembers were present.

Of the citizens in attendance, Ms. Betty Harrison of 118 S. Waco Street signed up to speak. Ms. Harrison addressed the issue of trash pick-up and limbs in the street at her location.

Item 7, Consent Agenda, consisted of minutes of the previous meetings, accounts payable, and approval of expenditures which were over the City Secretary's spending limit of \$5000. There were two items over that limit for Council to ratify: 1) a financial software program from Banyon, at a cost just under \$10,000. The Finance Director stated that she was unable to do payroll with the software we currently had. 2) A \$6000 expense for the annual financial audit, which is a statutory requirement. On a motion from Mayor ProTem Trevor Baize, and a second from Councilmember Odell Nevills, the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

Item 8, Departmental Reports, was completed in record time.

Item 9, Discussion and possible action on a Founders' Day celebration on September 23, 2023, prompted lively discussion. Council listened to Rebecca Moore explain about the program and activities planned for the Founders' Day Celebration. Closure of Commerce Street, between Texas Avenue and McLennan Street, was requested, for the hours of 10:00 am until possibly midnight. Councilmember James Miller moved, and Mayor ProTem Trevor Baize seconded, to approve the temporary closure of Commerce Street for the Founders' Day activities. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 10, Discussion and possible action on appointing Directors to the Community Outreach Board, was discussed. Names of interested parties, most of whom were in the audience, were presented. Those names includes Jaelynn Anderson, Emily Baize, James Miller, Jamie Miller, Rebecca Moore, and Erin Nisinger. On a motion from Mayor ProTem Trevor Baize and a second from Councilmember Odell Nevills, these individuals were unanimously approved to serve on the Community Outreach Board, with the understanding that a Councilmember/liaison would be appointed at a later date.

Item 11, Discussion and possible action on adopting Resolution 050123, appointing a representative to the McLennan County Rural Transit District Board, was discussed. Nteered Councilmember James Miller volunteered to be a candidate. On a motion from Mayor ProTem Trevor Baize and a second from Councilmember John Garrett, this resolution was adopted with 4 votes for, 0 votes against, and Councilmember James Miller abstaining.

Item 12, Discussion and possible action on temporary street closure for the Memorial Day/Monument Unveiling event on May 29th, was discussed. Having previously approved the placement of a memorial stone under the flagpole at City Hall, Council considered the temporary closure of Commerce Street for the event. On a motion by Councilmember James Miller, and a second from Councilmember John Garrett, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 13, Set the date for a special meeting to canvass votes and swear in newly-elected officials, was discussed. Secretary Little explained that the final election results from the McLennan County Election Administrator would be available on May 15th; May 17th was the latest date to canvass the results. Little suggested holding a Called Meeting on Wednesday, May 17th; Tuesday, May 16th, was presented as a more favorable date. On a motion from Mayor ProTem Trevor Baize, and a second from Councilmember James Miller, and a unanimous vote from Council, a Called Meeting was set for May 16, 2023, to canvass the votes, swear in new elected officials, and to appoint a Mayor ProTem.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

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Len Williams, Mayor



Lambert Little, City Secretary