

City of Taylor
Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Minutes
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
November 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Anderson
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Council Member Dwayne Ariola
Mayor Brandt Rydell

Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager
Mark Schroeder, City Attorney
Dianna McLean, City Clerk

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Arbor Day Proclamation

Councilmember Drummond read the proclamation and presented it to Tyler Bybee, P&R Director.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Gary Gola

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve minutes from the November 9, 2023 regular Council meeting.**
2. **Consider Ordinance 2023-56 adopting regulations for protection of the city logo and city seal.**
3. **Consider Ordinance 2023-57 Amending the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.**
4. **Consider Ordinance 2023-58 granting to ONCOR Electric Delivery Company, LLC, an electric power franchise to use the present and future streets, alleys, highways, public utility easements, public ways and public property of the City of Taylor**
5. **Consider the purchase of a replacement fire department ladder truck.**
6. **Consider Resolution R23-41 expressing official intent to reimburse for certain costs related to the City's water and wastewater system, Parks and Recreational facilities and other related items.**

Councilmember Ariola requested to pull item #2 for separate consideration.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to approve the consent agenda items 1, 3,4,5,&6 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Consider Ordinance 2023-56 adopting regulations for protection of the city logo and city seal.**

Councilmember Ariola stated he felt the ordinance is vague on logo security and seems very subjective and doesn't think the ordinance is needed. Jeff Jenkins explained the ordinance is to protect others from using the city's logo without permission.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve ordinance 2023-56 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilmember Ariola opposing.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

Mayor Rydell moved item #8 up on the agenda.

8. Discuss and consider action on Ordinance 2023-40 Referendum.

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager – Ordinance 2023-40 changed Council Compensation providing council compensation at \$500 per meeting for council members and \$750 per meeting for the mayor. A referendum petition was received on September 15, 2023 and was validated by Williamson County. Staff requested direction from Council on the next steps to proceed.

Citizen communication: Jackie Krueger, Pam Harper

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to rescind Ordinance 2023-40 and install what the compensation committee recommended until May 2024 election. No second was made.

Mayor Rydell recommended the Council adjourn into closed session to discuss options with the City Attorney. Meeting was adjourned into closed session at 6:39pm.

Mayor Rydell reconvened into open session at 6:48pm.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to direct staff to draft and bring back to the first meeting in December an ordinance rescinding Ordinance 2023-40 and replacing it with an ordinance that reflects the recommendation of the compensation committee. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion failed 2 to 3 with Mayor Rydell, Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson, and Councilmember Garcia opposing.

Motion was made by Mayor Rydell to draft an ordinance calling the May election to include the referendum petition. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilmember Ariola abstaining.

9. Consider starting a Charter Committee and provide direction on the appointment process.

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager - The City of Taylor Charter was last amended in November 2020. Appointing a Charter Committee is not a requirement. At this time, staff has identified a few charter amendments to be discussed due to changes in state law and general practices. Staff is requesting direction on whether to form a committee, provide direction for the appointment process, and confirm November 2024 target for election.

Citizen communication: Shannon Luedtke

Council directed staff to move forward with creating a charter review committee having each Councilmember appoint two members to the committee and the Mayor appoint three members to the committee. Council will send appointments to the City Clerk prior to the December 14th Council meeting, at which the Council will make their appointments to the charter review committee.

7. **Consider approving award for the request for qualifications (RFQ) for programing, planning, design, and construction administration for the Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center reconstruction project and authorize City Manager to negotiate a contract with selected firm.**

Tyler Bybee, P&R Director - The current Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center has major structural flaws that have led to large amounts of water loss. Reconstruction of the pool was recommended, and the city issued a Certificate of Obligation to fund the pool reconstruction in July of 2022 in the amount of \$5,325,000. Six firms submitted for the RFQ. Because C.T. Brannon Corp. has a lot of years of experience building this type of facility, strong references, and great examples from other projects with similar scope, staff recommends awarding the RFQ to the C.T. Brannon Corporation.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to award the RFQ to the C.T. Brannon Corporation and authorize the City Manager to negotiate an agreement. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Consider Resolution R23-38 casting votes for Williamson Central Appraisal District (WCAD) Board of Directors.**

Dianna McLean, City Clerk - The City of Taylor is entitled to cast votes for candidates for each position to be filled on the WCAD Board of Directors and has a total of thirty-five (35) votes to cast for candidates. There are 8 candidates to consider.

Moton was made by Councilmember Garcia to cast all thirty-five votes for Rick Von Pfeil. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Consideration and Possible Action on Bid Award for the construction of the FM 619 waterline relocation and airport lift station improvements projects.**

Jim Gray, Public Works Director – The FM 619 waterline relocation is needed to avoid conflicts with planned TxDOT roadway improvements on FM 619. The FM 619 base bid is for relocating approximately 819 linear feet (LF) of 8-inch PVC waterline, and up to an additional 922 LF of 8-inch PVC waterline in alternate bids. Five bids were received.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to accept the bid from Nelson Lewis, Inc. for the FM 619 Waterline Improvements: Accepting the Base Bid and Alternate Bid B, in the amount of \$390,854.40 for a total of 1,382 LF of 8-inch PVC waterline, and the Airport Lift Station: Accepting the Base Bid and both Alternate A and B bid items for a total of \$72,000.00. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rydell read the Executive Session items and adjourned into closed session at 7:48pm.

Executive Session I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas authorize and allow such a closed meeting and which Rules conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act and 551.072 To conduct deliberations regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

- a. Settlement Agreement in Cause No 22-1443-CC2, City of Taylor v. Prophet Capital
- b. Quannah Partners/Taylor Industrial Park Public Improvement District (PID)

Mayor Rydell reconvened into open session at 8:10pm.

- 12. Consideration and possible action on Resolution R23-35 authorizing and creating the Quannah Partners/Taylor Industrial Park Public Improvement District (PID) in accordance with Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code.**

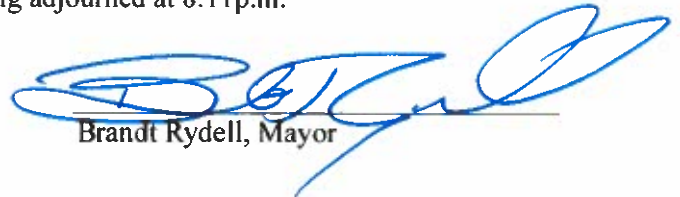
Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution R23-35 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

- 13. Consider and take possible action on Resolution R23-40 authorizing Mayor to execute the dissolution agreement for Quannah Partners/Taylor Industrial Park Public Improvement District (PID).**

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution R23-40 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianna McLean, City Clerk