

July 18, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at Frank Phillips College – Allen Campus on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor Kerry Symons presiding. Mayor Symons gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Symons welcomed guests.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Kerry Symons, Councilmembers Shae Cunningham, J Aston, Brad Kile, and Shirley Howard  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilmember Greg Good  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Landis, Fowler, Blasingame, Waters, Knapp, Megan Rogers, John Ellzey, and Chief Nick Yara. Also several members of the community.  
**COUNCIL ITEMS:** None  
**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Miguel Valenzuela addressed council concerning remarks made after the previous council meeting. Susana Landeros also voiced her opinion concerning the remarks. Jessica Mendoza inquired about the property owner of the trailer park located on North Indiana and North Jefferson.

**CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** COUNCILMAN SHAE CUNNINGHAM MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2023, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN J ASTON. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

**CONSIDER PAYING BILLS OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH:** Landis informed Council that the second set of bills were delivered on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 and will be paid on Friday, July 20, 2023. There were no construction estimates at this time.

**PRESENTATION BY JERRY DENTON REGARDING STORM WATER DRAINAGE AND HIRING RETIRED CITY EMPLOYEES:**  
Withdrawn from the agenda by Jerry Denton. No action taken.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SCHEDULE FOR PROPOSED FY 2023-2024 BUDGET:** Landis suggested a work session for the proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF MAYORAL EMERGENCY ACTIONS:** Landis asked council to consider ratification on three additional positions. The positions include a part time Volunteer/Donation Coordinator, Building Inspector, and a Water Department Foreman. COUNCILMAN SHAE CUNNINGHAM MADE A MOTION TO CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF MAYORAL EMERGENCY ACTIONS FOR A VOLUNTEER/DONATION COORDINATOR, BUILDING INSPECTOR, AND A WATER DEPARTMENT FOREMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN J ASTON. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

**GENERAL REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES:** Landis updated council on the current disaster recovery efforts and activities. Included in that update was the status of the improvements at the new City Hall location, the current status of gas restoration to the affected areas, and the new location for the Fire Department.

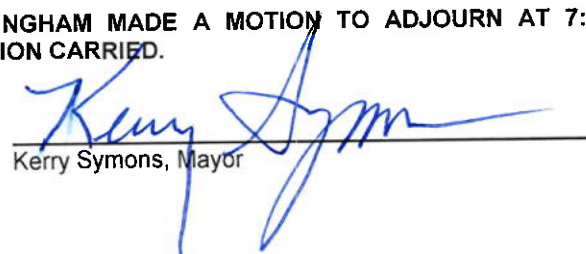
**CONSIDER APPROVING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PROJECTS:** Waters informed council that the Community Development Corporation has entered into a contract to purchase property located at 115 S. Ash, Lots 5-10, for \$50,000.00. COUNCILMAN SHAE CUNNINGHAM MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 115 S. ASH FOR \$50,000.00, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN J ASTON. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

**REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH:** Blasingame presented the financial reports for the month ending June 30, 2023.

**REVIEW GAS OPERATION REPORTS FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH:** None at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL AND REAL ESTATE (AUTH. TX GOV'T CODE SEC 551.074 & SEC 551.072):** Mayor Symons asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Real Estate at 7:12 p.m. COUNCILMAN SHAE CUNNINGHAM MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRAD KILE. The Executive Session was closed at 7:25 p.m. No action taken.

There being no further business, COUNCILMAN SHAE CUNNINGHAM MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:26 P.M., SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRAD KILE. ALL VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

  
Kerry Symons, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kim Fowler, City Secretary