



CITY OF BANDERA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Bandera City Hall, 511 Main Street, Bandera, Texas
Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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MINUTES

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM

PRESENT

Mayor Rebeca Gibson
Councilmember Tony Battle
Councilmember Debbie Breen
Councilmember Jeff Flowers
Councilmember Brett Hicks
Councilmember Lynn Palmer

2. Invocation and Pledge.

Mayor Gibson offered the invocation and all stood for the pledges.

3. Visitors to be heard (shall not exceed 30 minutes total).

There was one visitor to be heard Roy Dugosh, he announced that the film “Stop Right There” would be featured at one of the largest Film Festivals in Texas on November 9, 2024 at 2PM in Austin, TX.

4. Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of minutes from the October 8, 2024 regular meeting.

Motion made by Councilmember Palmer to approve the consent agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Flowers.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Battle, Councilmember Breen, Councilmember Flowers, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Palmer

5. Staff Reports.

A) Marshal Report- Marshal DeFoster gave an update on the Marshal’s office.

B) Grant Report- Specialist Hutcherson gave an update on the grants for the City.

6. Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Discussion and approval of expenditure for 26-foot Commercial Grade Christmas Tree for Country Christmas in the Park Event in the amount of \$32,460.00 and a 50-foot drive through tunnel of lights in the amount of \$26,180.00. These expenditures are to be reimbursed by the Economic Development Corporation. - Allyson Wright

There was much discussion on the Christmas event at the park and if the Economic Development Corporation would be reimbursing the expenditures. President McCabe did verify that the expense had already been approved it just had to go back thru the legal process of reading

resolutions. The consensus was definitely that the City Council would like to see the park lit up for Christmas and that it will get better each year.

Motion made by Breen to approve the purchase of the tree and the tunnel of lights for the Country Christmas in the park event and have a line item in out budget for all monies associated in and out for revenue and expenses to carry forward to the next year. Seconded by Councilmember Flowers.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Battle, Councilmember Breen, Councilmember Flowers, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Palmer

7. Closed Session.

Mayor Gibson closed the meeting into Executive session at 7:42PM

A. The City Council will meet in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

A) Waste Water Treatment Plant

B. The City Council will meet in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, to discuss and receive an update on Best Western.

8. Action following Closed Session.

Mayor Gibson opened the meeting at 7:43PM

City Attorney Santee states that for the Councils benefit this is the next step in the quest to acquire property for the Wastewater Treatment Plant which is a public purpose. The City has multiple offers out but at some point if by chance we have to proceed to eminent domain this is Councils right because it serves a public purpose. The first step in that long process is the council passing this resolution which declares the public purpose and establishes and list 8 properties but it is important to know we don't need 8 properties it just authorizes us to negotiate, get appraisals , and surveys on any of these properties that are necessary to build the WWTP.

Councilmember Breen mad a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03_ authorizing the power of eminent domain for the acquisition of real property and certain property rights required for the construction of a wastewater treatment plant and all appurtenances and accessory uses necessary for the transport and treatment of wastewater; authorizing the City Administrator or the City Administrators designee to execute all documents to necessary to initiate eminent domain proceedings; and authorizing the City Attorney to initiate the Eminent Domain Proceedings. Seconded by Councilmember Flowers.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Battle - Yea

Councilmember Breen - Yea

Councilmember Flowers - Yea

Councilmember – Hicks - Yea

Councilmember – Palmer - Yea

9. Requests and Announcements.

A. Requests by Council to place items on an agenda.

Update from TxDot on how the traffic is going to work with the 4 lanes of traffic coming in on 16S., Update on Stipends for Council.

B. Announcements by Council.

There were no announcements.

10. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49PM

/s/ Jill Shelton

Jill Shelton, *City Secretary*