

CITY OF BANDERA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

Bandera City Hall, 511 Main Street, Bandera, Texas Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 5:30 PM

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MINUTES

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31PM

PRESENT

Mayor Rebeca Gibson

Councilmember Christine Morse

Councilmember Jeff Flowers

Councilmember Lynn Palmer

Councilmember Tony Battle

Councilmember Manny Longoria

2. Invocation and Pledge.

Councilmember Flowers offered the invocation, and all stood for the pledge.

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

City resident Rilla Stephens signed up to speak and County resident Steve Childers.

4. Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of minutes from the regular City Council meetings on August 8, 2023 and August 22, 2023 and Special meeting and public hearing on September 05, 2023.

Motion made by Councilmember Battle to approve the consent agenda as read, Seconded by Councilmember Morse.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Morse, Councilmember Flowers, Councilmember Palmer, Councilmember Battle, Councilmember Longoria

5. Public Hearing

A. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive citizen comments for or against the following:

2023-2024 Tax Rate

2023-2024 Budget

2023-2024 Utility Rates

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$18,315 or 2.9%, and of that amount, \$7,476.61 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Mayor Gibson called the public hearing, there were 4 people signed in and none wished to speak.

6. Presentations

A. Bandera 2040 updates

Matt Lewis with SimpleCity updated Council on the 2040 updates that were needed for the Master plan to include all the recent Legislative updates. There was some discussion but no action was taken.

7. Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Approval of Resolution 2023-027 for request by Bandera Pro Rodeo Association for a reimbursement of HOT funds for advertising in the amount of \$7,000.00. - Wright

Motion made by Councilmember Battle to approve Resolution 2023-027, Seconded by Councilmember Longoria.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Morse, Councilmember Flowers, Councilmember Palmer, Councilmember Battle, Councilmember Longoria

B. Discussion and possible action on the City of Bandera Code Outdoor Lighting, Section 3.06.003 Enforcement. - Battle

There was much discussion on the Outdoor Lighting Ordinance and what needs to be updated. There was great feedback from the Council as well as members of the audience. There was no action on this item just guidance to the committee on what they would like to see changed.

C. Discussion and possible action on approval of Ordinance 435 adopting the budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

Motion made by Councilmember Battle to approve Ordinance 435 adopting the budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024, Seconded by Councilmember Flowers.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Morse, Councilmember Flowers, Councilmember Palmer, Councilmember Battle, Councilmember Longoria

ROLL CALL VOTING YEA

Councilmember Christine Morse Councilmember Jeff Flowers Councilmember Lynn Palmer Councilmember Tony Battle Councilmember Manny Longoria

D. Discussion and possible action on approval of Ordinance 436 levying a property tax rate for the tax rate year 2024 at \$0.47000 per \$100 of value and determining due and delinquent dates.

Motion made by Councilmember Longoria to approve Ordinance 436 levying a property tax rate for the tax rate year 2024 at \$0.47000 per \$100 of value and determining due and delinquent dates, Seconded by Councilmember Flowers.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Morse, Councilmember Flowers, Councilmember Palmer, Councilmember Battle, Councilmember Longoria

E. Approval of Resolution 2023-026 ratifying the property tax rate increase reflected in the adopted budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Motion made by Councilmember Morse to approve Resolution 2023-026 ratifying the property tax rate increase reflected in the adopted budget for fiscal year 2023-2024., Seconded by Councilmember Longoria.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Morse, Councilmember Flowers, Councilmember Palmer, Councilmember Battle, Councilmember Longoria

F. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 437 to revise section 9.03.061 item C) compensation for reserve police officers.

Motion made by Councilmember Palmer to approve Ordinance 437 to revise section 9.03.061 item C) compensation for reserve police officers, Seconded by Councilmember Flowers.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Morse, Councilmember Flowers, Councilmember Palmer, Councilmember Battle, Councilmember Longoria

G. Discussion and possible action on approving the BEDC 2023-2024 proposed budget.

Motion made by Councilmember Battle approving the BEDC 2023-2024 proposed budget, Seconded by Councilmember Morse.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Morse, Councilmember Flowers, Councilmember Palmer, Councilmember Battle, Councilmember Longoria

H. Discussion and possible action on the adoption of the utility rates for 2023-2024 budget year.

Motion made by Councilmember Morse to adopt the utility rates for 2023-2024 budget year., Seconded by Councilmember Longoria.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Morse, Councilmember Flowers, Councilmember Palmer, Councilmember Battle, Councilmember Longoria

I. Discussion on a performance agreement with Cowboy Capital Productions to support promoting "the Cowboy Capital" at domestic and international film festivals. - Gibson

There was some discussion on the Cowboy Capital Productions movie and how to support it film festivals. Several ideas were discussed on promoting the film but there was no action on this item.

8. Closed Session.

The Mayor closed the open session at 7:01PM.

- A. The City Council will meet in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Consultations with Attorney, Dietrich F-5 update.
- B. The City Council will meet in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 deliberations about real property, to receive an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant land acquisition.

C. The City Council will meet in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel matters, update from Acting City Administrator and process for new applicants.

9. Action following Closed Session.

The Mayor opened the closed session at 8:35PM.

There was no action taken.

10. Requests and Announcements.

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

Outdoor Lighting Ordinance update, Schedule a meeting with Flying L, Sound Ordinance.

B. Announcements by Council.

Thank you to the Marshal office for the hard work on the Labor Day Parade. Successful inspection of the TPW Angler park and announcement that it is officially open.

11. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41PM.