



**CITY OF BANDERA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Bandera City Hall, 511 Main Street, Bandera, Texas
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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MINUTES

1. Call to order.

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

PRESENT

Mayor Denise Griffin
Councilmember Tony Battle
Councilmember Jeff Flowers
Councilmember Brett Hicks
Councilmember Lynn Palmer
Councilmember Debbie Breen

2. Invocation and Pledge.

DeeDee Jensen offered the invocation and all stood for the pledges.

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

There were no visitors to be heard.

4. Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of minutes from the Special City Council Meeting on January 2, 2025, The Regular City Council meeting on January 14, 2025 and January 28, 2025.

Councilmember Battle made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

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

5. Staff Reports.

A. Code Enforcement Reports- Jon Davis, Judge Mike Towers, Marshal Earl Heidelberg

The report started with Code Officer Jon Davis about his process of complaints coming into his office and driving around the City looking for violations followed by Marshal Heidelberg speaking about the beginning of the process and how it is looked over by him since he is the licensed Code Officer and then Judge Towers about the process once it gets to the violations and court proceedings.

6. Discussion and possible action on the following items:

A. Approval Of Ordinance 449 for Budget Amendments for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Treasurer Allyson Wright

City Treasurer Wright gave the breakdown of the Budget Amendments for 2024-2025 regarding Country Christmas in the park.

Councilmember Pamer made a motion to approve Ordinance 449 for Budget Amendments for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

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

B. Approval of Ordinance 450 changing section 1.03.092 placement of item on the agenda to extend it to 12 days prior to the Council meeting. Mayor Griffin

There was some discussion regarding why the Mayor was requesting 10 days in advance for agenda items. There was some confusion about when the deadline is for request for the next agenda versus when the City Secretary has to have the final packet to council. It was explained that the day after the meeting the next agenda starts and the Secretary only has 4 business days to put it together before the packet is required by Council. Councilmember Battle states that he understands and that if there is a tight deadline for the Secretary there should be one for placing items on the agenda unless it is an emergency or done by the Mayor.

Motion made by Councilmember Battle to approve Ordinance 450 changing section 1.03.092 placement of item on the agenda to extend it to 12 days prior to the Council meeting, Seconded by Councilmember Palmer.

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

7. Closed Session.

Mayor Griffin closed the meeting with the Executive Session at 6:38 PM.

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 (Consultations with Attorney), to wit EDC Petition.*

8. Action following Closed Session.

Mayor Griffin opened the meeting at 7:15PM

Motion made by Councilmember Palmer to rescind the request to EDC for funding and reject the petition, Seconded by Councilmember Breen.

Councilmember Battle wanted to say he hopes that the EDC sees the value in the event and that the support from the community with donations from citizens and businesses were amazing. He would hope it comes back for future funding because it was well attended and drives economic development.

Councilmember Palmer asked to read a statement that she had prepared for this item, stating that both the City Council and the majority of the EDC board wanted to create a magical Christmas experience in Bandera, the mission for the project was to promote a family friendly free event for the whole community, visitors and residents. Both boards saw an opportunity to boost the economy for the Christmas season making Bandera a desired destination for celebrating the Christmas season, all of the actions have been transparent and public. She thanked all of the sponsors that donated \$39,000.00 and residents that supported the Christmas season event for the City and hope that the EDC board does take that into consideration.

Councilmember Hicks also echoed Tony stating 25 businesses supported the event and over a dozen vendors sold out of things they brought and are excited to come back for future years and he hopes that we can come together on common ground and move past it.

The Mayor followed up with it was a wonderful event and a lot of work was put into it was out of love and for the City. She thinks the cart was put before the horse for funding and would like to see it started earlier for next year.

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

9. Requests and Announcements.

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

Councilmember Palmer will submit something for sign ordinance.

B. Announcements by Council.

There were no announcements.

10. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21PM.

/s/ Jill Shelton

Jill Shelton, *City Secretary*