

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF DIMMIT §
CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS §

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Carrizo Springs, Texas has called a **Regular Session** at the Carrizo Springs Civic Center, 405 North 7th Street, Carrizo Springs, Texas, 78834 on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024**, commencing at **5:30 p.m.** for considering the following items of business:

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Oscar E. Puente called meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The Council conducted their own roll call and declared the following Councilmembers present:

Oscar E. Puente	Mayor
Mario Ruiz	Mayor Pro Tem
Noel Galvan	Councilor
Estanislado Z. Martinez	Councilor
Sofia Morones	Councilor
Azalia Garcia	City Manager
Melissa M. Guerra	City Clerk
Bobby Maldonado	Special Counsel

A quorum was established.

STAFF

Edgar Castillo, Finance Director	John Camarillo, Public Works Director
Arnold Aguilar, City Marshal	Nestor Montalvo, Street Dept. Supervisor
Octavio Sierra, Water Dept. Supervisor	Brenda Reyes, Landfill Supervisor
Robert Gonzales, Gas Dept. Supervisor	

WELCOME & RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mayor Oscar E. Puente welcomed and recognized all guests present.

Eric Olivarez, Gracy Perez, Richard Braune, James E. Cabello, Mary Sandoval, Belinda Sandoval, Yvonne Carrizales, Lydia Seiple, Candice Parry, Stephanie Dane, Erica Bustamante, Patsy Galvan, Luis Carmona, Pedro Perez, Jr., Nereyda Perez, Peter Perez III

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Yvonne Carrizales states to Council that the Carrizo Springs Volunteer Fire Department would like the City of Carrizo Springs to join them with an Easter Egg Hunt next year. The CSVFD has funds for the event and plan to raise more funds to make it a big event for the community.

PROCLAMATION(S)

- 1. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH**
- 2. SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH**

Mayor Oscar E. Puente signed the Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month and Sexual Violence Prevention Month Proclamations and presented them to the Women’s Shelter and the Dimmit County Child Welfare Board.

Erica Bustamante read the proclamations and thanked the City Council for their support.

LAW OFFICE OF JAMES E. CABELLO - RE-SALE BID

- 3. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE RE-SALE BID ON TRUSTEE PROPERTY, TO-WIT: "LOT 5, BLOCK 13, OF THE EAST SIDE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS, DIMMIT COUNTY, TEXAS", TAX OFFICE PROPERTY ID NUMBER 12753. (TAX SUIT 09-02-02436-DTX, CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS VS. FEDERICO MEDINA)**

James E. Cabello presented Council with Alfredo Jaramillo’s bid of \$3,900 for a property located at 209 E. Walker Avenue.

Motion made by Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez, seconded by Councilor Noel Galvan to approve re-sale bid on trustee property, to wit: “lot 5, Block 13, of the East Side addition to the City of Carrizo Springs, Dimmit County, Texas”, tax office property ID number 12753 (tax suit 09-02-02436-DTX, City of Carrizo Springs vs. Federico Medina).

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

CIVIC CENTER BALCONY DECK PROJECT

- 4. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE CIVIC CENTER BALCONY DECK PROJECT**

Mayor Oscar E. Puente states that the Civic Center Balcony Deck was not professionally built, the work is extremely poor. Mayor Pro Tem Mario Ruiz states that the deck will need to be replaced after the pool season.

Councilor Sofia Morones asks if the contractors will replace the whole deck. City Manager Azalia Garcia states that she has not had any discussion regarding replacing the balcony deck with Ryno Services and will meet with them after the Council decides how to move forward with the project.

Special Counsel Bobby Maldonado states that he would have to review the inspector’s report to recommend how the project should be addressed.

Councilor Noel Galvan also states that if Ryno Services did not have the knowledge to replace the electrical boxes they should not have done the work. City Manager Azalia Garcia states that electrical was not in the specifications. Councilor Estanislado Martinez states that even if it was not in the specifications a professional would know what was required to replace the electrical boxes.

Motion made Councilor Noel Galvan, seconded by Councilor Sofia Morones to replace the Civic Center balcony deck with the recommendations made by inspector Richard Lara and Ryno Services will be held responsible for the cost of replacing the deck.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GRACE OF GOD COMMUNITY CHURCH DRAINAGE ISSUE - PASTOR PEDRO PEREZ JR.

Motion made by Councilor Sofia Morones, seconded by Councilor Noel Galvan to table item.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

Pedro Perez presents Council with some proposals to correct the drainage issue between the Grace of God Community Church and the Dollar Tree.

Mayor Oscar E. Puente convened into Executive Session at 6:57 p.m.

Mayor Oscar E. Puente reconvened into Regular Session at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Oscar E. Puente states that the city will work with the Grace of God to resolve the problem. Mayor Pro Tem Mario Ruiz recommends to City Manager Azalia Garcia to get a quote from J & J Excavation and if the quote is over \$5,000 to bring it back to Council for approval.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mario Ruiz, seconded by Councilor Sofia Morones to direct City Manager Azalia Garcia to contact J & J Excavation to get a quote to repair the drainage issue between the Grace of God Community Church and the Dollar Tree and if the repair is over \$5,000 to bring it back to Council for approval.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EMS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS AND DIMMIT COUNTY

City Manager Azalia Garcia states that the EMS Interlocal Agreement will expire in May 2024 and would like to discuss negotiating the agreement. Councilor Sofia Morones asks who is representing the County to present the EMS Interlocal Agreement. City Manager Azalia Garcia states that Victory Ambulance is present if Council has any questions. Mayor Pro Tem Mario Ruiz states that the EMS Interlocal Agreement is the between the City of Carrizo Springs and Dimmit County and not with Victory Ambulance.

Councilor Sofia Morones recommends to table item.

Motion made by Councilor Sofia Morones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mario Ruiz to table item.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RICHARD BRAUNE'S ELECTRIC CONVERSION ESTIMATE FOR 905 SOUTH 5TH STREET IN EXCHANGE FOR EXECUTING A PERMANENT NATURAL GAS SERVICE TERMINATION CONTRACT WITH THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT SUBJECT TO CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL

Richard Braune presents Council with the estimates to convert his home to propane or electric. Mr. Braune states that a propane tank would be more cost effective.

Mayor Oscar E. Puente convened into Executive Session 6:08 p.m.

Mayor Oscar E. Puente reconvened into Regular Session at 6:28 p.m.

Motion made by Councilor Sofia Morones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mario Ruiz that due to the city closing the gas lines at Mr. Braune's home the city will approve a variance for a propane tank to be installed at the property located on 905 South 5th Street with a deadline of May 3, 2023 to convert his home to propane and a deadline of April 12, 2024 by 3:00 p.m. to accept the proposal of \$8,000 to convert his home to propane.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

8. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE VETERANS PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT QUOTE

City Manager Azalia Garcia states that there are two proposals for the Veterans Park Playground Equipment. City Manager Azalia Garcia recommends the All of Texas Recreation LLC quote.

Council Sofia Morones would like to get a quote for shading over the playground. City Manager Azalia Garcia states that once the playground is installed, she will get a quote for shading over the playground and present it to Council.

Motion made by Councilor Sofia Morones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mario Ruiz to approve AOT Recreation LLC quote for \$265,942.00 for the Veterans Park Playground Project.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

Mayor Oscar E. Puente moved to Item 5.

9. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE VETERANS PARK FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mario Ruiz, seconded by Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez to table item.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

A. REGULAR SESSION - MARCH 12, 2024

B. SPECIAL SESSION - MARCH 18, 2024

Motion made by Councilor Sofia Morones, seconded by Councilor Noel Galvan to approve minutes as presented.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

11. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE MARCH 2024 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion made by Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez, seconded by Councilor Noel Galvan to approve March 2024 Accounts Payable.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

12. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

A. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

B. DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Finance Director Edgar Castillo presented Council with the Finance Department Monthly Reports.

PUBLIC SAFETY QUARTERLY REPORTS

13. DIMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Deputy Luis Carmona presented Council with the Dimmit County Sheriff's Department quarterly report.

14. VICTORY AMBULANCE

Eric Olivarez presented Council with Victory Ambulance quarterly report.

15. CARRIZO SPRINGS MUNICIPAL COURT

Municipal Judge Sonia G. Perez presented Council with the Carrizo Springs Municipal Court quarterly report.

16. CARRIZO SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Carlos Lara presented Council with the Carrizo Springs Volunteer Fire Department quarterly report.

17. CITY MARSHAL DEPARTMENT

City Marshal Arnold Aguilar states that his report is basically the same as the Municipal Court quarterly report.

NEW BUSINESS

18. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PURCHASE HYDROVAC FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mario Ruiz, seconded by Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez to approve the Patterson Equipment Company quote of \$74,265 to purchase Hydrovac with the Series 2023 Funds for the Water Department.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

19. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING JESUS PERALES' REQUEST TO PROMOTE THE CITY BY RECORDING EVENTS, PROJECTS ETC. FOR THE CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS

Motion made by Councilor Sofia Morones, seconded by Councilor Estanislado Z. Martinez to table item and direct City Manager Azalia Garcia to meet with Special Counsel Bobby Maldonado and discuss the legalities of allowing Jesus Perales recording events, projects etc. for the City of Carrizo Springs.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

20. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO RELOCATE PORTABLE BUILDING TO THE MUNICIPAL LANDFILL

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mario Ruiz, seconded by Councilor Noel Galvan to relocate the portable building located on Cactus Drive to the Municipal Landfill.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

21. DISCUSSION REGARDING SWIMMING POOL UPDATES

City Manager Azalia Garcia states that the pool needs to have the cracks repaired and painted. Ms. Garcia also lets Council know that the pool manager and assistant have been hired and are still in the process of hiring lifeguards.

ORDINANCE(S)

22. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 847 AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 40.10 PROVIDING A POLICY FOR UTILITY CUSTOMERS WHO BECOME DECEASED; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mario Ruiz, seconded by Councilor Noel Galvan to approve Ordinance. No 847 an ordinance by the City Council of the City of Carrizo Springs, Texas amending the Code of Ordinance Chapter 40.10 providing a policy for utility customers who become deceased; repealing ordinances in conflict; providing for a penalty; and providing for related matters.

Vote for approval 5-0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilor Sofia Morones, seconded by Councilor Noel Galvan to adjourn.

Vote for approval 5 - 0 (unanimous).

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned approximately at 8:35 p.m.

/s/Oscar E. Puente
Oscar E. Puente, Mayor
City of Carrizo Springs

ATTEST:

/s/Melissa M. Guerra
Melissa M. Guerra, City Clerk
City of Carrizo Springs