

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023

The City Council of the City of Monahans, Texas convened on the above date at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with the following members, officers and visitors present:

Adam Steen	Mayor
Rudy Hernandez	Council Member District No. 1
Jeppie S. Wilson, Jr.	Council Member District No. 2/Mayor Pro Tem
Calvin Carrell	Council Member District No. 3
Ivy Valenzuela	Council Member District No. 4
Richard Hawkins	Council Member District No. 5
Rex M. Thee	City Manager
Frank Heslin	Assistant City Manager
Tonya Todd	City Secretary
Justin Till	Attorney for the City
Kristofer Quintana	Chief of Police MPD
Eric De Anda	MPD
Richard Covington	Public Works Director
Loris M. Scott	Self
Teresa Burnett	Chamber of Commerce Executive Director
Roy Bean	Justice of the Peace Precincts 2 & 3
Ashley Adatao	MEDC Director
Randy Crabtree	MVFD
Noel Crabtree	Self
John Bell	MVFD
Ben McGilvray	MVFD
Smokey Briggs	Monahans Newspaper

ITEM #1 & ITEM #2 Mayor Steen called the meeting to order and Councilman Wilson gave the invocation.

ITEM #3 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council on approving the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Votes were as follows: “Aye” Rudy Hernandez
 “Aye” Jeppie Wilson
 “Aye” Calvin Carrell
 “Aye” Ivy Valenzuela
 “Aye” Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

ITEM #4 Presentation by citizens to be heard. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Teresa Burnett mentioned that they are busy in the new year helping with the Ward County Stock Show Events and the Resolution Run is set for January 14, 2023. MEDC Director Ashley Adauto stated that they have reached an agreement in the lawsuit with LOA and they are ready for new opportunities in the new year.

ITEM # 5 Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding Resolution No. 2023-001 Ordering the General Election, May 6, 2023 to elect Mayor at Large, Council Member District No. 2, and Council Member District No. 3. Mr. Thee mentioned that those offices are held by Mayor Adam Steen, Jeppie Wilson in District No. 2 and Calvin Carrell in District No. 3. Mr. Thee stated that the first day to file for a place on the general election ballot is January 18, 2023, and the last day to file is February 17, 2023.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, Seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to approve Resolution No. 2023-001:

That a General Election be held on the 6th day of May 2023 to elect:

1. Mayor at Large
 Council Member District No. 2
 Council Member District No. 3
2. Authorizes the Mayor to execute any election documents, as required by law.

Votes were as follows: “Aye” Rudy Hernandez
 “Aye” Jeppie Wilson
 “Aye” Calvin Carrell
 “Aye” Ivy Valenzuela
 “Aye” Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

ITEM #6 Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding the 2023 Election of Officers for the Monahans Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Thee indicated that on January 9, 2023 the officers were chosen from among the department and subject to council approval. Mr. Thee stated that those chosen were as follows: Fire Chief Randy Crabtree, Assistant Fire Chief John Bell, First Captain Cody Jimenez, Second Captain Ben McGilvray, Third Captain Roy Bean, Fourth Captain and Secretary Josh Smith, President Leroy Case, Vice President Chris Bates, Chaplain Cody Murphree and Board of Trustees Leslie Moore, Melvin Craft and Roy Bean. Mr. Thee mentioned that the MVFD has operated well over the past year, adding and maintaining vehicles

and equipment, obtaining new training equipment, training, and responding to fire and accident calls across the county. Mayor Steen thanked the gentlemen for their attendance at the meeting and stated that he was honored to have them as our volunteers.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the 2023 Election of Officers for the Monahans Volunteer Fire Department and acknowledge appointments to the Board of Trustees for the Monahans Firemen’s Relief & Retirement Fund as follows:

Fire Chief:	Randy Crabtree
Assistant Fire Chief:	John Bell
First Captain:	Cody Jimenez
Second Captain:	Ben McGilvray
Third Captain:	Roy Bean
Fourth Captain and Secretary:	Josh Smith
President:	Leroy Case
Vice President:	Chris Bates
Chaplain:	Cody Murphree

Board of Trustees

Leslie Moore	Term expires: January 2024
Melvin Craft	Term expires: January 2025
Roy Bean	Term expires: January 2026

Votes were as follows:	“Aye”	Rudy Hernandez
	“Aye”	Jeppie Wilson
	“Aye”	Calvin Carrell
	“Aye”	Ivy Valenzuela
	“Aye”	Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

ITEM #7 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding First Right of Refusal to purchase Airport Hangar 13 #5 and Airport Hangar 13 #10 from Brett Grigry. Mr. Thee indicated that Brett Grigry of Grigry Development Properties, LP, has received offers from Quell Petroleum Services, Inc., owners Henry and David Cutbirth, to purchase hangar 13 #5, and hangar 13 #10, both of which are spaces in the green hangar buildings NE of the terminal. Mr. Thee stated that Quell Petroleum has offered \$15,000 each for a total of \$30,000 and Mr. Grigry has presented to the City a letter requesting the council consider first right of refusal under Section 14 of the Hangar Lease agreements. Mr. Thee mentioned that the Council can consider each offer per hangar, or the total offer covering both hangars. Mr. Thee stated that his recommendation is to invoke first right of refusal not to purchase the hangars, which allows Grigry Development Properties, LP to sell the hangars to Quell Petroleum.

Motion by Councilman Valenzuela, seconded by Councilman Wilson to invoke first right of refusal not to purchase airport hangar 13 #5 nor 13 #10 from Brett Grigry.

Votes were as follows:

“Aye”	Rudy Hernandez
“Aye”	Jeppie Wilson
“Aye”	Calvin Carrell
“Aye”	Ivy Valenzuela
“Aye”	Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

ITEM #8 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding a request from Monahans Community Church for ribbon cutting and events, February 1, 2023, 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., road closure on 3rd Street from S. Allen to S. Bruce. Mr. Thee indicated that the City has closed this street several times in the past for Crossroads Church now renamed as Monahans Community Church with no issues.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve request from Monahans Community Church for ribbon cutting and events, February 1, 2023, 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., road closure on 3rd Street from S. Allen to S. Bruce.

Votes were as follows:

“Aye”	Rudy Hernandez
“Aye”	Jeppie Wilson
“Aye”	Calvin Carrell
“Aye”	Ivy Valenzuela
“Aye”	Richard Hawkins

Motion carried

ITEM #9 Mayor Steen read the following statement out loud in open session. “The City Council will begin its Executive Session on this 10th day of January 2023 at 3:08 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law - Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- a) Section 551.074 Personnel Matters: Appointments to Airport Advisory Board (Two Members, 2-year term).”

ITEM #10 Mayor Steen read the following statement out loud, in open session. “The City Council has completed its Executive Session on the 10th day of January 2023 at 3:12 p.m.”

City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding Resolution No. 2023-002 appointments to the Airport Advisory Board (Two Members, 2-year term). Mr. Thee indicated that the board members are Henry Cutbirth, Cecil Dain, Ronnie Montague, Vance Moore, and Mike Harbin. Mr. Thee stated that Mr. Harbin and Mr. Moore are City appointees, and want to continue to serve on the board. Mr. Thee mentioned that the Airport Advisory Board has been a great group to work with and a lot has been accomplished at the airport over the last few years.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve Resolution No. 2023-002: To appoint Vance Moore and Mike Harbin to a two-year term as Airport Advisory Board members, February 01, 2023 through January 31, 2025, subject to their acceptance.

Votes were as follows: “Aye” Rudy Hernandez
 “Aye” Jeppie Wilson
 “Aye” Calvin Carrell
 “Aye” Ivy Valenzuela
 “Aye” Richard Hawkins

Motion carried

ITEM #11 Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Hernandez to adjourn meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Votes were as follows: “Aye” Rudy Hernandez
 “Aye” Jeppie Wilson
 “Aye” Calvin Carrell
 “Aye” Ivy Valenzuela
 “Aye” Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

Passed and approved by the Monahans City Council on January 24, 2023.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Tonya Todd, City Secretary

Adam Steen, Mayor