

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020**

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:

*David B. Cutbirth
Rudy Hernandez
Jeppie S. Wilson
Calvin Carrell
Ivy Valenzuela
Richard Hawkins*

*Mayor
Council Member District #1
Council Member District #2/Mayor Pro Tem
Council Member District #3
Council Member District #4
Council Member District #5*

*Rex M. Thee
Tonya Todd
Alan Nicholas*

*City Manager
City Secretary
Attorney for the the City*

*Gus Ortega
Teresa Burnett
Brett Grigry
Joel Snow
Mickey Mitchell
Billy Riley
Ashley Adauto
Richard Covington
Christy Sullivan*

*Oncor
Chamber of Commerce
Self
Halcon Operating Co., Inc.
Self
Chief of Police-MPD
MEDC Director
Code Enforcement Officer
Monahans News*

ITEM #1 & ITEM #2 Mayor Cutbirth 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 10, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Carrell to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019, Regular Council Meeting, as presented.

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #4 Mayor Cutbirth noticed two loan payments were made for the water transmission line loan for the month of December. City Manager Rex M. Thee stated that the final two payments were made on the \$3,500,000 Promissory Note for the water transmission line. Councilman Carrell questioned the totals on the Animal Control Report regarding the animals euthanized

appeared to be on the same day the animals were picked up. Chief Riley clarified that the animals are not euthanized on the same day as pick up and he will make changes to the form for better understanding.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hernandez, to approve the following consent items:

- a. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,088,060.68
- b. Resolution No. 2020-001 Regarding Tax Roll Adjustments
- c. Monthly Reports/Minutes: (a) Airport Manager’s Monthly Report, (b) MEDC Minutes and Monthly Financial Report, (c) Building Permit Monthly Report, (d) Animal Control Monthly Report, (e) Municipal Court Monthly Report, (f) Code Enforcement Officer’s Monthly Report, (g) City Monthly Fund Balance Report, (h) City Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Comparison Summary Report (i) Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes (j) Monahans Chamber of Commerce Hotel Occupancy Tax Quarterly Report

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #5 Presentation by citizens to be heard. Ashley Aduato, MEDC Director, stated that the development of Parkway is underway. Teresa Burnett, Director of the Chamber of Commerce mentioned several events have taken place or will be coming up soon such as the High School Basketball tournament that the Chamber helped sixteen teams find rooms; the Resolution Run had 144 participants, with the oldest participant being 90 years of age; the Chamber Banquet is set for February 10, 2020; the Silhouettes are going up; the Lunch and Learn program, at the event center, is set for January 28, 2020, with speakers Wyatt Boutwell, Brooks Landgraf and Dustin Fawsett; Meet the Candidates is set for February 13, 2020; two ribbon cuttings are underway and great headway has been made for the Monahans Mobile App. Gus Ortega with Oncor mentioned that they are working on many projects.

ITEM #6 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council with regards to the Public Funds Investment Report, Quarter Ending December 31, 2019. Mr. Thee stated that we work closely with Tejas Bank to ensure the city’s funds are protected, in accordance with the laws.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve the Public Funds Investment Report, quarter ending December 31, 2019, as presented.

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 with regards to Resolution No. 2020-002 Ordering the General Election, May 2, 2020 to elect Council Member District No. 1, Council Member District No. 4 and Council Member District No. 5.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Carrell to approve Resolution No. 2020-002:

1. That an Election be held on the 2nd day of May 2020 to elect:
Council Member District No. 1
Council Member District No. 4
Council Member District No. 5

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 #8 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council with regards to the 2020 Election of Officers for the Monahans Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Thee indicated that the Monahans Volunteer Fire Department held their election of officers on January 13, 2020 and the MVFD Officers are as follows:

Fire Chief: Eddie Nelms
Assistant Fire Chief: Cody Jimenez
1st Captain: Randy Crabtree
2nd Captain: Roy Garcia
3rd Captain: Zeth Davis
4th Captain and Secretary: Roy Bean

President: Leroy Case

Vice President: Stephan Layton

Chaplain: Cody Murphree

Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Trustees for the Monahans Volunteer Fire Department

Retirement Fund are as follows:

Chairman – David B. Cutbirth

Vice Chairman – Richard Hawkins

Secretary – Tonya Todd

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Leslie Moore One-year term expire: January 2021

Melvin Craft Two-year term expires: January 2022

Roy Bean Three-year term expires: January 2023

Motion by Councilman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to approve the 2020 Election of Officers for the Monahans Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #9 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council with regards to the Notice of Termination of Airport Management Contract from Gary Willhelm, Fixed Base Operator (FBO) for the Roy Hurd Memorial Airport. Mr. Thee indicated that Mr. Willhelm provided the City with a letter dated, January 2, 2020, giving a 30-day notice of resignation as Fixed Base Operator (FBO). Mr. Thee mentioned that the contract actually requires 180 days’ notice to terminate by either party, but his resignation would nullify the contract. Mr. Thee stated that we most likely have someone ready to step in as FBO, and he recommends termination of the contract.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Carrell to accept Gary Willhelm’s resignation as Fixed Based Operator of the Roy Hurd Memorial Airport and terminate his contract as Airport Manager, effective immediately.

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #10 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council with regards to the Airport Management Contract for Fixed Base Operator (FBO) for the Roy Hurd Memorial Airport. Mr. Thee indicated that Mr. Grigry formerly managed the Town of Pecos City Airport and he also is part owner of Deer Horn Aviation stationed at Midland International Airport which gives him aviation related resources and familiarity with aviation and FAA rules. Mr. Thee mentioned that Brett Grigry owns a hangar and has airplanes based at the Roy Hurd Airport which gives him knowledge of our facility. Mr. Thee stated that the contract will be for three years with a few changes, and Attorney for the City, Alan Nicholas has reviewed the contract and Mr. Thee recommends approving the contract with Brett Grigry.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve a contract with Brett Grigry, as Fixed Based Operator of the Roy Hurd Memorial Airport, by acclamation, effective immediately.

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #11 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council with regards to Halcon Operating Co., Inc., Oil Well Drilling Applications:

- a. Sealy Ranch 8706H 352’ FSL 2049’ FWL, SEC. 87, BLOCK F, Abstract 47, G&MMB&A
- b. Sealy Ranch 8707H 352’ FSL 3215’ FWL, SEC. 87, BLOCK F, Abstract 47, G&MMB&A
- c. Sealy Ranch 8802H 382’ FNL 6519’ FWL, SEC. 88, BLOCK F, Abstract 981, G&MMB&A
- d. Sealy Ranch 8803H 382’ NORTH, 6519’ WEST, SEC. 88, BLOCK F, Abstract 981, G&MMB&A

Mr. Thee stated that these applications submitted by Halcon Resources are in the Hogg Water Well Field. Mayor Cutbirth asked Joel Snow, representative of Halcon, how deep the wells will be? Mr. Snow responded over 10,000 feet, for each well. Mayor Cutbirth stated that the water is a precious resource in that area. Mr. Thee mentioned that he would be meeting with a prospective oil and gas inspector that would enforce the provisions in our City Ordinances, regarding Oil and Gas Drilling Operations. Mr. Thee indicated that Halcon has already drilled several wells in the area and so far, no issues have occurred.

Motion by Councilman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Carrell to approve the Oil & Gas Permit Applications for Halcon Operating Co., Inc.:

- a. Sealy Ranch 8706H 352’ FSL 2049’ FWL, SEC. 87, BLOCK F, Abstract 47, G&MMB&A
- b. Sealy Ranch 8707H 352’ FSL 3215’ FWL, SEC. 87, BLOCK F, Abstract 47, G&MMB&A
- c. Sealy Ranch 8802H 382’ FNL 6519’ FWL, SEC. 88, BLOCK F, Abstract 981, G&MMB&A
- d. Sealy Ranch 8803H 382’ NORTH, 6519’ WEST, SEC. 88, BLOCK F, Abstract 981, G&MMB&A

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #12 Mayor Cutbirth read the following statement aloud, in open session. “The City Council will begin its Executive Session on this 14th day of January 2020 at 3:32 p.m. Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law – Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

Section 551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property:

- a. Faith Temple Monahans C.O.G.I.C. 900 East “A”, Sec. 41 (A82) Blk. A Pt. of 5.65 AC G&MMB&A North 2.000 Acres Adjacent to Rail Yard Monahans, TX.”

ITEM #13 Mayor Cutbirth read the following statement aloud, in open session. “The City Council has completed its Executive Session on the 14th day of January 2020 at 3:37 p.m.”

OPEN SESSION: To take any action deemed necessary after executive session regarding Section 551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property:

- a. Faith Temple Monahans C.O.G.I.C. 900 East “A”, Sec. 41 (A82) Blk. A Pt. of 5.65 AC G&MMB&A North 2.000 Acres Adjacent to Rail Yard Monahans, TX

No action taken.

ITEM #14 Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to adjourn meeting at 3:37 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 28, 2020.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Tonya Todd, City Secretary

David B. Cutbirth, Mayor