

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

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 (absent)	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 (absent)	City Secretary
Alan Nicholas	Attorney for the City
Lorena S. Valle	Deputy City Secretary
Richard Covington	Public Works Director
Ashley Adatao	Director MEDC
Billy Riley	Chief of Police MPD
Christy Sullivan	Monahans News Editor
Teresa Burnett	Executive Director Chamber of Commerce

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 January 11, 2022 regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Valenzuela, seconded by Councilman Carrell to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #4 Presentation of citizens to be heard. Teresa Burnett, Executive Director Chamber of Commerce stated that the Meet the Candidates Forum will be held February 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Event Center and local candidates will be in attendance. Ms. Burnett also reminded all in attendance that the Chamber Banquet will be held February 14, 2022 at the Event Center. Mayor

Steen reminded all in attendance that this week is the 4-H Livestock Show and to go out and support the youth of Ward County.

ITEM #5 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council on the renewal membership with the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance, Inc. (MOTRAN). Mr. Thee indicated that the City of Monahans currently has a \$1,000 Silver Membership. Mr. Thee stated that MOTRAN offers training at low to no cost throughout the year.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve renewal membership with the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance, Inc. (MOTRAN) at Silver Member, \$1,000.

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #6 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding the 2021 Racial Profiling Police Department Report. Mr. Thee advised the full 38 page report is available for review. Mr. Thee indicated that the data is collected from all Police Department traffic stops and submitted, yearly.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the 2021 Racial Profiling Police Department Report.

Votes were as follows:	Absent	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 request from the Monahans Lions Club for Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds in the amount of \$2,500 for the District Lions Club Convention to be held April 29 – 30, 2022 at the Event Center. District Governor, Frank Heslin, was in attendance and advised this event would be attended by Lions as far as El Paso, thus utilizing hotels for the two-day convention.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve request from the Monahans Lions Club for Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds in the amount of \$2,500 for the District Lions Club Convention.

Votes were as follows:	Absent	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 request from Crossroads Church to close 3rd Street from S. Allen to S. Bruce for Pre-Super Bowl activity on February 13, 2022. Mr. Thee stated that Crossroads Church has been allowed to close the street several times with no issues.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve request from Crossroads Church to close 3rd Street from S. Allen to S. Bruce for Pre-Super Bowl activity on February 13, 2022.

Votes were as follows:

Absent	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 regarding First Right of Refusal to purchase Airport Hangar Properties #1, #6, #11 & #13-7 from Kenneth R. Swarb Estate. Mr. Thee advised Mr. Swarb’s estate has received an offer from I. B. Development, LLC to purchase the hangars for \$80,000 with plans to update and modernize the hangars. Mr. Thee advised he does not foresee a benefit to the City to own the hangars and recommends the Council invoke First Right of Refusal and allow the Swarb Estate to sell the hangars.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Wilson to invoke first right of refusal on Airport Hangar Properties #1, #6, #11 & #13-7, allowing the Swarb Estate to sell the hangars.

Votes were as follows:

Absent	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 approving a Legal Services Agreement with Walsh, Gallegos, Trevino, Kyle & Robinson P.C. for redistricting and demography services following the completion, release and verification of Census 2020 data. Mr. Thee advised this group contracts with Zonda Education to do block by block demographic analysis of our five (5) districts and once conducted, if the analysis does not indicate a 10% or higher deviation no redistricting will be necessary. Mr. Thee mentioned that the Attorney for the City, Alan Nicholas, has reviewed the contract and has no issues with it.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the Legal Services Agreement with Walsh, Gallegos, Trevino, Kyle & Robinson P.C. for redistricting and demography services following the completion, release and verification of Census 2020 data.

Votes were as follows:	Absent	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 Carrell to adjourn meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Votes were as follows:	Absent	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 February 8, 2022.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Tonya Todd, City Secretary

Adam Steen, Mayor