

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

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	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
Absent-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
Alan Nicholas	Attorney for the City
Teresa Burnett	Executive Director Chamber of Commerce
Christy Sullivan	The Monahans News
Richard Covington	Public Works Director
Billy Riley	Chief of Police MPD

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 February 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021, Regular Council Meeting, as presented.

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #4 Presentation by citizens to be heard. Teresa Burnett, Chamber of Commerce Director, mentioned that the MEDC hosted a design kick off meeting with N-Com (engineering firm for the Broadband Project) and with local IT personnel from the School, County, City, Hospital, Banks and other institutions. Ms. Burnett stated that it was a really good meeting regarding the Monahans Fiber Broadband Project and the infrastructure completion date is scheduled for the end of the summer.

ITEM #5 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the council with regards to the Public Hearing on a request from Ruben Arroyo to remove all of Lot 6 less 1 foot, and Lots 7, 8, and 9, Block 9, Monahans Original Town from the Fire Zone. Mr. Thee indicated that this property is located at 408 West Sealy, the lots next to Bjorn and they want to place a temporary building there for a drive-through sandwich shop. Mr. Thee stated that if the shop is successful, they plan to build a permanent building. Mr. Thee mentioned that Lots 1-5, and the 1 foot of 6, of Block 9, M.O.T. were previously removed from the fire zone.

Mayor Cutbirth opened the Public Hearing for comments regarding Lots 6 less 1', all of 7, 8 and 9, Block 9, Monahans Original Town (M.O.T.) Addition, (408 W. Sealy) removal from the fire zone. There were no comments made from the public and Mayor Cutbirth closed the Public Hearing and continued with the regular meeting.

ITEM #6 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1282 regarding Lot 6 less 1', all of 7, 8 and 9, Block 9, Monahans Original Town (M.O.T.) Addition, (408 W. Sealy) removal from the fire zone.

Motion by Councilman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1282:

ORDINANCE NO. 1282
AN ORDINANCE REMOVING CERTAIN LAND SITUATED WITHIN THE
CITY OF MONAHANS AS DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM FIRE ZONE.

Section 1: That the following property be removed from the Fire Zone:

1. Lots 6 less 1', all of 7, 8 and 9, Block 9, Monahans Original Town (M.O.T.) Addition, otherwise known as 408 W. Sealy

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #7 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding Application and Parade Permit for the 2021 Graduating Senior Parade to be held 5-24-21 at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Thee indicated that the parade would travel from the High School north to Sealy, and East on Sealy to the Million Barrel Museum parking lot. Mr. Thee mentioned that typically, he and the Chief of Police sign approval of the parade permits however, with the COVID pandemic situation, he wanted the council to discuss the implications of having the parade. Mr. Thee stated that at this time, parades are authorized under the Governor’s orders, and would expect with vaccinations and other precautions taking place, that will be so in May. Ms. Burnett mentioned that the time may be adjusted to 7:00 p.m. to better accommodate picture taking. Chief of Police Billy Riley stated that adjusting the time would not be an issue for the Police Department.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the Application and Parade Permit for the 2021 Graduation Senior Parade on 5-24-21.

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #8 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding Application and Parade Permit for the Fourth of July Parade to be held 7-3-21 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Thee indicated that the request is for permission to use City streets for a Fourth of July parade to be held Saturday, July 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Thee stated that the parade route will be from the High School, north to Sealy, East to Main, South on Main to Sixth Street, and then east to Hill Park.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the Application and Parade Permit for the Fourth of July Parade to be held July 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #9 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding a request from Monahans Chamber of Commerce to Temporarily Close 5th St. between Allen and Calvin, July 2-3, for the July 4th Freedom Festival, at Hill Park.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the request from the Monahans Chamber of Commerce to temporarily close 5th St. between Allen and Calvin, July 2-3, for the July 4th Freedom Festival, at Hill Park.

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #10 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding the 2020 Racial Profiling Report from the Monahans Police Department. Mr. Thee indicated that this report is required by law to be submitted to the City Council and the State Agency, annually.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to acknowledge receipt of the 2020 Racial Profiling Report and submission to the State Agency, from the Monahans Police Department.

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #11 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council with regards to acknowledging Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 1, 2021 General Election, Council Member District No. 2 and District No. 3, **Mayor, at Large, is not included in the Unopposed Candidates.** Mr. Thee indicated that the City Secretary has certified in writing that District No. 2 and District No. 3 have unopposed candidates but this does not include the Mayor, at Large, race.

Motion by Councilman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to acknowledge Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 1, 2021 General Election, Council Member District No. 2 and District No. 3, **Mayor, at Large, is not included in the Unopposed Candidates.**

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #12 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council with Resolution No. 2021-009 cancelling part of the General Election to be held May 1, 2021, Unopposed Races Council Member District No. 2 and District No. 3, **Mayor, at Large, is not included in this Cancellation Order.**

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Hernandez to approve Resolution No. 2021-009:

That the City Council of the City of Monahans cancels the election for Council Member District No. 2, and Council Member District No. 3, that would have been held on May 1, 2021 and declares that Jeppie Wilson is elected to Council Member District No. 2, and Calvin Carrell is elected to Council Member District No. 3. The officers will take the oath of office, at a time to be

determined, as though the election had been held and canvassed. **The Order of Cancellation does not include Mayor, at Large.** The City Secretary is directed to post a copy of the attached Order of Cancellation at the polling place on May 1, 2021.

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #13 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding Resolution No. 2021-010 Appointing an Election Judge and Alternate Judge for the May 1, 2021, General Election for the City of Monahans.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve Resolution No. 2021-010:

To appoint Nancy Upchurch as Presiding Judge and Laura Bejaran as Alternate Presiding Judge, subject to their acceptance, for the General Election for the City of Monahans to be held May 1, 2021. The Presiding Judge may appoint a maximum limit of four clerks.

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #14 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding Resolution No. 2021-011 Appointing Early Ballot Board for the May 1, 2021, General Election for the City of Monahans.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve Resolution No. 2021-011:

To appoint the following to the Early Voting Ballot Board, subject to their acceptance for the General Election to be held May 1, 2021:

Nancy Upchurch	-	Presiding Judge
To be determined	-	Clerk
To be determined	-	Clerk

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #15 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding Resolution No. 2021-012 Specifying the Hours and Polling location for Early Voting by Personal Appearance and Election Day Voting for the May 1, 2021, General Election for the City of Monahans. Mr. Thee indicated that Election Day voting will be at the Monahans-Wickett-Pyote-I.S.D. Administration, and Early Voting will be at City Hall.

Motion by Councilman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve Resolution No. 2021-012:

That Early Voting by personal appearance will be held at City Hall Council Chambers located at 112 W. 2nd St., and shall be conducted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 19, 2021 through April 23, 2021, and between the hours 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on April 26 and April 27, 2021. Voting on Election Day, May 1, 2021 for the General Election for the City of Monahans will be conducted from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Monahans-Wickett-Pyote ISD Administration Building located at 606 S. Betty Ave., Monahans, Texas.

ITEM #16 Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Carrell to adjourn meeting at 3:23 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Passed and approved by the Monahans City Council on March 9, 2021.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Tonya Todd, City Secretary

Jeppie S. Wilson, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem