

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 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 (absent)	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
Stormey Laws	Captain MPD
Lorenzo Colon	Officer MPD
Christian Puckett	Officer MPD
Christy Sullivan	The Monahans News

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 March 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #4 Consider and Act Upon approving the following consent items:
a. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$791,013.33

- b. Resolution No. 2023-012 Regarding Tax Roll Adjustment
- c. Monthly Reports/Minutes: (a) Airport Manager’s Monthly Report (b) Animal Control Monthly Report, (c) Building Permit Monthly Report, (d) Code Enforcement Monthly Report (e) MEDC Minutes and Monthly Financial Report, (f) Municipal Court Monthly Report, (g) City Monthly Fund Balance Report, (h) City Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Comparison Summary Report

Motion by Councilman Valenzuela seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve the consent items.

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #5 Presentation by citizens to be heard. Chief Quintana, with the Monahans Police Department, introduced new officer Christian Puckett. Chief Quintana also mentioned that Officer Colon saved a person’s life using Narcan.

ITEM #6 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council with regards to proclaiming April 2023 as “Child Abuse Awareness Month” in Monahans. Mr. Thee stated that this proclamation gives special recognition to Harmony Home. Mayor Steen read the proclamation out loud.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to declare the month of April 2023, as

“CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH”

In Special Recognition of Harmony Home

in the City of Monahans and do urge all our citizens to join in dedicating their energies to cherishing our children, helping them to grow and develop free from victimization so they may mature into successful adults and to strengthen the response from our community when child abuse occurs.

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #7 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1309 Suspending the Proposed Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) Interim Rate Adjustment of Texas Gas Service Company, A Division of ONE Gas, Inc.

Mr. Thee indicated that this ordinance is to suspend an Interim Rate Adjustment proposed by Texas Gas Service (TGS) for an additional 45 days beyond the initial 60-day review period by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Mr. Thee stated that the PUC allowed TGS to combine our West Texas Service Area with their North Texas Service Area to create the West North Service Area (WNSA), basically from Weatherford to El Paso. Mr. Thee mentioned that TGS proposes to capture the net increase in capital invested (\$6,589,279) from 1/1/2022 through 12/31/2022 system wide for the WNSA by charging an additional \$1.66 per month on average to residential customers for meters read on or after May 9, 2023. Mr. Thee indicated that since the city is part of the El Paso service area which has more customers than the other WNSA cities combined, what the City of El Paso does is usually the determining factor for the entire service area. Mr. Thee mentioned that if El Paso ultimately decides to contest the rate increase after this 105-day period, Monahans can opt in to the PUC rate case as well. Mr. Thee stated that typically, these rate increase requests by Texas Gas Services go into effect after this process unless contested by El Paso. Mr. Thee recommends approving this ordinance suspending the rate adjustment decision for forty-five days.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1309:

ORDINANCE NO. 1309

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONAHANS, TEXAS SUSPENDING THE PROPOSED GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT OF TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC.; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #8 Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to adjourn meeting at 3:10 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Passed and approved by the Monahans City Council on April 11, 2023.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Tonya Todd, City Secretary

Adam Steen, Mayor