

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

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
Gerald Stava	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
Stormey Laws	Captain-MPD
Xavier Ramon	MPD
Eric De Anda	MPD
Justin Abila	MPD
Ben McGilvray	MPD
Bradon Riggins	MPD
Christy Sullivan	The Monahans News
Ashley Adatao	MEDC Director
Aaron Huffty	Code Officer in Training

**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 26, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Stava, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.

Votes were as follows:	“Aye”	Gerald Stava
	“Aye”	Jeppie Wilson
	“Aye”	Calvin Carrell
	“Aye”	Ivy Valenzuela

“Aye” Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

**ITEM #4** Presentation by citizens to be heard. Chief Kristofer Quintana introduced new Monahans Police Officers, Bradon Riggins and Ben McGilvray, to Mayor Steen and the City Council Members. Chief Quintana stated that both officers recently graduated from the Law Enforcement Training Academy at Odessa College and both reside in Monahans. MEDC Director Ashley Aduato stated that they continue to work on the development of commercial property on the East Monahans Subdivision.

**ITEM #5** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council with regards to the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1319 Drought Contingency Plan for Wholesale and Retail Public Utility Customers. Mr. Thee indicated that TCEQ requires an update to this plan every five years. Mr. Thee mentioned that the language “\$1,000” was removed from the caption title because the fine is established in Section XI: Enforcement, Part (b) as up to \$2,000 for a misdemeanor violation of the Plan. Mayor Steen read the caption out loud.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Carrell to approve the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1319:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1319  
ADOPTION OF A DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PUBLIC  
UTILITY CUSTOMERS**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONAHANS, TEXAS,  
UPDATING/REVISING THE DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN;  
ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR THE INITIATION AND  
TERMINATION OF DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES;  
ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN WATER USES;  
ESTABLISHING PENALTIES, FINE FOR THE VIOLATION OF  
AND PROVISIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THESE  
RESTRICTIONS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR  
GRANTING VARIANCES; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND  
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Votes were as follows:

“Aye”	Gerald Stava
“Aye”	Jeppie Wilson
“Aye”	Calvin Carrell
“Aye”	Ivy Valenzuela
“Aye”	Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

**ITEM #6** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council with regards to the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1320 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 if El Paso decides to contest the rate increase after this 105-day period, Monahans can opt to join the PUC rate case as well and the rate increase requests by Texas Gas Services will go into effect after this process unless contested by El Paso. Mr. Thee stated that he recommends approving this ordinance, suspending the rate adjustment decision for forty-five days. Mayor Steen read the caption out loud.

Motion by Councilman Stava, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1320:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1320**

**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”	Gerald Stava
“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 Resolution No. 2024-017 Code Enforcement Officer’s Report regarding properties in violation of one or more of the following Articles: Article 4.03, Article 7.02, Article 12.03 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Monahans, Texas. Mr. Thee stated that all seven properties have been cleaned up, prior to the meeting. Mr. Thee recommends no action taken.

No Action Taken.

**ITEM #8** Mayor Steen read the following statement out loud, in open session. “The City Council will begin its Executive Session on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024 at 3:06 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law – Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- a. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney: Pending or Contemplated Litigation- The City of Monahans, Texas vs. Calderon, Macario, et al.”

**ITEM #9** Mayor Steen read the following statement out loud, in open session. “The City Council has completed its Executive Session on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024, at 3:19 p.m.” City Manager Rex M. Thee recommended no action be taken.

No Action Taken.

**ITEM #10** Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to adjourn meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Votes were as follows:

“Aye”	Gerald Stava
“Aye”	Jeppie Wilson
“Aye”	Calvin Carrell
“Aye”	Ivy Valenzuela
“Aye”	Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

Passed and approved by the Monahans City Council on April 23, 2024.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Tonya Todd, City Secretary

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Adam Steen, Mayor