

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 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 (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 (absent)	Assistant City Manager
Tonya Todd	City Secretary
Justin Till	Attorney for the City
Kristofer Quintana	Chief of Police MPD
Loris M. Scott	Self
Ashley Adatao	MEDC Director
Hannah Hawthorne	Self
Leisa Phipps	Self
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 28, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Valenzuela, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #4 Presentation by citizens to be heard. None

ITEM #5 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding the Audit Report of the Financial Statements for Year Ended September 30, 2022 from Smith & Rives, PC. Mr. Thee stated that Rocky Rives with Smith & Rives, PC was present to make the audit report presentation. Mr. Rives addressed the Council and stated that he and his office appreciate the professionalism and kindness the City staff demonstrates during the audit process. Mr. Rives mentioned that their firm rendered an unmodified opinion, which is the best that can be rendered, and the net position of the City increased in the amount of \$2,728,160. Mr. Rives discussed with the Council several of the financial highlights in the audit report for fiscal year 2021-2022. Mr. Rives asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve the Audit Report of the Financial Statements for Year Ending September 30, 2022, from Smith and Rives, PC.

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 Second and Final 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 mentioned that TGS proposes to charge an additional \$1.66 per month on average to residential customers for meters read on or after May 9, 2023. Mr. Thee recommends approving this ordinance suspending the rate adjustment decision for forty-five days.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Carrell to approve the Second and Final 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:	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 Resolution No. 2023-013 accepting the National Fitness Campaign Grant for an outdoor Fitness Court. Mr. Thee indicated that the National Fitness Campaign (NFC) and Blue Cross Blue Shield has approved a grant in the amount of \$40,000 for the outdoor fitness court. Mr. Thee stated that the resolution serves as a letter of support that the City, and local sponsors, intend to provide further funding for the outdoor fitness court construction and installation. Mr. Thee indicated that the City resolves to collaborate with NFC to implement the outdoor Fitness Court, and make fitness free to community residents and visitors. Mr. Thee mentioned that this resolution is non-binding, at this point.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to approve Resolution No. 2023-013: That the Monahans City Council will collaborate with National Fitness Campaign to implement the outdoor Fitness Court® and make fitness free to community residents and visitors.

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #8 Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to adjourn meeting at 3:24 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 April 25, 2023.

ATTEST:

Tonya Todd, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Adam Steen, Mayor