

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 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 (absent)	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
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
Ashley Adatao	Director MEDC
Billy Riley	Chief of Police MPD
Kris Quintana	Captain MPD
Richard Covington	Public Works Director
Christy Sullivan	The Monahans News
Melton Mitchell	Risk Management
Vicki Heflin	Ward Co. Tax Assessor Collector

**ITEM #1 & ITEM #2** Mayor Pro Tem Wilson called the meeting to order and Councilman Carrell gave the invocation.

**ITEM #3** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council on approving the minutes of the April 26, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem called for a show of hands.

Votes were as follows:	“Aye”/show of hands	Rudy Hernandez
	“Aye”/show of hands	Jeppie Wilson
	“Aye”/show of hands	Calvin Carrell
	“Aye”/show of hands	Ivy Valenzuela
	“Aye”/show of hands	Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

**ITEM #4** Consider and Act Upon approving the following consent items:

- a. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$757,844.33
- b. Resolution No. 2022-014 Regarding Tax Roll Adjustments

- 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 (i) Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hernandez to approve the consent items.

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

Motion carried.

**ITEM #5** Presentation by citizens to be heard. Ashley Adatao, MEDC Director stated that they are working on some same projects. Ms. Adatao mentioned that she attended a Site Consultant Summit, where they went over rural trends, opportunities and how consultants score RFP responses.

**ITEM #6** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding Certificates of Election. Mr. Thee stated that since there was no election for May 2022, the city will not have election results declaration or canvassing. Mr. Thee indicated that the election canvassing period will end May 18, 2022 and the City Charter requires a 5-day waiting period; therefore, oaths of office for Rudy Hernandez (District No. 1), Ivy Valenzuela (District No. 4), and Richard Hawkins (District No. 5) will take place in the May 24th meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson signed the Certificates of Election.

**ITEM #7 Public Hearing:** Open for comments on Redistricting of the Single-Member City Council Election Districts after the 2020 Census. City Manager briefed the Council regarding the power point presentation from Laura McLean, an attorney with Walsh Gallegos Treviño Kyle & Robinson P.C. Mr. Thee indicated that Ms. McLean has returned to provide the Council with a review of the power point presentation presented on March 22, 2022. Mr. Thee stated that the redistricting map, known as Plan 1, is the redistricting plan still in consideration. Mr. Thee mentioned that Plan 1 map has been on the city’s website, posted at City Hall, and in the paper since that meeting. Mr. Thee stated that he has had no comments made, at this point. After Ms. McLean’s power point presentation, there were no comments from the public.

**Mayor Pro Tem Wilson Closed the Public Hearing.**

**ITEM #8** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1298 to Adopt Changes to the Boundaries of Single Member City Council

Election Districts after the 2020 Census. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson read the caption of Ordinance No. 1298 out loud.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Carrel to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1298 adopting Plan 1 as the new single-member city council election district boundaries. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson called for a show of hands.

ORDINANCE NO. 1298

ADOPTION OF CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MONAHANS, TEXAS, PASSED SUBSEQUENT TO REDISTRICTING OF SINGLE MEMBER COUNCIL ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE CITY OF MONAHANS AFTER THE 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS.

Votes were as follows:	“Aye”/show of hands	Rudy Hernandez
	“Aye”/show of hands	Jeppie Wilson
	“Aye”/show of hands	Calvin Carrell
	“Aye”/show of hands	Ivy Valenzuela
	“Aye”/show of hands	Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

**ITEM #9** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding Resolution No. 2022-015 Texas Gas Service, a division of One Gas Inc. request for continued use of Financial Instruments for Hedging Gas Costs for 2022-2023 Heating Season. Mr. Thee indicated that hedging is a means used by TGS to stabilize gas prices the customer pays. Mr. Thee stated that in most years, TGS will use a financial instrument such as commodity futures contracts and when the time comes for TGS to take delivery of the gas, TGS will liquidate the futures contracts and buy the gas at the previously contracted set price.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hernandez to approve Resolution No. 2022-015: To approve Texas Gas Service Company, a division of ONE Gas Inc. request for use of financial instruments to mitigate natural gas costs for incorporated customers in the West Texas Service Area for the upcoming 2022-2023 heating season as required by Rate Schedule No. 1 Cost of Gas Clause, Section B.3. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson called for a show of hands.

Votes were as follows:	“Aye”/show of hands	Rudy Hernandez
	“Aye”/show of hands	Jeppie Wilson
	“Aye”/show of hands	Calvin Carrell
	“Aye”/show of hands	Ivy Valenzuela
	“Aye”/show of hands	Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

*The City Council did not hold an Executive Session. No action was taken on Item #10 or #11.*

**ITEM #10** EXECUTIVE SESSION: To convene after open session in Council Chambers, City of Monahans in compliance with Texas Government Code:

(a) Section 551.071 Consultation with Redistricting Attorney regarding Legal Issues related to the Process for Redistricting the Single-Member City Council Election Districts after the 2020 Census

**ITEM #11** OPEN SESSION: To take any action deemed necessary after executive session regarding

(a) Section 551.071 Consultation with Redistricting Attorney regarding Legal Issues related to the Process for Redistricting the Single-Member City Council Election Districts after the 2020 Census

**ITEM #12** Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to adjourn meeting at 3:38 p.m.

Votes were as follows:	“Aye”	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 May 24, 2022.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Tonya Todd, City Secretary

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Adam Steen, Mayor