

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 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
Vacant	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
Loris M. Scott	Self
Ashley Adatao	MEDC Director
Teresa Burnett	Chamber of Commerce Executive Director
Christy Sullivan	The Monahans News

ITEM #1 & ITEM #2 Mayor Steen called the meeting to order and Councilman Wilson gave the invocation.

ITEM #3 Canvass May 6, 2023 Election Returns. Mayor Steen opened the sealed envelope with the special election returns, and informed the council members and those present the early voting and election day vote totals for the legalization of all alcoholic beverages, and for each proposition.

Vote Totals: To Legalize: For 131, Against 68; passed
Proposition A: For 161, Against 34; passed
Proposition B: For 156, Against 33; passed
Proposition C: For 171, Against 18; passed
Proposition D: For 162, Against 22; passed
Proposition E: For 157, Against 25; passed
Proposition F: For 136, Against 53; passed
Proposition G: For 132, Against 53; passed

City Manager Rex M. Thee stated that there were 113 Early Voters, 87 Election Day Voters and one (1) uncounted provisional ballot cast. Mr. Thee indicated that the Early Voting Ballot Board (EVBV) determined that the provisional ballot will not be counted nor opened due to the voter not being a registered voter of the City of Monahans. Mayor Steen stated “That this concludes the Canvass of the May 6, 2023 Special Election.”

ITEM #4 Issue Certificates of Election, Mayor at Large, Council Member District No. 2, Council Member No. 3. City Manager Rex M. Thee stated that Mayor Steen will sign the Certificates of Election for the uncontested General Election Mayoral Race, Adam Steen, District No. 2 Jeppie Wilson and District No. 3 Calvin Carrell. Mr. Thee mentioned that the election canvassing period will end May 17, 2023, and the City Charter requires a 5-day waiting period; therefore, oaths of office will take place in the May 23rd meeting.

ITEM #5 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding the First and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1310 Order Declaring Results of Charter Amendments, Propositions A-G, Special Election, May 6, 2023. Mr. Thee indicated that the council will issue an order declaring the results of the special election for charter amendments, by means of a first and final reading of an ordinance. All charter amendments passed.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to adopt first and final Reading of Ordinance No. 1310:

ORDINANCE NO. 1310

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONAHANS, TEXAS, CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING RESULTS OF SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF MONAHANS, TEXAS ON MAY 6, 2023, ON THE QUESTION OF CERTAIN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING CITY CHARTER OF SAID CITY.

Votes were as follows:	Vacant	District No. 1
	“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 First and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1311 Order Declaring Results To Legalize: The Legal Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages Including Mixed Beverages, Special Election, May 6, 2023. Mr. Thee indicated that the council will issue an order declaring the results of the special election, To Legalize, by means of a first and final reading of an ordinance. This proposition passed.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adopt First and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1311:

ORDINANCE NO. 1311

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONAHANS, TEXAS, CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING RESULTS OF SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF MONAHANS, TEXAS ON MAY 6, 2023, ON THE QUESTION OF LEGALIZING “THE LEGAL SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, INCLUDING MIXED BEVERAGES” WITHIN SAID CITY.

Votes were as follows: Vacant District No. 1
 “Aye” Jeppie Wilson
 “Nay” Calvin Carrell
 “Aye” Ivy Valenzuela
 “Aye” Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

ITEM #7 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council on approving the minutes of the April 25, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Votes were as follows: Vacant District No. 1
 “Aye” Jeppie Wilson
 “Aye” Calvin Carrell
 “Aye” Ivy Valenzuela
 “Aye” Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

ITEM #8 Presentation by citizens to be heard. None

ITEM #9 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding a request from Monahans Community Church to close E. 3rd Street between S. Allen and S. Bruce, for Father’s Day Celebration, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., June 18, 2023. Mr. Thee mentioned that the street has been closed for this reason in the past with no issues.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the request from Monahans Community Church to close E. 3rd Street between S. Allen and S. Bruce, for Father’s Day Celebration, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., June 18, 2023.

Votes were as follows: Vacant District No. 1
 “Aye” Jeppie Wilson
 “Aye” Calvin Carrell
 “Aye” Ivy Valenzuela
 “Aye” Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

ITEM #10 Mayor Steen read the following statement out loud in open session. “The City Council will begin its Executive Session on this 16th day of May 2023 at 3:10 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law - Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

a) Section 551.074 Personnel Matters: Council Member District No. 1.”

ITEM #11 Mayor Steen read the following statement out loud, in open session. “The City Council has completed its Executive Session on the 16th day of May 2023 at 3:24 p.m.”

City Manager Rex M. Thee recommended to the Council that no action be taken.

No action taken.

ITEM #12 Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to adjourn meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Votes were as follows:	Vacant	District No. 1
	“Aye”	Jeppie Wilson
	“Aye”	Calvin Carrell
	“Aye”	Ivy Valenzuela
	“Aye”	Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

Passed and approved by the Monahans City Council on May 23, 2023.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Tonya Todd, City Secretary

Adam Steen, Mayor