

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, May 24, 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	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
Richard Covington	Public Works Director
Teresa Burnett	Director Chamber of Commerce
Ashley Adatao	Director MEDC
Billy Riley	Chief of Police MPD
Kris Quintana	Captain MPD
Melton Mitchell	Risk Management Officer
Christy Sullivan	Monahans News
Lorena Valle	Finance Officer
Sheila Tefertiller	Finance Clerk
Heather VonGonten	Account Executive TML Health
Ed Mendez	Oncor

*Prior to the start of the meeting City Secretary Tonya Todd ensured that Rudy Hernandez District No. 1, Ivy Valenzuela District No. 4 and Richard Hawkins District No. 5 read and signed the Statement of Officer form and then they took their Oath of Office.*

**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 May 10, 2022 regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, as presented.

Votes were as follows:

“Aye”	Rudy Hernandez
“Aye”	Jeppie Wilson
“Aye”	Calvin Carrell
“Aye”	Ivy Valenzuela

“Aye” Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

**ITEM #4** Presentation of citizens to be heard. Teresa Burnett, Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce mentioned that they recently hosted the Regional Literacy Conference, the Regional Seminar on Hotel Occupancy Tax and the Chamber Golf Tournament. Ms. Burnett stated that they have many upcoming events planned for the summer and are assisting in getting hotels booked for those events.

**ITEM #5** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council with regards to elect a Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to elect Jeppie Wilson Mayor Pro Tem.

Votes were as follows:	“Aye”	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 with regards to receive a Forty+ Years Longevity Award from TML Health. Mr. Thee introduced Heather VonGonten, Account Executive, with TML Health. Ms. VonGonten stated that the City of Monahans was part of the original sixteen cities that signed up with TML Health back in 1979, forty-three years ago. Ms. VonGonten presented to Mayor Steen a custom award plaque and a framed certificate. Mr. Thee thanked Ms. VonGonten on behalf of the City of Monahans for the long-standing partnership.

**ITEM #7** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1298 to adopt changes to the Boundaries of Single Member City Council Election Districts after the 2020 Census. Mr. Thee indicated that Plan 1 has been duly advertised and posted for the public since March 22, 2022, and presented in a public hearing on May 10, 2022. Mr. Thee stated that Plan 1 has not changed and he has received no comments in his office, on this matter. Mayor Steen read the caption of Ordinance No. 1298 out loud.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Carrell to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1298 adopting Plan 1 as the new single-member city council election district boundaries.

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

Motion carried.

**ITEM #8** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council with regards to acknowledgement of completion of Cybersecurity Training Program requirements of Section 2054-5191, Government Code. Mr. Thee indicated that the City of Monahans is in compliance with state law requiring local governments to train all employees who do or may operate any device that connects to the internet. Mr. Thee mentioned that the law also requires all elected officials to take cybersecurity training. Mr. Thee stated that Risk Management Officer Melton Mitchell has assured all employees and elected officials have been trained.

Motion by Councilman Valenzuela, seconded by Councilman Wilson to acknowledge completion of the Cybersecurity Training Program requirements of Section 2054-5191, Government Code.

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

Motion carried.

**ITEM #9** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1299 Denying the Proposed Change in Rates of Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC. Mr. Thee indicated that by denying Oncor’s request to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the City will have the right to participate in PUC’s rate case proceedings. Ed Mendez with Oncor Electric addressed the Council regarding this matter. Mr. Mendez stated that it does seem odd to request that the Council deny the rate changes, but by doing so it keeps system-wide rates. Mayor Steen read the caption of Ordinance No. 1299 out loud.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve Ordinance No. 1299 denying the proposed change in rates of Oncor:

ORDINANCE NO. 1299

AN ORDINANCE DENYING THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN RATES OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Votes were as follows:       “Aye”       Rudy Hernandez  
  “Aye”       Jeppie Wilson  
  “Aye”       Calvin Carrell

“Aye” Ivy Valenzuela  
“Aye” Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

**ITEM #10** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding a request from Monahans Chamber for Outdoor Movie Night at Hill Park, June 10<sup>th</sup> and July 15, 2022. Mr. Thee indicated that the City will treat the park for ants and mosquitoes, provide portable toilets, and electricity.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the request from Monahans Chamber for Outdoor Movie Night at Hill Park, June 10<sup>th</sup> and July 15, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

**ITEM #11** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding a request from Crossroads Church to close 3<sup>rd</sup> Street off between Allen and Bruce, for Father’s Day Activities, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., June 19, 2022. Mr. Thee indicated that they have done this for a couple of years now with no issues, and City employees that are members will block and unblock the street.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the request from Crossroads Church to close 3<sup>rd</sup> Street off between Allen and Bruce, for Father’s Day Activities, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., June 19, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

**ITEM #12** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding a request from Ward Memorial Hospital to close 5<sup>th</sup> Street off between Allen and Calvin, for Farmers Market at Hill Park, from 7:00 a.m. to Noon, June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 17, 2022.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Carrell to approve the request from Ward Memorial Hospital to close 5<sup>th</sup> Street off between Allen and Calvin, for Farmers Market at Hill Park, from 7:00 a.m. to Noon, June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 17, 2022.

Votes were as follows: “Aye” Rudy Hernandez  
“Aye” Jeppie Wilson  
“Aye” Calvin Carrell

“Aye” Ivy Valenzuela  
“Aye” Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

**ITEM #13** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding a request from Monahans Chamber to close 5<sup>th</sup> Street off between Allen and Calvin, for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration in Hill Park, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 4, 2022. Mr. Thee indicated that the City will treat the park for ants and mosquitoes, provide portable toilets, and electricity.

Motion by Councilman Valenzuela, seconded by Councilman Hernandez to approve the request from Monahans Chamber to close 5<sup>th</sup> Street off between Allen and Calvin, for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration in Hill Park, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 4, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

**ITEM #14** Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Hernandez to adjourn meeting at 3:23 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 June 14, 2022.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Tonya Todd, City Secretary

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Adam Steen, Mayor