

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020**

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:

<i>David B. Cutbirth</i>	<i>Mayor</i>
<i>Absent-Rudy Hernandez</i>	<i>Council Member District No. 1</i>
<i>Jeppie S. Wilson</i>	<i>Council Member District No. 2/Mayor Pro Tem</i>
<i>Calvin Carrell</i>	<i>Council Member District No. 3</i>
<i>Ivy Valenzuela</i>	<i>Council Member District No. 4</i>
<i>Richard Hawkins</i>	<i>Council Member District No. 5</i>
<i>Rex M. Thee</i>	<i>City Manager</i>
<i>Lorena S. Valle</i>	<i>Deputy City Secretary</i>
<i>Alan Nicholas</i>	<i>Attorney for the City</i>
<i>Teresa Burnett</i>	<i>Chamber of Commerce</i>
<i>Billy Riley</i>	<i>Chief of Police-MPD</i>
<i>Christy Sullivan</i>	<i>Monahans News</i>
<i>Ashley Adauto</i>	<i>Monahans Economic Development Director</i>
<i>Yolanda Torres</i>	<i>Fairfield Inn</i>
<i>Vinod N. Gandhi</i>	<i>Fairfield Inn</i>

**ITEM #1 & ITEM #2** Mayor Cutbirth 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 26, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Valenzuela, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2020, Regular Council Meeting, as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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

- a. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$670,372.47
- b. Monthly Reports/Minutes: (a) Airport Manager’s Monthly Report, (b) MEDC Minutes and Monthly Financial Report, (c) Building Permit Monthly Report, (d) Animal Control Monthly Report, (e) Municipal Court Monthly Report, (f) Code

Enforcement Officer's 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 Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Carrell, to approve the consent items:

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

Motion carried.

**ITEM #5** Presentation by citizens to be heard. Mr. Vinod N. Gandhi of the Fairfield Inn came forward to advise that he is building a "beautiful" hotel across the Event Center, but is encountering issues obtaining an on-premise sale of Distilled Spirits (hard liquor). He acknowledged how Mayor Cutbirth, owner of Bennigan's, overcame this issue by creating a private club in order to allow the sale of hard liquor. Mr. Gandhi advised he was seeking help getting on the November Election ballot after petitioning to be placed on the ballot. Mr. Gandhi stated that he was told he must have 35% of the voters who actually voted in the last Governor's election to sign the petition. The Mayor informed him to start with the petition if he did not want to attempt creating a private club and offered Mr. Gandhi his personal attorney's number. Mr. Gandhi indicated that he will still seek out the petition and thanked the Council for their help.

**ITEM #6** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding Resolution No. 2020-021 Certification of City Manager regarding Completion of Improvements: East Monahans Subdivision, Sanitary Sewer Line under and along East Monahans Parkway. Mr. Thee indicated that the sewer line has been inspected, and mandrel and pressure tested. Mr. Thee stated that Bobby Sinclair and Keith Mitchell have overseen the project and reviewed testing results and the line is warrantied for one year.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Carrell, to approve Resolution No. 2020-021: To approve the City Manager's certification that all improvements required by City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22 – Subdivisions, Article IV have been satisfactorily completed in accordance with all city plans and specifications for such improvements of the East Monahans Subdivision.

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. 2020-022 Regarding Texas Gas Service, a division of One Gas Inc. request for Continued Use of Financial Instruments for Hedging Gas Costs for 2020-2021 Heating Season.

Motion by Councilman Valenzuela, seconded by Councilman Hawkins, to approve Resolution No. 2020-022: 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 2020-2021 heating season as required by Rate Schedule No. 1 Cost of Gas Clause, Section B.3.

Votes were as follows:	Absent	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 regarding the Appointment of Ward County Tax Assessor Collector to calculate and publish the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate for 2020. Mr. Thee indicated that this is to appoint Vicki Heflin, Ward County Tax Assessor Collector to calculate and publish the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate for 2020.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to appoint Vicki Heflin, Ward County Tax Assessor Collector to calculate and publish the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate for 2020.

Votes were as follows:	Absent	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 Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1278 Designating South Victor Avenue as said Street Name in East Monahans Subdivision. Mr. Thee indicated that this street is east of and adjacent to where the new elementary school will be built and could potentially extend from IH-20 Service Road, north to Business IH-20 (Hwy 80). Mr. Thee stated that the last-named street is South Stuart Avenue, and wants to leave room for blocks either side of S. Monahans Parkway, therefore this street will start with the letter “V”. Mr. Thee recommends approving the Second and Final Reading of this Ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to approve the Second and Final Reading Ordinance No. 1278:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1278**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONAHANS PROVIDING FOR THE OFFICIAL NAMING OF SOUTH VICTOR AVENUE, DESERT RIDGE ADDITION, EAST PARKWAY SUBDIVISION WITH IN THE CITY OF MONAHANS AND ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL MAP OF THE CITY OF MONAHANS SHOWING THE OFFICIAL NAME AND DESIGNATION OF**

SAID AVENUE AND REPEALING ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT  
THEREWITH

**Section 1:** That the plat map of the Desert Ridge Addition of the East Parkway Subdivision showing and designating thereon South Victor Avenue within said addition and subdivision, a true and correct copy being attached hereto and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted as the official addition plat map of East Parkway Subdivision of the City of Monahans, showing and designating in said subdivision the name of South Victor Avenue therein.

**Section 2:** That South Victor Avenue shall be designated and officially named.

**Section 3:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

**ITEM #10** Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to adjourn meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Votes were as follows:

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

Passed and approved by the Monahans City Council on June 23, 2020.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Tonya Todd, City Secretary

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David B. Cutbirth, Mayor