

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 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:

David B. Cutbirth
Absent-Rudy Hernandez
Jeppie S. Wilson
Calvin Carrell
Ivy Valenzuela
Richard Hawkins

Mayor
Council Member District No. 1
Council Member District No. 2/Mayor Pro Tem
Council Member District No. 3
Council Member District No. 4
Council Member District No. 5

Rex M. Thee
Tonya Todd
Alan Nicholas

City Manager
City Secretary
Attorney for the City

Teresa Burnett
Smokey Briggs
Judge Greg Holly
Ashley Adatao
Brooks Landgraf
Kris Quintana
Stormy Laws

Chamber of Commerce Director
Monahans News
Ward County
MEDC Director
State Representative
Captain-MPD
Lieutenant-MPD

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 June 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the minutes of the June 9, 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 Presentation of citizens to be heard. No comments from the public.

ITEM #5 Presentation by State Representative, District 81, Brooks Landgraf. Mayor Cutbirth welcomed State Representative Brooks Landgraf to the meeting. Mr. Landgraf discussed a few matters with the Council regarding COVID-19, Senate Bill 2 and the position of the State of Texas. Mr. Landgraf stated that with the downturn of the oil and gas industry and COVID-19, things won't magically get better, but he is optimistic that it will get better. Mr. Landgraf asked the Council to let him know if there were any other topics of concern that could be addressed in the upcoming legislative session beginning January 2021. Mr. Landgraf thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to speak and asked that they call him should they need anything.

ITEM #6 Public Hearing: Open for comments regarding the 2020-2021 Hotel Occupancy Tax Submittals/Budget Request:

- a) Monahans Chamber of Commerce
- b) Ward County
- c) Ward County Golf Association
- d) Other

Close Public Hearing

Mayor Cutbirth opened the Public Hearing on the 2020-2021 Hotel Occupancy Tax(HOT) Budget submittals. City Manager Rex M. Thee indicated budget requests for the HOT were received from the Monahans Chamber of Commerce, Ward County, and the Ward County Golf Association. Monahans Chamber of Commerce submitted a request in the amount of \$163,595 and Chamber Director Teresa Burnett was present to address the Council. Ms. Burnett stated that she appreciated the opportunity to ask for funding. Ms. Burnett mentioned that the Chamber's budget reflects a decrease from last year's budget and the Chamber continues to work on upcoming events. The Honorable Judge Greg Holly addressed the Council and stated that there was no specific budget amount request, however the relationship and support between the County and City working together is very much appreciated. The event center has received HOT funds in the past and the County will welcome any future funding that the law will allow for this endeavor, with the understanding that hotels are not as busy, now. Mayor Cutbirth thanked Judge Holly for his time and agreed that these are good times of working together. Mike Elrod with the Ward County Golf Association addressed the Council with a \$45,000 request for their upcoming operations. Mr. Elrod stated that they would like to purchase a chemical injection system pump. Mayor Cutbirth thanked the Golf Association for the nice golf grounds that are kept so well. No other comments or requests were received and the Public Hearing was closed.

ITEM #7 Consider and Act Upon Resolution No. 2020-023 Texas Municipal League (TML) Health Benefits Pool Medical Insurance Rerate for Plan Year 2020-2021 (12 months). City Manager Rex M. Thee indicated that he was pleasantly surprised to receive a plan from our current insurance company Texas Municipal League (TML) with no increases over last year, while keeping the same deductible.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Council Hawkins to approve Resolution No. 2020-023: To authorize participation in the Texas Municipal League (TML) Health Benefits Pool Medical Insurance for Elected Officials and Employees for FY 2020/2021 (12 Months) and approve as follows:

Medical Plan

City Employee/Elected Official:	\$ 565.06 (paid by city)
Spouse:	\$ 582.02 (less \$350.00 paid by city)
Child(ren):	\$ 429.46 (less \$300.00 paid by city)
Family:	\$1,101.88 (less \$600.00 paid by city)

Qualified Retiree (employee with minimum 25 consecutive years of City of Monahans service) \$565.06 (100% paid by city for five (5) years from retirement date or until Retiree reaches age 65, whichever comes first). Dependent coverage – Spouse only (75% paid by city for five (5) years from employee retirement date or until Retiree reaches age 65, whichever comes first), less than 25 years of service – none. Rates applicable at year of retirement.

Dental Plan III

City Employee/Elected Official:	\$ 37.64 (paid by city)
Qualified Retiree:	\$ 67.90 (paid by city for 5 years or age 65)
Spouse:	\$ 39.62 (paid by employee)
Child(ren):	\$ 43.58 (paid by employee)
Family:	\$ 77.90 (paid by employee)

Vision Plan B

City Employee/Elected Official:	\$ 9.00 (paid by city)
Qualified Retiree:	\$ 10.88 (paid by city for 5 years or age 65)
Dependent:	\$ 18.00 (paid by employee)

Basic Life

City Employee/Elected Official:	\$ 0.194 per \$1,000 (paid by city)
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AD&D Plan

City Employee/Elected Official:	\$ 0.040 per \$1,000 (paid by city)
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Optional Employee Life and AD&D Plan (paid by employee)

Participation subject to annual budgetary approval.

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 with regards to approving a Water Pipeline Easement and Right of Way with Southwest Sandhills Water Supply Corporation on City Land adjacent to and along the Stormwater Drainage Ditch between West 15th Street and IH20. Mr. Thee indicated that this is a 15’ easement along the West side of the City stormwater drainage ditch between W. 15th St. and Interstate 20. Mr. Thee stated that this easement contains

a section of their new 12” water pipeline from the tanks on W. 3rd St. to the new water tower SE of Monahans. Mr. Thee mentioned that this is not a permanent easement and will revert back to the City if the water line is abandoned.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to approve the Water Pipeline Easement and Right of Way with Southwest Sandhills Water Supply Corporation on City Land adjacent to and along the Stormwater Drainage Ditch between West 15th Street and IH20, as presented.

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 Resolution No. 2020-024 Code Enforcement Officer’s Report regarding properties in violation of Section 6 and/or Section 13 City Code of Ordinances, weeds, garbage, trash and/or Building Code violations. Mr. Thee indicated that Code Enforcement Officer Richard Covington is working hard on the process to condemn four properties. Mr. Thee stated that the properties listed in the Resolution are the usual high weeds, brush and garbage violations.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve Resolution No. 2020-024: To approve the Code Enforcement Officer’s report and initiate any action necessary to bring these properties into compliance.

Address:	Legal:	Block	Lot	Owner:
104 W. 12 th	Doris	Block 1	Lot E 31.45’ of 4	Orlando Calixto
102 W. 12 th	Doris	Block 1	Lot E 50’ of 4	Nelson Calixto
1201 S. Alice	Oak Cliff	Block 1	Lot N 50’ X 62’ of 2	Donna Muniz
310 S. Franklin	Foundation	Block 5	Lot 1	Clint McMullen
1511 W. 2 nd	HJS 2 nd Sub	Block 10	Lot 4	Jeffrey Baiza
602 S. James	Providence	Block 4	Lot 2	Ronnie Tone

Votes were as follows:

Absent	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 the Acknowledgement of the Proposed Budget for Ward County Appraisal District and Winkler County Appraisal District 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 Budget Year.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to acknowledge receiving the Proposed Budget for Ward County Appraisal District and Winkler County Appraisal District 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 Budget Year.

Votes were as follows:	Absent	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 an Interlocal Agreement entered into between the City of Monahans, Monahans-Wickett-Pyote ISD (MWPISD), and Monahans Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for Payment of Construction of the portions of East 8th Street, East 12th Street, and Victor Avenue that provide access to the proposed Elementary School in East Monahans Subdivision. Mr. Thee indicated that the agreement sets forth the parties’ percentages as 50% by MWPISD, 25% by MEDC and 25% by the City. Mr. Thee mentioned that the estimated balance due for school access roads as follows: Monahans-Wickett-Pyote I.S.D. would pay an estimated outstanding balance of \$557,206.91; The Monahans Economic Development would pay an estimated outstanding balance of \$84,405.11(\$209,198.35 paid to date); The City would pay an estimated balance of \$283,603.46. Mr. Thee mentioned, in the future, the City will charge developers along the streets prorated costs for the street, curb and gutter and this would be only on the side of the street across from the school, as the school is already paying for 50% of the street construction. Ashley Adatao stated that with the school bond passing, streets are needed in the area of East Monahans Addition for school access roads. Mr. Thee stated that the City could cover the cost in this fiscal year budget without increasing it and if not, the City would have the option to pay a portion through next year’s budget.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Carrell to approve the Interlocal Agreement entered into between the City of Monahans, Monahans-Wickett-Pyote ISD (MWPISD), and Monahans Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for Payment of Construction of the portions of East 8th Street, East 12th Street, and Victor Avenue that provide access to the proposed Elementary School in East Monahans Subdivision, as presented.

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

ITEM #12 EXECUTIVE SESSION: To convene after open session in Council Chamber, City of Monahans in compliance with Texas Government Code:

Section 551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property:

a. Odessa College Leased City Building and Old Edwards Elementary Gym

ITEM#13 OPEN SESSION: To take any action deemed necessary after executive session regarding

Section 551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property:

a. Odessa College Leased City Building and Old Edwards Elementary Gym

No action taken.

ITEM #14 Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to adjourn meeting at 4:22 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 July 14, 2020.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Tonya Todd, City Secretary

David B. Cutbirth, Mayor