

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 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 (absent)	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
Xavier Ramon	MPD
Ashley Adatao	MEDC 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 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council on approving the minutes of the June 13, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Votes were as follows:	Vacant	District No. 1
	“Aye”	Jeppie Wilson
	“Aye”	Calvin Carrell
	Absent	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 \$814,017.81
- b. Resolution No. 2023-018 Regarding Tax Roll Adjustment
- c. Monthly Reports/Minutes: (a) Animal Control Monthly Report, (b) Building

Permit Monthly Report, (c) MEDC Minutes and Monthly Financial Report, (d) Municipal Court Monthly Report, (e) City Monthly Fund Balance Report, (f) City Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Comparison Summary Report (g) Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes

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

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #5 Presentation by citizens to be heard. None

ITEM #6 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding a request from Ward Memorial Hospital to close 5th Street between Allen and Calvin, for Farmers Market at Hill Park, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., July 15th and August 19, 2023. Mr. Thee stated that the City will treat the park for ants and mosquitoes, provide portable toilets, and electricity.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve request from Ward Memorial Hospital to close 5th Street between Allen and Calvin, for Farmers Market at Hill Park, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., July 15th and August 19, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #7 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1312 Repealing Ordinance No. 1157 (adopted 3-27-2012) Repealing § 11.01.009 of the Code of Ordinances. Mr. Thee indicated that said ordinance was enacted March 2012, which closed the 700 Block of North Carol beside Sudderth Elementary during school bus pick up and drop off times on school days. Mr. Thee stated that since the elementary school at Sudderth has been permanently closed, there is no longer a need for closure. Mr. Thee mentioned that this ordinance also gives the City authority to remove all signage and markings associated with the street closure.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve Ordinance No. 1312:

ORDINANCE NO. 1312

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONAHANS, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1157 (ADOPTED 27 MARCH 2012), REPEALING § 11.01.009 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FINDING PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #8 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding Resolution No. 2023-019 TX Health Benefits Pool Rerate for Plan and Deductible Year, October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 (12 months). Mr. Thee indicated that he along with the staff have studied the new plan options for next year from TML Health, now called TX Health Benefits Pool, and partner Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas. Mr. Thee stated that unfortunately, no option was available at the current deductible of \$750 without a large increase in monthly premiums. Mr. Thee mentioned that he decided to go with a plan that actually decreases the employees’ monthly cost to insure children and/or spouse, while keeping the deductible manageable.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve Resolution No. 2023-019: To authorize participation in the Texas Health Benefits Pool Medical Insurance for Elected Officials and Employees for October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 (12 Months) and approve as follows:

Medical Plan

City Employee/Elected Official:	\$ 589.46 (paid by city)
Spouse:	\$ 607.14 (less \$350.00 paid by city)
Child(ren):	\$ 448.00 (less \$300.00 paid by city)
Family:	\$1,149.44 (less \$600.00 paid by city)

Qualified Retiree (employee with minimum 25 consecutive years of City of Monahans service) \$589.46 (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:	\$ 40.66 (paid by city)
Qualified Retiree:	\$ 40.66 (paid by city for 5 years or age 65)

Spouse: \$ 42.80 (paid by employee)
 Child(ren): \$ 47.08 (paid by employee)
 Family: \$ 84.14 (paid by employee)

EyeMed Premium

City Employee/Elected Official: \$ 8.93 (paid by city)
 Qualified Retiree: \$ 8.93 (paid by city for 5 years or age 65)
 Spouse: \$ 8.04 (paid by employee)
 Children: \$ 8.93 (paid by employee)
 Family: \$ 13.85 (paid by employee)

Basic Life

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

AD&D Plan

City Employee/Elected Official: \$ 0.040 per \$1,000 (paid by city)

Optional Employee Life and AD&D Plan (paid by employee)

Participation subject to annual budgetary approval.

Votes were as follows:

Vacant	District No. 1
“Aye”	Jeppie Wilson
“Aye”	Calvin Carrell
Absent	Ivy Valenzuela
“Aye”	Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

ITEM #9 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding a Right-of-Way Easement Agreement with QuikTrip. Mr. Thee stated that a QuikTrip (QT) convenient store is being built where Alco/Shopko was and an easement is needed for a sanitary sewer line in the alley between McDonalds and the QT store. Mr. Thee indicated that the City worked with QT to come up with the best option to provide sewer service to the new store. Mr. Thee mentioned that routing the line, which QT will install, pay for, and maintain, to a manhole NW of the store will provide a more sustainable long-term solution. Mr. Thee stated that Attorney for the City Justin Till has reviewed the agreement that includes a one-time easement fee of \$1,227.15, which is higher than the University Lands schedule.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the Right-of-Way Easement Agreement with QuikTrip.

Votes were as follows:

Vacant	District No. 1
“Aye”	Jeppie Wilson
“Aye”	Calvin Carrell
Absent	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 27th day of June 2023 at 3:18 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 27th day of June 2023 at 3:22 p.m.”

City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding Resolution No. 2023-017 Council Member District No. 1 Appointment. Mr. Thee stated that this appointment is for the unexpired term for Council Member District No. 1.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve Resolution No. 2023-017: To appoint Gerald Stava to serve the unexpired term of Council Member District No. 1 through the next general election May 4, 2024, subject to his acceptance.

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

Motion carried.

ITEM #12 Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Carrell to adjourn meeting at 3:24 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Passed and approved by the Monahans City Council on July 11, 2023.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Tonya Todd, City Secretary

Adam Steen, Mayor