

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 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>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>Tonya Todd</i>	<i>City Secretary</i>
<i>Alan Nicholas</i>	<i>Attorney for the City</i>
<i>Teresa Burnett</i>	<i>Executive Director Chamber of Commerce</i>
<i>Billy Riley</i>	<i>Chief of Police-MPD</i>
<i>Ashley Adauto</i>	<i>Director Monahans Economic Development Corporation</i>
<i>Ernestine Watson</i>	<i>Garden Club</i>
<i>Eddie Nelms</i>	<i>Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department and County Commissioner</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 August 25, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2020, 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 Consider and Act Upon approving the following consent items:

- a. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$892,494.67
- b. Resolution No. 2020-033 Regarding Tax Roll Adjustments
- c. 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

Councilman Carrell stated that he would like to see a more comprehensive Code Enforcement Report. City Manager Rex M. Thee indicated that he would get a consensus of the Council's desires for an improved report.

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

Votes were as follows:

"Aye"	Rudy Hernandez
"Aye"	Jeppie Wilson
"Aye"	Calvin Carrell
"Aye"	Ivy Valenzuela
"Aye"	Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

ITEM #5 Presentation by citizens to be heard. Teresa Burnett, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, mentioned that on September 11, 12 and 13th the Xtreme Drive-in Circus Live Show will be held in the Million Barrel Museum Parking Lot at 7:30 p.m. each day and the cost will be \$40 per car, up to six people. Ms. Burnett stated that September 30, 2020 is the deadline to fill out the 2020 Census. Ernestine Watson informed the Council that the Garden Club meets in March and October. Ms. Watson stated that after the meeting on the second Tuesday of October, the Garden Club will go out to the cemetery to see what they can do to work on the memorial wall. City Manager Rex M. Thee mentioned that the cemetery gazebo is getting a new coat of stain and that he would be available to meet with them to answer any questions. Councilman Wilson stated that they are very thankful for groups like the Garden Club and that he really appreciates the many things they do. Councilman Wilson also thanked Eddie Nelms, Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department and County Commissioner for all that they do for our community. Chief Nelms mentioned that he has never seen it this dry with unusual fire behavior. Chief Nelms stated that they have lost several tires lately, but they have everything repaired, at this point. Ashley Adatao, Director Monahans Economic Development Corporation, mentioned that 8:28 Car Wash, C & S Homes, Complex Community Federal Credit Union and the Dollar Tree are all in the development process of their projects.

ITEM #6 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1281 Adopting the 2020 Property Tax Rate. Mr. Thee indicated that the proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new revenue rate, which means the City is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1281:

ORDINANCE NO. 1281

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONAHANS, TEXAS, LEVYING TAXES
FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE
CITY OF MONAHANS, TEXAS.

SECTION 1. That there is hereby levied for the 2020 Tax Year upon all property, real and mixed, not exempt from taxation by the Constitution and Laws of this State, situated within the corporate limits of said City for the use and support of the Municipal Government of said City of Monahans, and to provide for Permanent Improvements of said City, a Tax of Thirty-five and 000/10000 cents (.35000) on each One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of valuation of property as aforesaid; and said tax, so levied and collected, shall be apportioned to the specified purposes hereinafter set forth, to wit:

(a) For payment of current expenses and to be deposited in the General Fund, Thirty-five and 000/10000 cents (.35000) on each One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of valuation of such property.

SECTION 2. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate by \$33,411.00 (2.36%), and of that amount \$33,411.00 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

SECTION 3. This tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate, which means the City of Monahans is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

SECTION 4. The effective date of this ordinance shall be October 1, 2020.

Votes were as follows:

"Aye"	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 acknowledgement of the Adopted Budget for Ward County Appraisal District and Winkler County Appraisal District 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 Budget Year.

Motion by Councilman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to acknowledge receipt of the Adopted Budget for Ward County Appraisal District and Winkler County Appraisal District 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 Budget Year.

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 regarding Resolution No. 2020-034 Opening/Awarding of Bids for Fuel. Mr. Thee indicated that this is the annual fuel bid opening. Mr. Thee opened one bid that was not properly filled out. No action by the Council was made and the City will re-advertise for motor gasoline and diesel fuel bids.

ITEM #9 Mayor Cutbirth read the following statement aloud, in open session. "The City Council will begin its Executive Session on this 8th day of September 2020 at 3:31 p.m. Pursuant

to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law – Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in: Section 551.074 Personnel Matters: Monahans Economic Development Board Appointment (Two members/three-year terms).”

ITEM #10 OPEN SESSION: Mayor Cutbirth read the following statement aloud, in open session. “The City Council has completed its Executive Session on the 8th day of September 2020 at 3:47 p.m.” To take any action deemed necessary after executive session regarding Section 551.074 Personnel Matters:

City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council with regards to approving Resolution No. 2020-035 Appointment to Monahans Economic Development Board (Two members/three-year terms). Mr. Thee stated that two members need to be appointed to the MEDC Board. No action by the Council was made and names will be considered at the next City Council meeting.

ITEM #11 Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Hernandez to adjourn meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Passed and approved by the Monahans City Council on September 22, 2020.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Tonya Todd, City Secretary

David B. Cutbirth, Mayor