

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

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:

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

*Mayor  
Council Member District #1  
Council Member District #2/Mayor Pro Tem  
Council Member District #3  
Council Member District #4  
Council Member District #5*

*Rex M. Thee  
Tonya Todd  
Alan Nicholas*

*City Manager  
City Secretary  
Attorney for the the City*

*Ashley Adauto  
Teresa Burnett  
Smokey Briggs  
Billy Riley*

*MEDC Director  
Chamber of Commerce  
Monahans News  
Chief of Police-MPD*

**ITEM #1 & ITEM #2** Mayor Pro Tem Wilson called the meeting to order and Councilman Carrell gave the invocation.

**ITEM #3** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council on approving minutes of the September 3, 2019 Special Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Hernandez, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2019, Special 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** Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hernandez, to approve the following consent items:

- a. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,141,000.74
- 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

*The Code Enforcement Officer’s Monthly Report was not included as part of the reports submitted.*

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. Tereasa Burnett, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce thanked those that showed up for the town hall meeting with State Representative Brooks Landgraf.

**ITEM #6** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council with regards to approving agreement with Chamber of Commerce for 2019 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds in the amount of \$10,000 to update marketing videos. Mr. Thee stated that the updated videos can be uploaded onto the websites of the City, MEDC, Ward County and the Chambers. Mr. Thee indicated that this is exactly what these funds are for and he recommends approval. These funds would come from the current 2018-2019 Hotel Occupancy Tax funds. The attorney for the city has reviewed the agreement.

Motion by Councilman Valenzuela, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the Publicity and Tourism Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce, in the amount of \$10,000 to update marketing videos for FY 2018-2019.

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 with regards to approving the sale of Surplus Equipment-2013 Police Car to Ward County for Probation Officer. Mr. Thee indicated that the car is too small for all the equipment that police officers need and this would be a good fit for the Ward County Probation Office. Mr. Thee mentioned the sale price is \$4,000 which is more than we have received in the past by selling cars as surplus equipment in auctions.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to approve the sale of Surplus Equipment-2013 Police Car to Ward County for the Probation Office in the amount of \$4,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson called for a show of hands.

Votes were as follows:

“Aye”/show of hands	Rudy Hernandez
“Aye”/show of hands	Jeppie Wilson
“Aye”/show of hands	Calvin Carrell
“Aye”/show of hands	Ivy Valenzuela
“Aye”/show of hands	Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

**ITEM #8** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council with regards to approving an Oil Well Drilling Permit for Eland Energy for a well on City Property, G.&M.M.B.& A. Survey, Abstract 91, Block A, Section 82. Mr. Thee indicated that this well is east of the landfill approximately 1,000’ south of a well Eland drilled earlier this year.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Hernandez to approve the Oil Well Drilling Permit for Eland Energy for a well on city property, G.&M.M.B.& A. Survey, Abstract 91, Block A, Section 82, Well Number 822.

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 with regards to approving a Route Adjustment Agreement amending Easement and Right of Way Agreement dated May 28, 2019, with Oncor Delivery Company on City Land in Section 82, Block A. G.&M.M.B.& A Survey, Abstract 91, Ward County, Texas, and Approving an Offer from Oncor for Payment for Added Acreage. Mr. Thee informed the Council that the Agreement has not been received and he recommends skipping this agenda item.

**ITEM #10** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council with regards to ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the 2019-2020 Budget. Mr. Thee indicated that the proposed tax rate is \$.33000 per \$100 of property valuation and the current rate is \$.34000 per \$100 valuation, the effective tax rate is \$.26010, and the roll back rate is \$.24005.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to ratify the 2019 property tax rate at \$.33000 per \$100 of property valuation reflected in the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson called for a show of hands.

Votes were as follows:

“Aye”/show of hands	Rudy Hernandez
“Aye”/show of hands	Jeppie Wilson
“Aye”/show of hands	Calvin Carrell
“Aye”/show of hands	Ivy Valenzuela
“Aye”/show of hands	Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

**ITEM #11** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the council with regards to the first reading of Ordinance No. 1271 adopting the Fiscal Year Budget October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020. Mr. Thee indicated that the public hearing for the budget was held on August 13, 2019 and the budget has been available for the public to review.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Hernandez to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1271:

ORDINANCE NO. 1271

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONAHANS, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MONAHANS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2019, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, AND REVISING THE BUDGET FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

**ITEM #12** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the council with regards to the first reading of Ordinance No. 1272 adopting the 2019 Property Tax Rate. Mr. Thee indicated that the proposed tax rate is \$.33000 per \$100 of valuation of property, which is one cent lower than last year’s rate. Property values increased this year and the City will generate approximately \$302,000 more than last year.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins “I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.33000, which is effectively a 26.87 percent increase in the tax rate and approve first reading of Ordinance No. 1272”, seconded by Councilman Carrell.

ORDINANCE NO. 1272

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 2. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR’S TAX RATE.

SECTION 3. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 26.87 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$79.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson called for a show of hands.

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

Motion carried.

**ITEM #13** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the council on approving Resolution No. 2019-040 regarding Grant for Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) the Monahans-Roy Hurd Memorial Airport. Mr. Thee indicated that this annual agreement provides up to \$100,000 with a 50/50 match by the City. Mr. Thee stated that these funds will be used for taxiway repairs.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to approve Resolution No. 2019-040: That the City of Monahans hereby directs Rex M. Thee, City Manager, to execute on behalf of the City of Monahans, at the appropriate time, and with the appropriate authorizations of this governing body, and all contracts and agreements with the State of Texas, represented by the Texas Department of Transportation, and such other parties as shall be necessary and appropriate for the routine maintenance and improvement of Roy Hurd Memorial Airport.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson called for a show of hands.

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

Motion carried.

**ITEM #14** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the council with regards to Resolution No. 2019-041 Regarding Opening/Awarding of Bids for Fuel. Mr. Thee indicated that one bid was received from Southwest Marketers, Inc. and opened the bid and read it aloud.

Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to approve Resolution No. 2019-041: To award the bid to Southwest Marketers, Inc. with a constant gross margin for unleaded (91) and unleaded (87) of \$ .15, Diesel #2 street use of \$ .15, and Diesel #2 dyed off road of \$ .15 for a period of twelve months ending September 30, 2020.

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

“Aye” Ivy Valenzuela  
“Aye” Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

**ITEM #15** Mayor Pro Tem Wilson read the following statement “The City Council will begin its Executive Session on this 10th day of September, 2019 at 3:23 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:  
Monahans Economic Development Board Appointment (One member).”

**ITEM #16 OPEN SESSION:** Mayor Pro Tem Wilson read the following statement aloud. “The City Council has completed its Executive Session on the 10th day of September 2019 at 3:24 p.m.” To take any action deemed necessary after executive session regarding:

- (a) Section 551.074 Personnel Matters:  
Consider and Act Upon Approving Resolution No. 2019-042 Appointment to Monahans Economic Development Board (One member).

City Manager Rex M. Thee stated the position on the MEDC Board currently held by Brian Franks is up on September 30, 2019.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve Resolution No. 2019-042: To reappoint Brian Franks to a three-year term as Monahans Economic Development Board member, for the term of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022, subject to his acceptance.

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

**ITEM #17** Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Hernandez to adjourn meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson called for a show of hands.

Votes were as follows:

“Aye”/show of hands	Rudy Hernandez
“Aye”/show of hands	Jeppie Wilson
“Aye”/show of hands	Calvin Carrell
“Aye”/show of hands	Ivy Valenzuela
“Aye”/show of hands	Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

Passed and approved by the Monahans City Council on September 24, 2019.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Tonya Todd, City Secretary

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Jeppie S. Wilson, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem