

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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
Gerald Stava	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	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
Kristopher Quintana	Chief of Police-MPD
McKenzi Quintana	Self
Stormey Laws	Captain-MPD
Xavier Ramon	Lieutenant-MPD
Adrian Gonzales	Officer-MPD
Christopher Guzman	Officer-MPD
Christian Puckett	Officer-MPD
Shermin Merritt	Communications Officer-MPD
Billy Riley	Self
Michael Gerke	Chief of Police-Odessa PD
Phillip Breeding	TxDPS
Teresa Burnett	Executive Director Monahans Chamber
Christy Sullivan	The Monahans News
Travis Sawyer	Rotary Club
Faith Hurtado	Rotary Club
Richard Covington	Public Works Director
Aaron Huffty	Code Officer in Training
Guy Thames	Self

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 September 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Votes were as follows:

“Aye”	Gerald Stava
“Aye”	Jeppie Wilson
“Aye”	Calvin Carrell
“Aye”	Ivy Valenzuela
“Aye”	Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

ITEM #4 Presentation by citizens to be heard. Chief of Police Kristopher Quintana introduced Shermin Merritt, new Communications Officer for the Monahans Police Department.

ITEM #5 Presentation: Michael Gerke, Chief of Police, Odessa Police Department to present the Monahans Police Department with “Accreditation” Status Certificate from Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation, TPCAF Accreditation Program. Chief Gerke introduced himself to the Mayor and Council Members mentioning that he is a Regional Director with the Texas Police Chiefs Association. Chief Gerke went over a few details regarding the Accreditation requirements. Chief Gerke indicated that this is a voluntary process where police agencies in Texas prove their compliance with 173 challenging and specific standards of Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices. Chief Gerke mentioned that of the 2,800 law enforcement agencies in Texas, only 197 agencies have ever achieved accredited status and the Monahans Police Department just became the 198th agency. Chief Gerke stated that re-accreditation is every 4 years. City Manager Rex M. Thee mentioned that former Chief of Police Billy Riley was present and that he helped start the best practices program and Chief Quintana and his department followed through with this program. Chief Gerke presented the framed Accreditation Certificate to Chief Quintana and his team. Mayor Steen asked for another round of applause and congratulated the Monahans Police Department for such a distinguished accomplishment.

ITEM #6 Mayor Steen read the 2023 Texas Chamber of Commerce Proclamation out loud and proclaimed the week of October 16-20, 2023 as Chamber of Commerce Week in Monahans, Texas. The proclamation was presented to the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce Teresa Burnett, and Chamber members present Jeppie Wilson, Rex M. Thee and Justin Till.

ITEM #7 Mayor Steen read the Rotary International World Polio Day 2023 Proclamation out loud and proclaimed October 24, 2023 as World Polio Day to join Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world. The proclamation was presented to the Rotary Club members present, Travis Sawyer, Faith Hurtado, Calvin Carrell and Justin Till.

ITEM #8 City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding Resolution No. 2023-032 acknowledging Utility Deposit Refunds per Section 26-6 (e) of the City Code of Ordinances. Mr. Thee indicated that the refunds are applied to the customer’s account in good standing and the total refunded is \$7,965. *New Code Section 12.02.005 (e)*

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve Resolution No. 2023-032: That the utility customer deposits as attached in “Exhibit A”, was refunded on October 2, 2023. The total amount of utility deposits refunded is \$7,965.00.

Votes were as follows:

“Aye”	Gerald Stava
“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 approval of the Tax Roll for Tax Year 2023. Mr. Thee indicated that the Certified Value is \$594,256,249 with an adopted tax rate of 0.35000/per \$100, the 2023 certified levy is \$2,079,896.87.

Motion by Councilman Stava, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to approve the Tax Roll for Tax Year 2023.

Votes were as follows:

“Aye”	Gerald Stava
“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 Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1316 to Amend the 2022-2023, Fiscal Year Budget to Account for Transfer In of Infrastructure Assets from MEDC. Mr. Thee stated this will zero out, and no actual funds were or are being spent above the approved general fund budget. Mayor Steen read the caption of the ordinance out loud

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1316:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONAHANS, TEXAS, AMENDING
2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.**

Votes were as follows:

“Aye”	Gerald Stava
“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 Resolution No. 2023-033 Code Enforcement Officer’s Report regarding properties in Violation of Article 4.03 and/or Article 7.02 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Monahans, Texas, Garbage, Trash and/or Building Code Violations. Mr. Thee indicated that approving this resolution will authorize non-compliant cases to proceed up to and including filing with Municipal Court.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to approve Resolution No. 2023-033: To approve the Code Enforcement Officer’s report, and authorize further action up to and including filing non-compliant cases with Municipal Court.

Address:	Legal:	Owner:
1316 N. Carol	Quail View Block 6	Lot 1 Ebrahim Efranian
501 S. Betty	Lang Block 1	Lot N 70’ of 1 & N 70’ of 2 Jonathan Renteria
814 2A St.	Kerr Block 1	Lot 9 & 10 Brian & Dianne Tarpley
812 E. Sealy St.	Cox Tract	200’ X 220’ TR 9 Sealy Street RV Park
105 S. James	FOWC #2 Block 1	Lot 3 FOWC, LLC
607 S. Franklin	MDCO #4 Block 3	Lot 7 Paul & Deborah Jordon

Votes were as follows: “Aye” Gerald Stava
“Aye” Jeppie Wilson
“Aye” Calvin Carrell
“Aye” Ivy Valenzuela
“Aye” Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

ITEM #12 Motion by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Stava to adjourn meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Votes were as follows: “Aye” Gerald Stava
“Aye” Jeppie Wilson
“Aye” Calvin Carrell
“Aye” Ivy Valenzuela
“Aye” Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

Passed and approved by the Monahans City Council on October 24, 2023.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Tonya Todd, City Secretary

Jeppie Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem