

*Prior to the Regular City Council Meeting, October 25, 2022 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the City of Monahans held a reception honoring retiree Daniel Hernandez. Family, friends and employees attended the reception for Mr. Hernandez who has worked for the City of Monahans for 16 years, 1 month and 7 days. City Manager Rex M. Thee presented Mr. Hernandez with a retirement gift. Mayor Steen presented Mr. Hernandez with a framed certificate. Mr. Hernandez stated that he was thankful for the opportunity to work for the City and he praised the new cemetery crew for their ability to learn fast and wished them well in their future. Mr. Hernandez was pleased to have his two daughters, son in-law and his great grandson present for his retirement party. City staff served cookies and punch. (A quorum of the council was present, but no formal city business was discussed or action taken by the City Council.)*

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022

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
Rudy Hernandez	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 ( <i>absent</i> )	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
Scott Burkett	MWPISD
Mackenzie Burkett	MWP High School Student
Ivan Montes	MWP High School Student
Kristofer Quintana	Chief of Police MPD
Sean Enloe	Patrol Officer MPD
Christy Sullivan	The Monahans News
Teresa Burnett	Executive Director Chamber of Commerce
Richard Covington	Public Works Director
Loris M. Scott	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 October 11, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

**ITEM #4** Consider and Act Upon approving the following consent items:

- a. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$619,171.94
- b. Resolution No. 2022-031
- c. Monthly Reports/Minutes: (a) Animal Control Monthly Report, (b) Building Permit Monthly Report, (c) Code Enforcement Monthly Report (d) MEDC Minutes and Monthly Financial Report, (e) Municipal Court Monthly Report, (f) City Monthly Fund Balance Report, (g) City Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Comparison Summary Report (h) Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes (i) Monahans Chamber of Commerce Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Quarterly Report

Councilman Carrell asked why the Code Enforcement Report was not included? City Manager Rex M. Thee responded that the Public Works Department recently had 2 employees retire and 3 employees resign, therefore, Mr. Covington has been very busy. Councilman Carrell mentioned that none of the properties from the last report have made any changes and they need to be taken to court. Councilman Carrell stated that he realized that Mr. Covington was over loaded. Mr. Covington stated that he has received letters from the property owners requesting an extension and he has allowed them to do so.

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

Votes were as follows:

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

Motion carried.

**ITEM #5** Presentation by citizens to be heard. Teresa Burnett, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce mentioned that she recently had the opportunity to testify before the Texas House Environmental Regulation Committee regarding the Environment Protection Agency to possibly name Ward County and the Permian Basin as an area with poor air quality. Ms. Burnett stated that if they do that, it would greatly affect the energy industry in our community. Also, Ms. Burnett mentioned that she has been working with Odessa College regarding courses to promote skilled labor and programs to address the literacy problems in our community. Mayor Steen introduced two students in attendance, Mackenzie Burkett and Ivan Montes with the Monahans-Wicket-Pyote High School. Mayor Steen mentioned that they are taking a government class and they are here to observe a city council meeting.

**ITEM #6** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding the Public Funds Investment Report, quarter ending September 30, 2022. Mr. Thee read out loud the fund balance of each account and the total sum for the quarter ending September 30, 2022, is \$15,507,260.67. Mr. Thee indicated that the public funds are protected by a third-party bank at 102% to 105%, as required by law.

Motion by Councilman Carrell, seconded by Councilman Valenzuela to approve the Public Funds Investment Report for quarter ending September 30, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

**ITEM #7** City Manager Rex M. Thee briefed the Council regarding Halcon Operating Company, Inc. Oil Well Drilling Application Sections 67 & 68, Block F, G&MMB&A Surveys, A-977 & A-978, Sealy Ranch 6702H Parnassus Pad. Mr. Thee indicated that the proposed well site is in the Hogg Water Well Field, Block F Sections 67 and 68. Mr. Thee stated that it will be a deep well at 13,000 feet plus, with the bore path crossing from one section to the other. Mr. Thee mentioned that Halcon has already drilled 11 or so wells out there and so far, no issues. Mr. Thee stated that Battalion has issued the city a check for the \$1,500 permit fee.

Motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Hernandez to approve the permit application for Halcon Operating Company, Inc. Oil Well Drilling Application Sections 67 & 68, Block F, G&MMB&A Surveys, A-977 & A-978, Sealy Ranch 6702H Parnassus Pad.

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

“Aye” Ivy Valenzuela  
Absent Richard Hawkins

Motion carried.

**ITEM #8** Motion by Councilman Valenzuela, seconded by Councilman Carrell to adjourn meeting at 3:19 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Passed and approved by the Monahans City Council on November 8, 2022.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Tonya Todd, City Secretary

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Adam Steen, Mayor