



Nixon City Council Minutes for 4.10.2023 Regular Meeting

The Nixon City Council met in Regular Session on the 10th day of April 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall 302 E. Central Ave Nixon, TX 78140.

Members present were: Mayor Dorothy Riojas, Rene Amaya, Maggie Gaytan, Ellie Dominguez, and Justin La Fleur. Also present were Harold Rice, Tanya Torres, Chief Mike Cantu, Patsy Scherer, Fire Chief Mark Mendez, Michael Martinez, Angel De La Cruz, Adolf Trigo, Briana Dominguez, Melissa Pompa, Pete Gaytan, Josie Gaytan, Jesse Martinez, Paul Aguirre, Judge Daryl Becker, Clayton Kelley, and Eddie Escobar.

A quorum was declared present, and the meeting was called to order by Madame Mayor Dorothy Riojas at 5:31 p.m.

Prayer was given by Rene Amaya. And the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and the State of Texas was recited.

Adolph Trigo spoke during Citizens to be heard. He was asking for an agenda for the Feather Fest on Cinco de Mayo.

The motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Rene Amaya to approve the minutes of the March 7th, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried 4-0

The motion was made by Rene Amaya and seconded by Justin La Fleur to approve the financial statements and paid bills. Motion carried 4-0

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Rene Amaya to table the Employment contract with the Utilities Director for next month. Jeremy Bustos was out and unable to attend. Motion carried 4-0

Mr. William Linn with the Kenedy Housing Authority and former City Manager for the City of Kenedy spoke regarding a food bank for the City of Nixon. He gave statistics about the City of Nixon. The City of Nixon has a population of 2358 per the 2020 Census and of that population, 11.3%, which is approximately 97 families live in poverty, 12% of our children, and 19% of our senior population also live in poverty. He is asking the City Council if they would be interested in pursuing a food bank for the city. He would also bring in Mr. Obledo who is the chief government liaison for the San Antonio food bank to schedule a workshop with the council. The motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Ellie Dominguez to schedule a workshop at a late date with the San Antonio food bank and Mr. Obledo. Motion carried 4-0

The motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to table Right of Way fees for the City of Nixon until next month and to allow the City Attorney and City Manager to come up with a fee and check what other municipalities do around us. Motion carried 4-0

The motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Rene Amaya to approve a \$3200.00 down payment and the rest after Feather Fest on Cinco de Mayo. Motion carried 4-0

The motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Rene Amaya to have the City Attorney, Befco and City Manager figure out a solution to reroute the sewer line on the 600 block of West 3rd Street. Motion carried 4-0

The motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Rene Amaya to have the City Attorney and City Manager contact Lazarus and go through any legal means necessary to apiece the smell problem coming from the byproducts at their plant. Motion carried 4-0

No action taken on item #8 on any necessary 2022-2023 budget amendments pursuant to items listed on the current agenda. Council member Ellie Dominguez would like a quarterly budget report.

Fire Chief Mark Mendez gave his report.

Police Chief Mike Cantu gave his report. The police department moved back into their building, however with the recent rains, they did have some leaks. The leaks have been found and taken care of. The department also purchased a 2019 Tahoe for K9 officer Dylan Maldonado.

City Manager Harold Rice gave his report. The city will be having a clean-up from May 8th-13th and a flyer has been put on every door in the city to inform the citizens. Feather Fest on Cinco de Mayo is going along well. LCRA brought in the mics for the Fire Department, and they are certified. The Fire department is the only one in the county that has both radios and mics that are certified. By the end of the week, the handrails downtown Nixon should be up.

The council came out of regular session at 6:20 pm and went into Executive session at 6:21 pm under Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel).

The council came out of the Executive session at 6:38 pm and went into regular session at 6:38 pm.

The motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Rene Amaya to re visit item #5. Adam Wolk and Brad Gonzales with Rize Broadband spoke regarding fiber optics coming into the City of Nixon.

Motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0

Mayor, Dorothy Riojas

Alderman, Maggie Gaytan

Alderman, Justin La Fleur

Alderman, Rene Amaya

Alderman, Ellie Dominguez

Alderman, MaryAnn Fatheree

Attest:

Tanya Torres
City of Nixon Secretary