



Nixon City Council Minutes for 5.15.2023 Regular Meeting

The Nixon City Council met in Regular Session on the 15th day of May 2023 at 4:00 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, Angel De La Cruz, Adolf Trigo, Briana Dominguez, Pablo Aguirre, Judge Daryl Becker, Sheri Wuest, Gladysne Finch, Patricia Hoffman, Nancy Amaya, Travis Hansen, Becky La Fleur, Don Finch, Shaun Collins, Jason Torres, Jane Cornelius, Nina Hernandez, John Sellers, Doug Havemann, Jessica Garcia, Patricia Dingler, Theresa Maldonado, Rudy Hernandez and Jeremy Bustos.

A quorum was declared present, and the meeting was called to order by Madame Mayor Dorothy Riojas at 4:02 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.

Citizens to be heard were Lisa Webb, Patsy Scherrer, Angel De La Cruz and Adolph Trigo.

Lisa Webb spoke regarding the Feather Fest on Cinco de Mayo, how great the event was and also thanked the City for supporting her father Donald Hoffman and [the Rancho Rancho](#) Park.

Patsy Scherrer spoke regarding agenda items #13 and #14 due to the new council [hashaving](#) been elected and not been sworn and would be part of the newly elected council and is challenging that as well as the meeting that is being held.

Angel De La Cruz spoke regarding the upcoming Memorial Day service on May 29, 2023. He is representing the Nixon American Legion.

Adolph Trigo spoke regarding the Development and Tourism and Development Board and the appointment of members. It would be a positive thing but if not done correctly it could be a downfall. He also asked to be a member of the board.

Motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Rene Amaya to approve the Minutes of the April 11th, 2023 Regular Meeting. Motion carried 4-0

Motion was made by Rene Amaya and seconded by Justin La Fleur to approve the Financial Statements and Paid bills. Motion carried 4-0

Motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to approve the Canvassing of the May 6th, 2023 General Election for the City of Nixon. Motion carried 4-0

Gladyne Finch spoke regarding the Food Bank. She would welcome any grants that Mr. Linn can get and to work with God's Store House which has been around for about 40 years serving the community. The Mayor related that Mr. Linn along with Mr. Olade are wanting to set up a workshop for the grants.

Jessica Garcia spoke regarding an addition to her dwelling that she is wanting to develop on her property, however, her dwelling sits on two lots. City Manager Harold Rice mentioned that if she could get a unity title, which would state that at any time she were to sell her house that it could only be sold together and not separated by lots. The motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Rene Amaya to allow Jessica Garcia to get the unity title to add to her dwelling. Motion carried 4-0

Agenda Item #6 was skipped due to the organization not being at the meeting.

Motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Justin La Fleur to appoint Crystal Cedillo, Tax Assessor-Collector, as the individual to calculate and prepare the 2023 No-New Revenue Sales Tax Adjustment, and Voter Approval Tax Rates for the City of Nixon. Motion carried 4-0

Motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to move agenda items #8 and #9 to the end of agenda item #25 in case she showed up at a later time. Motion carried 4-0

City Manager Harold Rice spoke about the City's Website. Clower Technologies is working on the site. The city is having an issue with getting the domain name.

Motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Rene Amaya to amend Ordinance # O-2011-10-17 No thru Trucks to include E. 2nd Street. Motion carried 4-0

Motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to amend Ordinance # O-2011-10-17 No thru Trucks to include N. Texas, N. Washington and N. Roosevelt streets. Motion carried 4-0

Patsy Scherrer challenged agenda item #13.

Motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Rene Amaya on the development of a tourism board by the City of Nixon and for the Board members to serve a two-year term along with compliance with any other requirements for inclusion for said, Board and members. Motion carried 3-1. Ellie Dominguez opposed the motion. Ellie Dominguez read from the Handbook for Mayor and Councilmembers.

Patsy Scherrer also challenged agenda item #14.

The motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Rene Amaya to appointment of Members for the Tourism and Development Board. Members to be appointed are Delia Aguirre, Steve Aguirre, Doug Havemann, Pablo Aguirre, Rebecca La Fleur, Rene Amaya, Travis Hansen, Mark Soto and Juan Jacob. Motion carried 3-1. Ellie Dominguez opposed the motion. Adolph Trigo also would like the board and the Chamber of Commerce work together and would also like to be a member of the the board.

Motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to approve the Nixon Volunteer Fire Department as an official entity and department of the City of Nixon to be included in the financial statements, yearly budget and yearly audit. Motion carried 4-0

Motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Rene Amaya to approve stipends to be paid quarterly out of the ESD #2 func account for selected members of the Nixon Volunteer Fire Department. Selected members and allocation of funds will be approved by the NVFD Board and approved by the City Council. These stipends will be allocated for the remainder of the 2023 ESD allocation calendar year dictated by deposit of ESD funds annually. Approving the amount of \$21000.00 submitted by the Fire Department board. Justin amended his motion to state monthly instead of quarterly. Motion carried 4-0

Motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Rene Amaya on the development of the Nixon Volunteer Fire department advisory board, to include five members appointed by council to serve two year terms and will be required to meet at least once a month, create a board with applicable positions, report to City Council and comply with any other state and local statutes. The board members elect are Mark Mendez, Jason Torres, Michael Martinez, Eddie Valdez and Eddie Vigil. Motion carried 4-0

Motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Ellie Dominguez to accept a 2016 Ford F-150 donated by the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office to the City of Nixon. The City of Nixon will in turn donate it to the NVFD contingent on the approval from the Gonzales County Commissioners Court. Motion carried 4-0

Motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to table agenda item #19 to next month's meeting June 5th, 2023. Motion carried 4-0

Motion was made by Ellie Dominguez and seconded by Rene Amaya to approve the creation, funding and construction of a Veterans Memorial park to be constructed adjacent to Nixon City Hall and to be named the Freddie Aguirre and allow the City Manager in collaboration with the Mayor, to seek funding for design, construction and implementation of the project not to exceed \$250,000.00 and to begin the design and RFP/RFQ phase immediately. Motion carried 4-0

Motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan on rescheduling the June 12th, 2023 Regular meeting to June 5th, 2023 at 5:30pm. Motion carried 4-0

No action taken was taken on any necessary 2022-2023 budget amendments pursuant to items listed on the current agenda.

Fire Chief Mark Mendez gave his report. He also informed council that he is assisting the Smiley Volunteer Fire Department.

Police Chief Mike Cantu gave his report.

City Manager Harold Rice gave his report. Feather Fest totals are not in yet, waiting on some refunds to come back from beer sales. He talked about rumors on Facebook about the City purchasing a float for \$75,000.00 and well as rumors that Trailer houses have been banned from the City. Citizens may come before council and ask for a variance to put a trailer house on their property. And that the City Hall did not cost 4 million dollars. Working on sewer grants and generator grants as well.

Motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Rene Amaya to take a 10-minute recess. Motion carried 4-0

The council came back into session at 5:20pm.

Agenda item #6 was discussed by the Walnut Springs Family Health regarding Emergency Services.

Motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Justin La Fleur approve the final Civil plans and plat as prepared by Intrepid Surveying & Engineering Corp, contingent on our approval from our City Attorney. Motion carried 4-0

The motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Rene Amaya to approve agenda item #9 as read. Approval of development agreement between Tierra Perla Properties, LLC and the City of Nixon, contingent on approval of our City Attorney. Motion carried 4-0

Agenda item #14 was re-opened, and Motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Justin La Fleur to add Nina Hernandez. Motion carried 4-0

Motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Rene Amaya to re visit agenda item #14 to add Adolph Trigo to the board contingent on being ok by our City Attorney and adding Jesus Reyes to the board.
Motion carried 4-0

Motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Rene Amaya to adjourn. Motion carried 45-0

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