

Nixon City Council Minutes for 8.21.2023 Special Meeting/Budget Workshop

The Nixon City Council met in Special Session on the 21st day of August 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, Justin La Fleur, Maggie Gaytan, Ellie Dominguez, Patsy Scherrer, Melissa Pompa, Eddie Escobar, Harold Rice, Tanya Torres, Jeremy Bustos, Chief Miguel Cantu, Donald Hoffman, Delia Aguirre, Nina Hernandez, Johnny Hewell, Nona Bruce, Dorothy Alexander, Angel De La Cruz, Natividad Ruiz, Gilbert Soto, Terry Gawlik, Briana Dominguez, Cindy Pieprzica, Yolanda Messman, Juanita Vigil, Benito Perez, John Overstreet, and Gladyne Finch.

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

Roll call was conducted. All the members were present.

A prayer was given by Mayor Dorothy Riojas. And the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and the State of Texas was recited.

Nona Bruce spoke during Citizens to be Heard regarding sheep and other farm animals that roam in and around her neighborhood.

Gladyne Finch spoke regarding the proposed tax rate increase.

A motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Ellie Dominguez to approve the minutes of the July 10th, 2023, Regular Meeting and the August 7th, 2023, Special Meeting/Budget Workshop with correction on the July 10th, 2023 meeting on agenda item #16. Melissa Pompa abstained not abstained. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Ellie Dominguez to approve the financial statements and Paid bills. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Justin La Fleur to approve the Republic Waste contract as proposed. Motion carried 5-0

Cindy Pieprzica gave a brief presentation regarding the purchase of property by the Nixon Hospital District. She had some concerns regarding water and sewer to the new location.

A motion was made by Ellie Dominguez and seconded by Patsy Scherrer to allow the Union Valley Baptist Church to host a Yard Sale inside the Community Center and waive the rental fee. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Ellie Dominguez to Propose the De Minimis Tax Rate of .3300 per \$100 of value for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. Motion carried 5-0

Briana Dominguez spoke on agenda item #7 regarding an update on the drainage situation. Her concern is that weeds are tall and there is standing water in the creek beds and not proper drainage. Along with the concern that there is poison ivy that could spread into the properties nearby.

A motion was made by Ellie Dominguez and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to have Jeremy and Harold take a look and see what can be done and if something can be done. If not, we will have to wait for the proper equipment that we need. Motion passed 3 yays 1 nay and 1 abstained.

A motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Melissa Pompa to table the Registering of Dogs that are in the City of Nixon until the City Attorney creates an ordinance. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Justin La Fleur to move agenda item #9 Approving Operation Lone Star Resolution to executive session under Texas Government Code 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.074 (Personnel Matters). Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Justin La Fleur to continue with the Christmas Parade on date of December 9th, 2023. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Melissa Pompa to allow the Tourism and Business Development Committee to speak with an Engineer/Architect. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to approve the Tourism and Business Development Committee to have a groundbreaking ceremony on November 11, 2023.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to give the Tourism and Business Development Committee to match the bricks with the wall, with oversight of the mayor. Motion 5-0

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to move agenda item #15 to the next item. The Fire Chief had another meeting he needed to attend. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Patsy Scherrer to open up trucks on Texas no further than the 7-11 exit to Highway 87. Motion carried 5-0

Agenda item #13 Rescinding of the naming of the Freddie Aguirre Memorial Park died.

Agenda item #14 Certificates of Deposits (CDs) and loans associated with Third Coast Bank and any other matters concerning Third Coast Bank died.

Police Chief Miguel Cantu gave the police report.

City Manager Harold Rice gave his report.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Ellie Dominguez took a 10-minute recess. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Ellie Dominguez to go into the Executive session at 7:04 PM. Motion carried 5-0

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:48 pm and went into Regular Session at 7:49 pm

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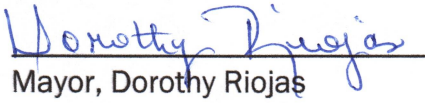
A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Patsy Scherrer to approve the (OLS) Operation Lonestar with a few caveats. The Chief gets his guys to submit a monthly mileage for working OLS and if they work one shift out of the county, they will then need to work one shift in Gonzales County. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Melissa Pompa to revisit agenda item #17.
Motion carried 5-0

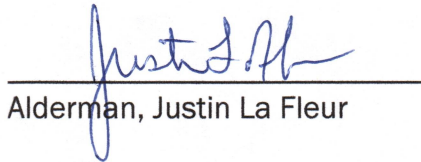
A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to approve the revenue portion of the 2023-2024 Fiscal year Proposed Budget. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to approve a Proposed 2023-2024 Fiscal year budget for submittal to the City Secretary for all posting purposes. Motion carried 5-0

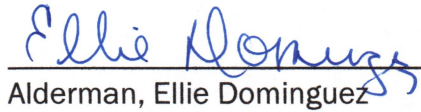
A motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Justin La Fleur to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0



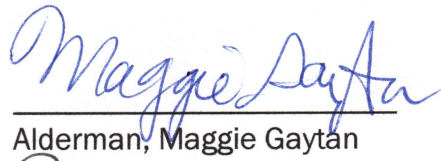
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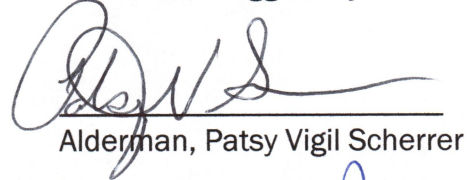
Alderman, Justin La Fleur



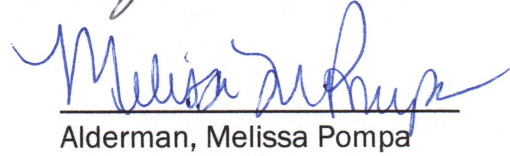
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Alderman, Patsy Vigil Scherrer



Alderman, Melissa Pompa

Attest:



Tanya Torres
City of Nixon Secretary