

**CITY OF SMILEY  
COUNCIL FOR REGULAR SESSION  
MAY 21, 2024  
MINUTES**

**The Smiley City Council met in a regular session on Wednesday, May 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Smiley City Hall located at 207 Steele, Smiley, TX 78159.**

**Members present were** Mayor Lisa Benavidez, Ellis Villasana, Melva Childress, Lori Price, Daniel Benavidez, Scott Jewett, Marshal Jason Torres. **Absent** Diana Moreno

A Quorum was present, and Mayor Benavidez called the meeting to order.

Invocation given by Lori Price

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas recited.

Citizen to be Heard: None

- 1. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Melva Childress and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori Price to approve the minutes of the to Approve the Minutes of the May 17, 2024 Meetings. All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed**
- 2. Financial Statements and unpaid bills were presented. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Benavidez to approve the payment of debt for the month, All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed**
- 3. City Marshall reported 22 service calls and 44 citations issued. He attended the school safety meeting. The office sent out letters about two houses not being in compliance with the Tall Grass ordinance. One resident has brought their yard into compliance. Deputies are going to be assigned areas and they will concentrate on their areas for enforcement of city ordinances.**
- 4. Report/Municipal Court Report shows that people are slowly paying their fines.**
- 5. Smiley Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Run Report was given by Assistant Fire Chief Lester Warzecha reported that they responded to 2 medical assists and 1 utility call. The fire department reported that will be no burning within the city limits due to the current ordinance. They voted to approve new doors to be put in.**
- 6. Utility Department reports that there were 2 new homes added to the community, all brush pick up has been completed from the storm, and that our mower and tractor need to go in for service.**
- 7. Library reports that their guest speaker went well. The board voted and approved to spend \$250.00 on new books for the library. The board also approved the SBAG's reading program to take place at the library.**
- 8. City Management reports:**
  - a. That the city is still waiting for the water treatment plant grant to start. The current reason for the delay is that the parts on back order. The grant committee met with Grant Works on May 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss the wastewater treatment plant.**
  - b. City Council members were sworn in on May 15<sup>th</sup> and the Mayor was sworn in on May 16<sup>th</sup>. All parties were sworn in by Judge Schroeder.**
- 9. It was decided for the City Secretary to conduct research on what it will take to have the increase put on the ballot.**

**10. Discussion/Possible Action to Appoint Crystal Cedillo, Tax Assessor-Collector, as the individual to calculate and prepare the 2024 No-New Revenue and Voter-Approval Tax Rates for the City of Smiley.**

**11. The date for budget meeting was set for June 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

**Out of Regular Session: 10:18 A.M.**

**Into Executive Session: 10:18 A.M.**

**Out of Executive Session: 10:46 A.M.**

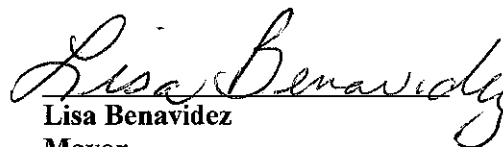
**Back into Regular Session: 10:46 A.M.**

**12. Initially the city has decided to release all Fire Trucks, VFD Equipment located at the recycling building, real property from FM 108 to Pouncy St and all funds to the ESD. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Melva Childress and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Benavidez to approve the payment of debt for the month, All in Favor, 3/1, Ellis Villasana Opposed. Motion Passed**

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**13. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Benavidez to ADJOURN. All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed, Motion Passed. Time 10:50 a.m.**

  
**Scott Jewett**  
**Smiley City Secretary**

  
**Lisa Benavidez**  
**Mayor**

