

**CITY OF SMILEY
COUNCIL FOR REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 19, 2024
MINUTES**

The Smiley City Council met in a regular session on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Smiley City Hall located at 207 Steele, Smiley, TX 78159.

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

A Quorum was present, and Mayor Benavidez called the meeting to order.
Invocation given by Daniel Benavidez

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

Citizen to be Heard: None

1. 1st motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2nd by Melva Childress to table the May 15, 2024 meeting minutes due to several inaccuracies. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed
2. 1st motion made by Diana Moreno and 2nd by Ellis Villasana to approve the Financial Statements and Unpaid bills. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
3. City Marshall Report:
 - a. School signs need to be replaced to be in compliance with state laws.
 - b. 90 citations were issued during the month of May.
 - c. There are currently 4 cases for city ordinances. 1 case has been closed, 1 case the person has responded, 1 person is currently cleaning up their yard and 1 case the person has not responded.
4. Municipal Court Report: Court has been cancelled for June.
5. Smiley Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Run Report:
 - a. 4 Medical Calls
 - b. 1 Wildland Fire
 - c. 5 Structure Fires
 - d. 2 Utility Fires
 - e. 126.26 total service hours for the VFD.
6. Utility Department Report:
 - a. Repairs were performed at the Lagoons for a broken pipe.
 - b. Our tractor and lawn mower were dropped off at Dietz for service.
 - c. New water and sewer connections were performed on Pouncey St behind Los Reyes Cafe
7. Library Report: None

8. City Management report by the City Mayor:

a. The city has received a letter of resignation from our employee who had been with the city for 40+ years.

9. 1st motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2nd by Melva Childress to allow Barbie the Crafty Broad LLC to negotiate on behalf of the city to set prices on Virtual Shady Oaks Market. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed

10. 1st motion made by Lori Price and 2nd by Melva Childress to keep City Council meetings at 4:00 pm. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed

11. 1st motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2nd by Diana Moreno to Approve Lease of Old City Hall for German Bakery All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed

12. 1st motion made by Diana Moreno and 2nd by Ellis Villasana to approve a Grant Fund account at Third Coast Bank All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed

13. Discussion on new Burn Ordinance was reviewed and all council members agreed to move forward on the new ordinance

Out of Regular Session: 4:46 P.M.

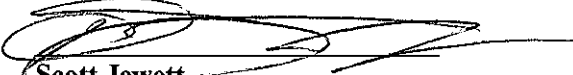
Into Executive Session: 4:47 P.M.

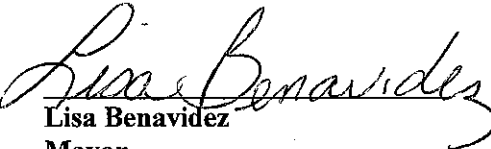
Out of Executive Session: 4:59 P.M.

Back into Regular Session: 5:01 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Smiley City Council may convene into executive (closed) session in accordance with the Texas Government Code when necessary and legally justified. Any item on this agenda may be discussed in executive session if authorized by Texas Law regardless of whether it is listed under "Executive Session" of this agenda, and regardless of any past or current practice of the City Council. Executive Sessions herein are closed meetings, and may include the consideration of any item otherwise listed on the agenda plus any subject matter specified in the executive session notice, and may include items under the Texas Government Code as follows: Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney regarding contemplated or pending litigation, a settlement officer or administrative hearing); Section 551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property); Section 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts & Donations); Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters); Section 551.076 (Deliberation about Security Devices); Section 551.086 (Deliberations regarding Municipally Owned Utility); and Section 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiation). In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Smiley will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending City Council meetings. To better serve attendees, requests should be received 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact city secretary by phone at 830-587-6220 or fax 830-587-6231.

14. 1st Motion made by Diana Moreno and 2nd by Melva Childress to ADJOURN. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed, Motion Passed. Time 5:02 p.m.


Scott Jewett
Smiley City Secretary


Lisa Benavidez
Mayor

