

CITY OF SMILEY
COUNCIL FOR REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 21, 2024
MINUTES

The Smiley City Council met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. at the Smiley City Hall located at 207 Steele, Smiley, TX 78159.

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

A Quorum was present, and Mayor-Pro Tem Villasana called the meeting to order.

Invocation given by Melva Childress

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

Citizen to be Heard: None

1. The council opened a Public Hearing for the FY24/25 budget. Mr. Jewett talked to the council about the budget.
2. 1st motion made by Daniel Benavidez and 2nd by Lori Price to approve the minutes of July 17, 2024 meetings. All in Favor, 3/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
3. Financial Statements and unpaid bills were presented. Councilwoman Price asked about why the DRR Towing bill was so high. Mr. Jewett informed the Councilwoman that he would inquire with DRR for the pricing schedule. 1st motion made by Melva Childress and 2nd by Daniel Benavidez to approve the payment of debt for the month, All in Favor, /0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
4. The City Marshall Report: The Marshal reported that he was awarded \$1,500.00 for a SPARK Grant through Walmart. The office also applied for a grant with GVEC and LCRA.
 - a. 14 calls for service
 - b. 37 citations
 - c. 1 Crash
5. A Presentation was given by Tony Sekaly from Texas CLASS. Texas CLASS is a Money Market Fund for public funds. He informed the council that there are no fees to the city, no minimum balance that needs to be kept in the account and that there is no term for the money market. Mr. Sekaly also provided documentation showing that the average interest rate over the last year was approximately 5.4% each month.
6. 1st motion made by Daniel Benavidez and 2nd by Melva Childress to approve the city to enroll in Texas CLASS. All in Favor, 3/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.

priority is the water and wastewater treatment as well as repairing leaks in the city limits. We are conducting these repairs as quickly as possible. By keeping up w the treatment plans and performing these repairs the city will continue to avoid possible fines from TCEQ for non-compliance.

- b. I would like to take the time to thank Mr. Michael Mills for his assistance in mowing the lot next to his house.
- c. We did receive some left over road material for free and we are doing our bes to work with what we have to repair our roads. Please keep in mind that we can only use our street funds account to buy the materials.

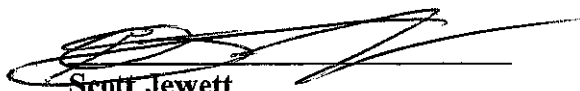
17. The council received the Appraisal Roll for the City of Smiley

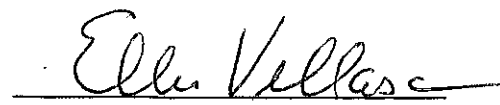
18. The council received the 2024 Proposed Tax rate increase.

19. 1st motion made by Melva Childress and 2nd by Daniel Benavidez to approve the paid Holidays for FY 2024/2025. All in Favor, 3/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.

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20. 1st Motion made by Melva Childress and 2nd by Daniel Benavidez to ADJOURN. All in Favor, 3/0, None Opposed, Motion Passed. Time 5:30 p.m.


Scott Jewett
Smiley City Secretary


Ellis Villasana
Mayor Pro-Tem

