

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

**The Smiley City Council met in a special session on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Smiley City Hall located at 207 Steele, Smiley, TX 78159.**

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

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

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

Citizen to be Heard: None

1. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Diana Moreno and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellis Villasana to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024 meeting. 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 Melva Childress to approve the payment of debt for the month, All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
3. The City Marshal reported that the computer in one of the patrol vehicles is no longer working and the city will have to look at replacing it in the near future. The Marshal office has applied for three (3) grants, Rifle resistance vests, Shield and a Vehicle Grant. The office did receive a grant from the NRA in the amount of \$1,894.00 to be used to purchase ammunition. The Marshal office also issued 75 citations.
4. Smiley Fire Department Monthly Report: The VFD responded to 2 Medical Calls, 2 Wildland Fires and 2 Structure Fires.
5. The Utility Department Monthly Report: As weather permits the workers have been filling potholes. They have repaired 4 water leaks, and maintenance and repairs were performed on one of the work trucks.
6. Mayor Lisa Benavidez gave the City Managers report:
  - a. The library board held their board meeting. During this meeting a president (Ann Jackson), vice president (Michaela Mills) and secretary (Sheila Apisa) were voted in. The board hired Cody Holmes as the Librarian and announce that the new hours are every Saturday from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.
  - b. The CPA's are in the office working on our FY 2022-2023 books in

12. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melva Childress to approve Barbie the Crafty Broad LLC proposal. All in favor 4/0, Melva Childress abstained. Non opposed, motion passed.

13. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diana Moreno to approve FY 2025 Criminal Justice Grant Program. All in favor 4/0, Melva Childress abstained. Non opposed, motion passed.

14. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion made by , 2nd by to move into Executive Session. All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed, Motion Passed

**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.


Out of Regular Session: 5:26 P.M.

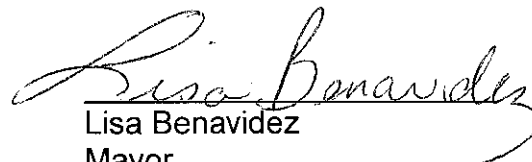
Into Executive Session: 5:27 P.M.

Out of Executive Session: 5:37 P.M.

Back into Regular Session: 5:38 P.M.

15. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melva Childress to ADJOURN. All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed, Motion Passed. Time 5:39 p.m.

  
Scott Jewett  
Smiley City Secretary

  
Lisa Benavidez  
Mayor

