

CITY OF SMILEY
COUNCIL FOR REGULAR SESSION
March 19, 2025
MINUTES

The Smiley City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 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 (Telephone), Daniel Benavidez, Melva Childress, Diane Moreno, Scott Jewett and CPL Valli.

A Quorum was present, and Mayor Lisa 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: Michelle Mills spoke against changing the meeting to 12:00 pm.

1. 1st motion made by Melva Childress and 2nd by Lori Price to table due to the Minutes not being prepared. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
2. Financial Statements and unpaid bills were presented. 1st motion made by Diane Moreno and 2nd by Ellis Villasana to approve the payment of debt for the month, All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
3. The City Marshall Report: All grants have been approved.
 - a. 7 Calls for service
 - b. 55 Citations issued
 - c. 0 crash
 - d. Attended Law Enforcement Meeting at the NSCISD
 - e. Deputies are making contact with residents regarding city ordinances
 - f. Will be attending the Criminal Justice Sub-Committee (CJSC)
4. Received Municipal Court Report.
5. Utility Report:
 - a. The city needs to invest in 2 backflow preventers (1 for the Fonseca line and 1 going out to Culpepper ranch) and/or have the residents who have their own wells or livestock install a backflow preventer.
 - b. A Customer Service Inspection would have to take place on the backflow preventers. This is paid for by the customer for all new builds as well as for the backflow preventer. The customer can arrange for a company to send one out. The city could also send John to the Customer Service Inspection course and the city could bill the customer at a rate cheaper than other providers.
6. 1st motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2nd by Daniel Benavidez to deny the Appraisal of

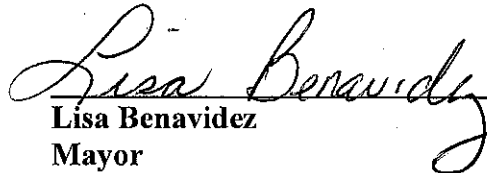
Real Property from Gonzales County ESD. All in Favor, 4/1, None Opposed, 1 Abstained. Motion Passed.

7. 1st motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2nd by Daniel Benavidez to approve the change to Well #1 repair estimate. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed

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8. 1st Motion made by Diane Moreno and 2nd by Melva Childress to ADJOURN. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed, Motion Passed. Time 4:20 p.m.


Scott Jewett
Smiley City Secretary


Lisa Benavidez
Mayor