

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

**The Smiley City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 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 Marshal Jason Torres.

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. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Benavidez to Approve the Minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting and February 6<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
2. Financial Statements and unpaid bills were presented. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Diane Moreno and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melva Childress 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. 9 Calls for service
  - b. 38 citations issued
  - c. 0 crash
  - d. Pending NRA Grant.
  - e. Attended Law Enforcement Meeting at the NSCISD
  - f. Annual Weapons qualification
  - g. Received the new vehicle.
4. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori Price to allow Marshal office to apply for Operation Lone Star Grant All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
5. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Diane Moreno and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Benavidez to approve the resolution Operation Lone Star Grant All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
6. Received Municipal Court Report.
7. Utility Report:
  - a. Thanked Collie Boatright and his road crew, Gonzales County Fire South and Billy Egger for their assistance in repairing the broken water line.

- b. The city was approached by John Robinson about repairing the fence around the lagoons at the wastewater plant. He calves keep on getting through the fence. My estimate for supplies to repair the fence will be approximately \$1,500.00
- c. The repair on Carpenter Street revealed that there are issues that need to be resolved. The maps that we have are not accurate and if the some of the cutoffs are accurate, that have become over grown or buried over time. As we find this cutoffs they need to be marked with an above ground visible marker. Doing this will help cut down on the time it currently takes to locate them. Talking with John, this should be a priority.
- d. Speaking with Advanced Water Wells the manufacturer is still waiting for parts to come in

8. City Manager Report:

- a. Thanked the crew that assisted with the Carpenter Street repair.

9. Received

- 10. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Lori Price and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellis Villasana to approve the purchase of supplies for fence repair. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
- 11. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melva Childress to approve the purchase of FundView Software for the court. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed
- 12. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Diane Moreno and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Benavidez to approve the Texas Department of Transportation Municipal Agreement. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed
- 13. Tabled Discussion/Action to approve the Texas Department of Transportation Municipal Agreement Resolution.
- 14. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Melva Childress and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Benavidez to approve a \$250.00 donation to the Gonzales County Fire South. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed

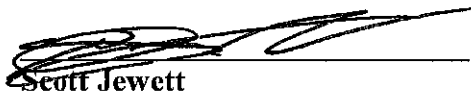
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Smiley City Council may convene into executive (closed) session in accordance with the Texas Government Code when necessary and legally justified. Any item on this agenda may be discussed in executive session if authorized by Texas Law regardless of whether it is listed under "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


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15. Executive Session:

- a. Time Out: 4:30 pm
- b. Time In: 4:32 pm
- c. Time Out: 4:40 pm
- d. Time In: 4:41 pm

16. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Moreno to ADJOURN. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed, Motion Passed. Time 4:42 p.m.

  
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Scott Jewett  
Smiley City Secretary

  
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Lisa Benavidez  
Mayor