

CITY OF SMILEY
COUNCIL FOR REGULAR SESSION
January 15, 2025
MINUTES

The Smiley City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 15, 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, Diana 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. 1st motion made by Melva Childress and 2nd by Daniel Benavidez to Approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2024 Regular Meeting. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
2. Financial Statements and unpaid bills were presented. 1st motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2nd by Diana Moreno to approve the payment of debt for the month, All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
3. The City Marshall Report: All grants have been approved. The new NRA Grant is still pending.
 - a. 33 Calls for service
 - b. 80 citations issued
 - c. 0 crash
 - d. Office has received the Rifle Resistant Vests, Shields and Vehicle.
 - e. Citations have been issued on two properties for being in violation of city ordinances.
4. Received 2024 Racial Profiling Report
5. 1st motion made by Diana Moreno and 2nd by Ellis Villasana to allow Marshal office to apply for law enforcement grants and to approve the resolutions for each grant. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
6. Received Municipal Court Report.
7. Void
8. Utility Report:
 - a. John has been signed up for his last 3 classes for his water permit

- b. Advanced Water Well Estimate has been signed and was submitted on January 7. A minimum of 30 days for parts to come in.
- c. NSCISD 3" meter will be replaced over spring break. This will be one less manual read that our utility department will have to do.
- d. A new LED Street light has been installed adj to 308 Commerce St.

9. City Manager Report:

- a. Warning the residents to be prepared for the up coming freeze and to protect their pipes.
- b. Has received numerous calls about the letter that was mailed out talking about the trash increase.

10. 1st motion made by Diana Moreno and 2nd by Melva Childress to table the purchase of the Fire Station Proposition until further notice. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.

11. 1st motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2nd by Lori Price to keep the monthly meetings at 4:00 p.m. All in Favor, 5/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.

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12. 1st Motion made by Melva Childress and 2nd by Ellis Villasana to ADJOURN. All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed, Motion Passed. Time 5:03 p.m.


Scott Jewett
Smiley City Secretary


Lisa Benavidez
Mayor