

CITY OF SMILEY  
COUNCIL FOR REGULAR SESSION  
December 18, 2024  
MINUTES

**The Smiley City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 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, Daniel Benavidez, Melva Childress, Scott Jewett, Marshal Jason Torres. **Absent** Diana Moreno

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 Daniel Benavidez and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellis Villasana to Approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2024. All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
2. Financial Statements and unpaid bills were presented. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Melva Childress and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori Price 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. 21 Calls for service
  - b. 92 citations issued
  - c. 1 crash
4. Presentation given by the Marshal regarding city ordinances. The Marshal informed that council that his office would have a bigger impact in enforcing city ordinances vs hiring another employee. He did let the council know that there is a financial impact that the city would have to absorb upfront for all of this to occur.
5. Received Municipal Court Report.
6. Utility Report:
  - a. The paperwork has been turned in for the loan
  - b. Sewer repair
7. City Manager Report:
  - a. A letter will be going out to all residents informing them about ordinance

enforcement and the trash rate increase.

b. Wished everyone a Happy Holiday

8. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melva Childress to table changing the city council meetings to 12:00 pm, All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
9. Start sending our utility person to class to obtain their license. The classes are going to run around \$600 each. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Benavidez to sending utility person to training, All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
10. Approve 5% rate increase for trash. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion made by Daniel Benavidez and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellis Villasana to increase trash rate. All in Favor, 4/0, None Opposed. Motion Passed.
11. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Ellis Villasana and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori Price to table zeroing out closed utility accounts => than 2 yrs.

**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.

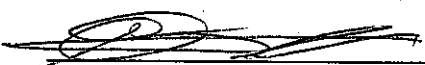
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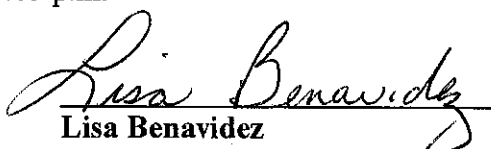
Into Executive Session: 4:31 P.M.

Out of Executive Session: 5:01 P.M.

Back into Regular Session: 5:02 P.M.

12. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion made by Melva Childress and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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