

Nixon City Council Minutes for 1.22.2024 Special Meeting

The Nixon City Council met in Special Session on the 22nd day of January 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall 302 E. Central Ave Nixon, TX 78140.

Members present were Mayor Dorothy Riojas, Justin La Fleur, Maggie Gaytan, Ellie Dominguez, Patsy Scherrer, Melissa Pompa, Eddie Escobar, Tanya Torres, Jeremy Bustos, Chief Miguel Cantu, Doug Havemann, Virginia Pena, Donald Hoffman, Margaret Davis, Gladyne Finch, Jessica Smith, and Natividad Ruiz.

The meeting was called by Mayor Dorothy Riojas at 5:30 pm.

Roll call was conducted and all council members were present.

The invocation was given by City Secretary Tanya Torres.

Under citizens to be heard Mrs. Virginia Pena asked that during the budget workshop, the council take into consideration the citizens and businesses of the city when making their decisions.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Ellie Dominguez to reduce the budget by 25,000.00 by removing the funding for the festival in the General Fund. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Melissa Pompa and seconded by Patsy Scherrer that they lower the payroll under General Fund Payroll expense by \$42,200. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Patsy Scherrer to reduce the garbage expense at the city hall by \$35,000. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Justin La Fleur to rescind the previous motion to reduce the garbage expense at the city hall by \$35,000. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Patsy Scherrer to reduce the garbage expense to the city hall by \$15,000. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Ellie Dominguez to reduce the Police department repair, maintenance, and supplies by \$10,000. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Melissa Pompa to approve our reduction in the budget under the police department vehicles from \$60,000 to \$32,000. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ellie Dominguez and seconded by Patsy Scherrer to reduce the payroll expenses under the municipal court payroll by \$8,000. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Melissa Pompa and seconded by Ellie Dominguez to defund the excavator lease by \$32,728. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ellie Dominguez and seconded by Patsy Scherrer to reduce the building equipment maintenance that falls under the library through the General Fund by \$10,500. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Melissa Pompa to remove the brush pickup fees from our current adopted budget as they sit now. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ellie Dominguez and seconded by Melissa Pompa to remove the brush fee from the general budget revenue by a \$76,000 reduction. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Ellie Dominguez to remove all brush pickup in the City of Nixon. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Ellie Dominguez to increase the dump fees to \$50 a truckload, \$150 for a 16-foot trailer and if it exceeds a 16-foot trailer it will be another \$150, a small utility trailer \$50 and a truck and small utility trailer would be \$100. Residents can use the dump two times a month. Motion carried 3-2. Melissa Pompa and Patsy Scherrer voted nay.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Melissa Pompa to approve the residential water rates and meter charges plus usage under Exhibit A water usage rate at \$3.80 per 1000 gallons and outside city limits multiplier at 35% percent provided by the Utilities Director. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to approve the commercial water section in Exhibit A with one amendment which is a commercial water usage rate of \$3.90 per 1000 gallons, outside city limits multiplier at 35% percent. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Patsy Scherrer to approve the industrial water rates as presented in Exhibit A, this coincides with our last meeting dropping industrial rates to \$4.18 per 1000. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Ellie Dominguez to approve the water meter installation fees as listed on Exhibit A on the second page. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Justin Melissa Pompa and seconded by Justin La Fleur to adopt the sewer tap rates on Exhibit A as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Melissa Pompa and seconded by Justin La Fleur to lower revenue by \$80,000 on the industrial water revenue. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to add a budget increase of \$44,380 to our water billing revenue line item because of the increase in water rates that were adopted per Exhibit A. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ellie Dominguez and seconded by Melissa Pompa to reduce \$40,716 from the police department for Nick Gaytan's payroll. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Ellie Dominguez and seconded by Justin La Fleur to give Darryl Becker, newly appointed Interim City Manager the authority to sign for the Splash Pad Renewal Loan and to sign all documents on behalf of the City of Nixon. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.



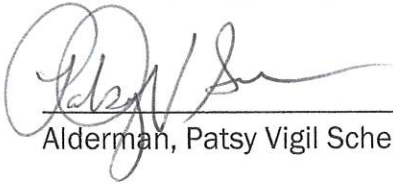
Mayor, Dorothy Riojas



Alderman, Maggie Gaytan



Alderman, Justin La Fleur



Alderman, Patsy Vigil Scherrer



Alderman, Ellie Dominguez



Alderman, Melissa Pompa

Attest:


Tanya Torres
City of Nixon Secretary