



Nixon City Council Minutes for 7.10. 2023 Regular Meeting

The Nixon City Council met in Regular Session on the 10th day of July 2023 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, Harold Rice, Tanya Torres, Delia Aguirre, Nina Hernandez, Natividad Ruiz, Michelle James, Isabel Hernandez, Pedro Hernandez, Jason Torres, Bud Box, Angel De La Cruz, Chief Miquel Cantu, Judge Darryl Becker, Jeremy Bustos, Michael Scherrer, Daniel Lopez, Kevin Pullin, Briana Dominguez, Esther Salome, Travis Hansen, Frank Hernandez, Lew Cohn, Joy Day, Pat Dingle and Gilbert Soto.

A quorum was declared present, and Madame Mayor Dorothy Riojas called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

A prayer was given by Mayor Dorothy Riojas. And the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and the State of Texas was recited.

Joy Day, who resides at 207 N. Artesia Ave spoke about the Nixon Volunteer Fire Department and how they lent a helping hand with a tree branch that had fallen. She was very appreciative of their help.

A motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Ellie Dominguez to approve the June 5th, 2023 Regular Meeting and June 12th, 2023, Special Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ellie Dominguez and seconded by Justin La Fleur to approve the Financial Statements and paid bills. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to move agenda item 18 to agenda item #3. Motion carried 5-0

Assistant Fire Chief Jason Torres gave the Fire Report.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to approve the award of bid for the CDBG-MIT Plant Improvements, GLO Contract No. 22-085-071-D330 parts 4&6. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Justin La Fleur to allow Mrs. Isabel Hernandez (110 W. 3rd Ave) to live in an RV while work is being completed. Motion carried 5-0

A presentation was given by Chamber of Commerce president Natividad Ruiz on the upcoming Festival on September 9th, 2023, and asking the council for road closures. A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Patsy Scherrer to allow the City Manager and Mayor to approve any street closures that might be needed and coordinate with the event coordinator. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Melissa Pompa to allow Mr. Daniel Lopez a Mobile Home Variance (510 E. 8th Street). Motion carried 5-0

A brief discussion was held regarding including the American Legion representative Angel De La Cruz in the discussions regarding the wall and park. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Ellie Dominguez to appoint Angel De La Cruz to the Tourism and Development Board. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Justin La Fleur to allow the Tourism and Development Board to meet as needed and to give them administrative discretion. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Ellie Dominguez to approve the Nixon Tourism and Development Board to sell bricks in two different sizes 4x8 at \$50.00, 8x8 at \$100.00, and business logos if wanted for \$25.00. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to have the City Manager work with the Tourism Board for the LCRA grant. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Melissa Pompa and seconded by Justin La Fleur to have an account open at Third Coast Bank separately for the Tourism and Development Board so that the funds are easier to keep track of. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Patsy Scherrer and seconded by Melissa Pompa to take agenda item #9 into the executive session under 551.071 and 551.074. Motion carried 5-0

No action was taken on agenda item #10 Amending the Animal Control Ordinance to include Texas Laws on tethering dogs.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Patsy Scherrer to move agenda item #11 to discuss collection hours during budget time. Motion carried 5-0

No action was taken on agenda item #12 making drainage and creek cleaning a priority.

A brief discussion was given by City Manager Harold Rice regarding the Feather Fest/Cinco de Mayo festival that was held. The city took a loss of about \$35,000.00.

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to table agenda item #14 rescinding the naming of the Aguirre Veterans Memorial Park for next month's meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Councilwomen Maggie Gaytan gave a brief explanation of her reasoning for not wanting to rescind the naming of the Aguirre Veterans Memorial Park.

A motion was made by Ellie Dominguez and seconded by Justin La Fleur to table agenda item #15 Brush and Rubbish pickup for all City residents to be a minimum of \$8.00 fee to be worked into the 2023-2024 budget. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Justin La Fleur and seconded by Maggie Gaytan to approve the 2023-2024 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried 4-1. Melissa Pompa ~~Abstained~~

No action taken on any necessary 2022-2023 budget amendments pursuant to items listed on the current agenda.


Police Chief Mike Cantu gave his report.

The City Manager gave his report. He also informed the council that the City will be receiving a 1.4 million dollar grant.

The council came out of regular session at 7:42 pm and went into executive session at 7:49 pm.


The council came out of executive session at 8:51 pm and went into regular session at 8:52 pm.

A motion was made by Maggie Gaytan and seconded by Ellie Dominguez 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