

**CITY OF TATUM
REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor - Michael Henry

September 9, 2024

5:30 PM

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL

Tate Smith Pro-Tem

JR Smith

Wendell Moore

Robin Palmer

Greggory Cole

City Secretary - J. Muckleroy

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Henry promptly called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
Councilman Tate Smith was not present.

Prayer:

Mayor Henry offered prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Observed by all in attendance.

Citizen Comments:

Please limit comments to a maximum of three minutes

Mr. John Walton of 1370 Falcon in Eagle Ridge requested that the city issue a desist to stop trailer homes from moving into Eagle Ridge. Mr. Walton wanted to know if this was allowed or not. Councilman Moore stated that there is no ordinance in place to prevent it. The only zoning ordinance in place is at the 4-way. Per Mr. Walton, a few years ago, a letter was sent to the citizens stating this was a deed-restricted property. Councilmen Palmer asked if something was on file at the courthouse. He noted that if a letter had been sent, Joe Shumate, the previous City Attorney, would have filed it. Carol McIlhenny of 1320 Blue Bird said that those existing mobile homes in the area were grandfathered. Citizen Malantha Palmer noted that according to the September 2021 minutes, the City Council agreed to grandfather those existing mobile homes. Citizen R. Flores of 1390 Falcon said this is the 3rd time this issue has come up, and they were assured this would not be allowed. He said it was unacceptable because it was bringing down property values. The council agreed to look into it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion and Motion to Approve the Amended General Employee Policy—Wendell Moore moved to approve the amended general employee policy, and JR Smith seconded the motion. All in favor

Information Only:

- Police Department: Chief James Smith
- Public Works: Mr. Mike Morton
- Volunteer Fire Department: Chief Rayford Gibson
- Economic Development Corp: Mr. Nakia Smith
- City Administration: City Secretary Jackie Muckleroy
- Mayor: Goal of Ordinance Enforcement /Property Maintenance

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and motion on revision to Ordinance No. Ordinance No. 2012-01 for water rate increases- Wendell Moore motioned to approve the revision to Ordinance No. 2012-01 for water rate increases effective 10/1/2024. JR Smith seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Discussion and Motion on sending a letter to Hilliary Communication Executives and State Representatives concerning Multiple Complaints from Local Businesses—JR Smith made a motion to discuss, and Wendell Moore seconded the motion. Wendell Moore motioned to approve sending the letter to Hilliary, and Robin Palmer seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Discussion and motion to adopt the new 2024 city tax rate for Rusk and Panola Counties – Gregg Cole made a motion to discuss adopting the new 2024 City tax rate for Rusk and Panola counties. Wendell Moore seconded the motion. Wendell Moore made a motion to approve the new tax rate for 2024, and Gregg Cole seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Discussion and Motion to Adopt a Mission and Vision Statement for the City of Tatum – Wendell Moore motioned to discuss adopting a new mission and vision statement for the city. JR Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Robin Palmer moved to postpone until the October meeting, which would allow more time to review and consider options. Wendell Moore seconded the motion.

The item was postponed and will be reviewed during the October Council meeting.

Discussion and motion on the Christmas Committee requesting assistance for Blue Santa—JR Smith motioned to discuss getting assistance with Blue Santa for the Christmas committee. Gregg Cole seconded the motion.

Robin Palmer volunteered Chief Smith & PD to oversee it and offered his help. Gregg Cole motioned to have Chief Smith & PD be responsible for Blue Santa this year, and Robin Palmer seconded the motion.

Discussion and Motion on Exhibit C for TXDOT—JR Smith moved to discuss and approve Exhibit C for TXDOT. Wendell Moore seconded the motion. JR Smith moved to approve Exhibit C for TXDOT, and Wendell Moore seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Discussion and Motion on segregation of Duties & cross-training – JR Smith made a motion to discuss, and Wendell seconded the motion. Wendell Moore motioned to postpone until the November meeting, and JR seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Discussion and motion for a new server for SRS Security Cameras to be monitored from City Hall. Robin Palmer motioned to approve, and Wendell Moore seconded. All in Favor.

Discussion and Motion to adopt the resolution to terminate the Interlocal agreement with Rusk County to assess and collect property taxes – Gregg Cole motioned to discuss and adopt the resolution. Wendell Moore seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Discussion and motion to adopt a resolution to have Rusk County assess and collect property taxes. Gregg Cole motioned to discuss and adopt the resolution. Wendell Moore seconded the motion. All in Favor

Discussion and motion to take action to approve a contingent fee contract with Perdue Brandon, Fielder, Collins, and Mott, LLP under Section 6.30 of the Texas Property Tax Code; said contract is for the collection of delinquent government receivables owed to the City of Tatum, and notice of said contract is posted with the agenda by Section 2254 of the Government Code.

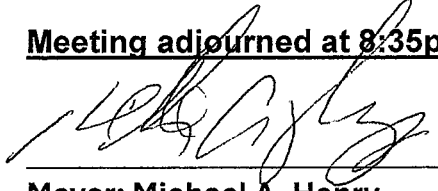
Wendell Moore motioned to approve a contingent fee with Perdue, Brandon, Felder, and Collins at Mott, LLP, and Gregg Cole seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Discussion and motion to accept Auditors' new contract. Robin Palmer motioned to accept the auditors' new contract, and JR seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Discussion and motion to approve TML Cyber Security Coverage due 10/2024. Gregg Cole motioned to approve the TML Cyber Security Coverage, and Robin Palmer seconded it. All in Favor.

Discussion and Motion to approve the Selection Committee for the 2025-26 RFP Selection. Gregg Cole motioned to approve the Selection Committee members as Mayor Michael Henry, City Secretary Jacqueline Muckleroy, and Councilmen Robin Palmer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm



Mayor: Michael A. Henry

Date:

10-11-24

** The Tatum City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development).

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