

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF SNYDER

APRIL 3, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Snyder, Texas was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Stephanie Ducheneaux and was held with the following members present:

Councilmember Sarah Jamison
Councilmember Vernon Clay
Councilmember Jerry Webb
Councilmember Jeffrey Levens
Councilmember Tom Strayhorn
Councilmember Carson Matthies
Attorney for the City, Bryan Guymon

ITEM I. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Councilmember Jeffrey Levens.

ITEM II. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

Mayor Stephanie Ducheneaux recognized the following visitors:

Chad Goebel, The Snyder News; Linda Molina, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Sandra Salinas, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Josh Ortegon, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Wade Warren, Snyder; Frank Saletta, Snyder Luxury Villas, LLC; Robbi Tindol, Tindol Insurance; Kirk Taylor, Snyder.

ITEM III. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:

Kirk Taylor spoke to the council regarding concerns of traffic speeds from Avenue E to Avenue R.

ITEM IV. MINUTES:

1. Councilmember Jerry Webb made the motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting March 28, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jeffrey Levens and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

ITEM V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Councilmember Jerry Webb made the motion to approve the Tax Abatement Agreement with Snyder Luxury Villas LLC, pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

As it relates to the foregoing possible tax abatement agreement, the City reserves the right to enter into a Closed Session pursuant to Subchapter D, Sections 551.071-551.088 of the Texas Government Code and specifically, the statutory exceptions below:

- Economic development negotiations on tax abatement - TEX. GOV'T CODE §551.087.
- Consultation with attorney - TEX. GOV'T CODE §551.071.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tom Strayhorn and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

2. Update on Retail Strategies, LLC. – Councilmember Sarah Jamison updated the council on Retail Strategies, LLC current projects. The current projects include the Vacant Property Registry Ordinance, Façade Improvement Program, and Wayfinding Signage.
3. Councilmember Jeffrey Levens made the motion to approve the quarterly Snyder Chamber of Commerce report for quarter ending March 21, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carson Matthies and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

4. Councilmember Jerry Webb made the motion to approve the First Amendment to Publicity and Tourism Agreement between the City of Snyder and Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jeffrey Levens and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

5. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve the request by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce for assistance in funding a portion of the cost of the 4th of July firework display in the amount of \$4,125.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tom Strayhorn and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

6. Councilmember Tom Strayhorn made the motion to approve the specifications for employee health insurance.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jeffrey Levens and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

7. Councilmember Tom Strayhorn made the motion to approve Cream Lueders as the color of limestone to purchase for the Brick Stone Retaining Wall at City Hall.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carson Matthies and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

8. Zoning Administrator Zach Rollins updated the council on Chapter 6, Nuisances on Private Property.

9. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve the monthly financial report for November.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jeffrey Levens and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

ITEM VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME: 6:16 P.M.

Council may act in Open Session on the following item:

1. Convene into Executive Session in accordance with Texas Gov't Code §551.074 personnel matters. (SGR – Recruitment of new City Manager)

ITEM VII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: TIME: 6:39 P.M.

1. Reconvene into Open Session to act, if necessary, regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.
2. No action was taken.

ITEM VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME: 6:40 P.M.

Council may act in Open Session on the following item:

1. Convene into Executive Session in accordance with Texas Gov't Code §551.074 personnel matters. (Interim City Manager Eli Torres)

ITEM IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: TIME: 7:16 P.M.

1. Reconvene into Open Session to act, if necessary, regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.
2. Councilmember Jerry Webb made the motion to set Interim City Manager Eli Torres' salary at \$135,000 a year beginning April 1, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jeffrey Levens and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

ITEM X. INFORMATION:

1. Linda Molina, Snyder Chamber of Commerce gave the council an update on community activities.
2. Monthly personnel report.
3. Budget schedule.
4. Next Regular Council Meeting May 1, 5:30 p.m.

ITEM XI. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jerry Webb and passed with the following vote:

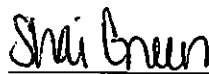
Ayes: All members present voted yes.
Noes: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary

Approved: May 1, 2023.