

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF SNYDER

AUGUST 2, 2021

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 Mitch Hickman
Councilmember Steve Highfield
Councilmember Carson Matthies
Attorney for the City, Bryan Guymon

Absent:

Councilmember Tom Strayhorn

ITEM I. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Mayor Stephanie Ducheneaux.

ITEM II. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

Mayor Stephanie Ducheneaux recognized the following visitors:

Bill Crist, The Snyder News; Linda Molina, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Doug Dowler, DCOS; Gayle Summers, Snyder; Bill Robertson, DCOS; Sandra Salinas, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Barbara Leatherwood, DCOS; Kirsta Koennecke, DCOS; Michelle Bird, Snyder; Chris Bird, Snyder; Morgan West, Snyder; Cody Wall, Snyder; Shawn Martin, Atmos Energy; Michelle Kuhl, Snyder; Whitney Owen Nixon, Snyder; Greg Garrett, Snyder; Danya Foree, Snyder.

ITEM III. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:

Concerned citizen addressed the council about city vehicles driving and parking on county roads wasting time. Gayle Summers requested that two Snyder Chamber of Commerce employees and two city officials resign. Greg Garrett spoke on behalf of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and requested maintenance on the intersection located at Avenue K and 32nd street.

ITEM IV. PUBLIC HEARING: REQUEST BY ROGELIO AND LA SHEKKA GALLEGOS TO REZONE 1908 PEYTON AVENUE FROM A M-2 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO A R-3 GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

1. Open. Time: 5:43 p.m.
2. Discussion: No comments were made by the public.
3. Close. Time: 5:44 p.m.

ITEM V. MINUTES:

1. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting July 12, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vernon Clay and passed with the following vote:

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

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to approve Resolution R210802A approving a settlement agreement between Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corp. regarding the company's 2021 rate review mechanism filings as captioned below:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE ("ACSC") AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2021 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT ESTABLISHING A BENCHMARK FOR PENSIONS AND RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT REGARDING AMORTIZATION OF REGULATORY LIABILITY; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE ACSC'S REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC'S LEGAL COUNSEL.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sarah Jamison and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Sarah Jamison, Vernon Clay, Steve Highfield, and Carson Matthies.
Noes: Councilmember Mitch Hickman.

2. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve on first reading Ordinance No. 2100 with Atmos Energy Corporation, keeping the agreement term at 15 years with a 5% franchise fee, as captioned below:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION, A TEXAS AND VIRGINIA CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE PIPELINES AND EQUIPMENT IN THE CITY OF SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY, SALE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF GAS IN, OUT OF, AND THROUGH SAID CITY FOR ALL PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF A FEE OR CHARGE FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAYS; AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH FEE SHALL BE IN LIEU OF OTHER FEES AND CHARGES, EXCEPTING AD VALOREM TAXES; AND REPEALING ALL PREVIOUS GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCES.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitch Hickman and passed with the following vote:

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

3. Discussion regarding 2021- 2022 budget. – The proposed budget has a deficit of \$439,950 with \$7,661,205 in revenue and \$8,101,155 in expenditures. Councilmembers agreed to change the city's vehicle replacement schedule from five years to seven years to save additional money in the upcoming budget. The city will replace 2013 and older models while postponing replacing 2014 and newer vehicles in the general fund. This

will decrease the deficit by \$275,000. The remaining deficit will be depleted by taking the funds from reserves, if approved by the council. The council will be presented with the requested changes to the budget at the next scheduled meeting.

4. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to propose the ad valorem tax rate of .4800.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vernon Clay and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Sarah Jamison, Vernon Clay, Steve Highfield, and Carson Matthies.

Noes: Councilmember Mitch Hickman.

5. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to table the quarterly Snyder Chamber of Commerce report for quarter ending June 30, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitch Hickman and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Sarah Jamison, Vernon Clay, Mitch Hickman, and Carson Matthies

Noes: Councilmember Steve Highfield.

6. Executive Director Doug Dowler presented the Development Corporation of Snyder's third quarter initiatives. The initiatives include bringing Broadband Fiber to Snyder and partnering with a retail strategy firm to establish a retail partnership between the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and downtown merchants. Several downtown merchants were at the meeting in support of hiring the retail consultant.

7. Executive Director Doug Dowler presented the Development Corporation of Snyder's annual work plan.

8. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve the Development Corporation of Snyder's 2021-2022 budget.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Sarah Jamison, Vernon Clay, Steve Highfield, and Carson Matthies.

Noes: Councilmember Mitch Hickman.

9. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to approve on first reading Ordinance No. 2099 regarding the request by Rogelio and La Shekka Gallegos to rezone 1908 Peyton Avenue from a M-2 Manufacturing Zone to a R-3 General Residential Zone.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sarah Jamison and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Sarah Jamison, Vernon Clay, Mitch Hickman, and Steve Highfield.

Noes: None.

Abstained: Councilmember Carson Matthies.

10. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve a Resolution amending Authorized Representatives in TexPool/TexPrime, removing Patricia Warren and adding Jillian Hardy.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

11. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to approve the quarterly investment report for quarter ending June 30, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vernon Clay and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmember Mitch Hickman.

12. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to accept the resignation of Matthew Stidham from the Zoning Board of Adjustment Board.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmember Mitch Hickman.

ITEM VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME: 7:38 P.M.

Council may act in Open Session on the following item:

1. Convene into Executive Session in accordance with Texas Gov't Code §551.072 deliberation regarding real property.

ITEM VIII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: TIME: 8:10 P.M.

1. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to approve Resolution R210802B regarding the Development Corporation of Snyder's purchase of real property.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vernon Clay and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Sarah Jamison, Vernon Clay, and Steve Highfield.

Noes: Councilmember Mitch Hickman.

Abstained: Councilmember Carson Matthies.

ITEM IX. INFORMATION:

1. Update on community activities.
2. Monthly personnel report.
3. Special Council Meeting August 9, 5:30 p.m. for public hearing on taxes and first reading on taxes, budget, and utility ordinance.
4. Special Council Meeting August 23, 5:30 p.m. for public hearing on budget, second reading on taxes, budget, and utility ordinance.
5. Next Regular Council Meeting September 13, 5:30 p.m.

ITEM X. ADJOURNMENT:

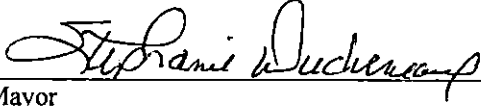
1. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitch Hickman and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.


Noes: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary

Approved: August 30, 2021.