

**City of Southmayd, Texas**  
Minutes of the January 18, 2022  
Regular City Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Southmayd, Texas met on this date at 7:00 p.m. for a regular City Council meeting. City Council members present were Mayor David Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Debra Thompson, Teresa Miller, Robert Thompson, and Tom Byler. City Staff present were Traci Walker.

**Agenda**

**A. CALL TO ORDER & Declaration of a Quorum.**

Mayor Turner called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm, November 16, 2021.

**B. Pledge to Flag & Invocation**

Mayor Turner led Pledge to Flag and Invocation.

**C. Welcome Guests**

Guests were welcomed and introduced.

**D. PUBLIC FORUM, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION: (No Action)**

*Public Forum: (Citizens are allowed 3 minutes to speak. If the issue is on the agenda, the City Council may choose to discuss and consider the item. If the issue is not on the agenda, the Council is not permitted by state law to respond to or discuss the item other than to make statements of specific factual information in response to a citizen's inquiry or to recite existing policy in response to the inquiry. The Council may request the issue to be placed on a future agenda for action in accordance with state law. This forum is not the appropriate place to address complaints against Public Officials and/or Staff. Complaints of this nature should be made in writing and filed with the City Secretary.)*

There were no citizen comments.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA & STAFF REPORTS**

*\*Consent agenda items are considered to be routine in nature and may be acted upon in one motion without discussion unless a Council Member or a citizen requests a specific item be discussed and voted on separately. The City Council may discuss any of the items under Staff Reports, but no formal action will be taken.*

**1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on approval of the City Council minutes of November 16, 2021.**

- \* November & December Fire Department Report
- \* November & December Police Report
- \* November & December Permit Activity Report
- \* November & December Secretary Report
- \* November & December Code Enforcement Report

Councilmember Horstman made a motion to accept the consent agenda and staff reports. Councilmember Byler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**F. REGULAR AGENDA**

**1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the presentation of the November & December 2021 financial statements and report of accounts by Joe Madden, CPA.**

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to accept the financial report. Councilmember Byler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the rezoning the South side of Hwy 56 and West of Southmayd Rd.**

Councilmember Horstman made a motion to approve rezoning the South side of Hwy 56 and West of Southmayd Rd. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed four to one.

- 3. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding the solar power project through Galactic Power, LLC.**

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to table the discussion regarding the solar power project for Mayor Turner to speak with Galactic Power in regard to a representative attending the February council meeting. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Discuss, consider, and possible action on quotes regarding utility billing software.**

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to approve and make a budget amendment for the utility billing software. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the Grayson County contract for the May 7, 2022, election services.**

Councilmember Horstman made a motion to host election on Saturday May 7, 2022, only and opt out of early voting at the Southmayd City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding bids received for Southmayd Rd. ditch repair.**

Councilmember Byler made a motion to accept the bid from McKinney Operating for the Southmayd Rd. ditch repair. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Discuss, consider, and possible action on progress towards grants and a feasibility study for the City of Southmayd infrastructure improvements and emergency management equipment.**

Discussion only. No action taken.

- 8. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the purchase of new timeclocks for Southmayd City Hall and Public Works.**

Councilmember Horstman made a motion to use the app Easy Time Clock starting January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 9. Discuss, consider, and possible action on raising the rates on water taps for new residents outside city limits.**

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to table this discussion to find out what other cities are charging for water taps. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 10. Discuss, consider, and possible action on raising the rates for trash customers who only utilize trash services outside city limits.**

Councilmember Horstman made a motion to double the price for outside city limits trash customers. Councilmember Byler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 11. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding residents who decline trash services.**

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to combine water & trash, must be paid for all citizens inside city limits. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**12. Discuss, consider, and possible action on move-in procedures for new residents.**

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to table this discussion. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**13. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding COVID-19 pay for city employees.**

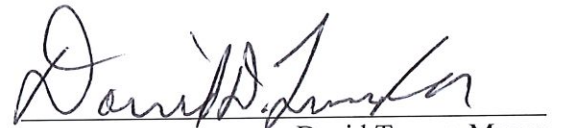
Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion for employees to use PTO time for COVID and other illnesses starting January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

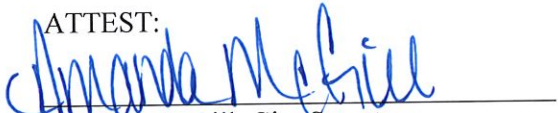
**14. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding the Employee Policy & Procedures Manual.**

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to table this discussion. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**G. ADJOURN**

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

  
David Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Amanda McGill, City Secretary  
Approved: February 15, 2022