

City of Southmayd, Texas
Minutes of the April 16, 2024
Regular City Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Southmayd, Texas met on this date at 6:00 p.m. for a regular City Council meeting. City Council members present were Mayor Debra Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Horstman, Teresa Miller, Robert Thompson, and Tom Byler. City Staff present were City Secretary Amanda McGill and Police Chief Jeff Laughlin.

Agenda

A. CALL TO ORDER & Declaration of a Quorum.

Mayor Thompson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 pm, April 16, 2024.

B. Pledge to Flag & Invocation

Councilmember Miller led the Pledge to Flag and Invocation.

C. Welcome Guests

Guests were welcomed and introduced.

D. PUBLIC FORUM

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 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.)

E. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION: (No Action)

There were no presentations or recognitions.

F. CONSENT AGENDA & STAFF REPORTS

**Consent agenda items are 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.*

1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on approval of the City Council minutes of March 19, 2024, and March 28, 2024.

Councilmember Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda and department reports. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

G. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

**These reports are for information only. No discussion is appropriate unless there is a specific item listed below or there is a request that the item be placed on a subsequent agenda as a discussion and action item. Sec. 551.0415 of Open Meetings Act*

1. Mayors Report

Discussion only. No action taken.

H. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on presentation of the March 2024 financial statements and report of account by Joe Madden, CPA.

Councilmember Thompson made a motion to approve the March 2024 financial statements. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the investigation findings from TCEQ.

Discussion only. No action taken.

3. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the Sanitary Control Easement.

Discussion only. No action taken.

4. Discussion on the Drought Contingency Plan.

Discussion only. No action taken.

5. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the authorization for the City to begin federal procurement procedures and issue requests for proposals for the Resilient Communities Program grant, administered by the General Land Office.

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to begin the procurement process for the Resilient Communities Program grant. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discuss, consider, and possible action on selecting committee members for the review of the Editorial and Legal Analysis Digital Manuscript from General Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to form a committee for the General Code Project. Councilmember Byler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding the property located at 4603 Elementary Dr.

Councilmember Byler made a motion to speak with the owner of 4603 Elementary Dr and begin negotiations for the purchase of property. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss, consider, and possible action on returning the 4-yard dumpster and replacing it with (4) four trash cans.

Councilmember Byler made a motion to replace the 4-yard dumpster with trash bins. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding the purchase of breakaway poles for the No Engin Brake signs.

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to approve the purchase of the brake away poles from Texas Corrugators in the amount of \$1,392.16. Councilmember Byler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Discuss, consider, and possible action on removing the poles between the Southmayd Fire and Police Departments.

Councilmember Miller made a motion to remove the poles between the Southmayd Fire and Police Departments. Councilmember Byler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

11. Discuss, consider, and possible action on widening the driveway and installing a larger culvert at the Southmayd Fire Department.

Councilmember Thompson made a motion to survey property at the Southmayd Fire Department. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

12. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding water bill adjustment options.

Councilmember Miller made a motion to table the water bill adjustment options. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council of the City of Southmayd will recess into Executive Session (Closed Meeting) pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:

1. In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

- i. Police Personnel

Councilmember Miller made a motion to convene into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

J. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION:

The City Council of the City of Southmayd will reconvene into Regular Session (open meeting) pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, to take any action necessary regarding the following items discussed in Executive Session:

1. In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
 - i. Police Personnel

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to approve the recommendation from Chief Laughlin to remove Jerrod Nortman from Lieutenant to officer with no change in pay and to promote Michael Aguirre from officer to Lieutenant with a \$12,000.00 increase in pay with a budget amendment effective immediately.

K. ADJOURN

Councilmember Thompson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Debra Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amanda McGill, City Secretary
Approved: May 21, 2024