

City of Southmayd, Texas
Minutes of the May 21, 2024
Regular City Council Meeting

The City Council of the City of Southmayd, Texas met on this date at 6:15 p.m. for a regular City Council meeting. City Council members present were Mayor Debra Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Horstman, Tom Byler, Mark Everett, Matthew Tanner, and Teresa Miller. City Staff present were City Secretary Amanda McGill, Police Chief Jeff Laughlin, and Lieutenant Michael Aguirre.

Agenda

A. CALL TO ORDER & Declaration of a Quorum.

Mayor Thompson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:15 pm, May 21, 2024.

B. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION: *(No Action)*

Lieutenant Michael Aguirre was recognized for his recent promotion by Chief Laughlin.

C. 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 April 16, 2024, Regular Meeting, April 23, 2024, Public Hearing, and April 23, 2024, Special Meeting.

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

D. 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.

E. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Canvassing of the May 4, 2024, City Elections.

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to accept the Canvassing of the May 4, 2024, City Elections. Councilmember Everett seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on Ordinance 457 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Southmayd, Texas, canvassing and certifying the election returns, including the returns

of early voting ballots cast in connection with the general election held on May 4, 2024 to elect one (1) mayor for the unexpired term of office ending May 2025 and to elect three (3) council members for a term of office ending May 2026; providing a severability clause; and providing for said ordinance to take effect from and after its date of publication.

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to approve Ordinance 457 canvassing and certifying the election returns. Councilmember Tanner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Discuss, consider, and possible action on appointing/reappointing a Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Everett made a motion to reappoint Michael Horstman as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss, consider, and possible action on signatures for city bank account and other investments.

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to elect Councilmember Everett and Councilmember Tanner as the new check signers with Councilmember Byler as backup. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss, consider, and possible action on setting City Council meetings night and time.

Councilmember Byler made a motion to keep the city council meetings night and time on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discuss, consider, and possible action on choosing a local newspaper for the city's publications.

Councilmember Tanner made a motion to use the Herald Democrat as the primary source of publications and the Whitesboro News Record as secondary. Councilmember Everett seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discuss all council members' training requirements.

Discussion only. No action taken.

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

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

9. Discuss, consider, and possible action to pay in full (approx. \$98,000.00) the loan at Lamar National Bank for the new police department building.

Councilmember Everett made a motion to pay off the loan at Lamar National Bank for the new police department building. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 10. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the request from Gary Corley asking the city to provide a letter stating the city will provide water services to the property located at 64-65 Stroud Drive off Hwy 82 to include estimate for water infrastructure to said property.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to send all information regarding the request for water service to property located at 64 – 65 Stroud Drive to the city attorney to create a contract for the property owner, Gary Corley. Councilmember Tanner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 11. Discuss, consider, and possible action on beginning negotiations with the developer of the Preston Road Municipal Utility District regarding a development agreement.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to create a committee to begin negotiations with the developer of the Preston Road Municipal Utility District. The team will consist of Mayor Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Horstman, and Chief Water Operator Clayton McKinney. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 12. Discuss, consider, and possible action on widening the driveway and installing a larger culvert at the Southmayd Fire Department based on results from the new land survey.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to table the discussion on the widening of the driveway at the Southmayd Fire Department until the June 18th city council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 13. Discuss, consider, and possible action on repairing bay doors at the Southmayd Fire Department.**

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to approve the repair of the bay door at the Southmayd Fire Department in the amount of \$2118.00. Councilmember Tanner seconded the motion and the motion passed 4 to 1. Councilmember Everett abstained.

- 14. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the call for projects for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Program.**

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to table the discussion on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Program. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 15. Discuss, consider, and possible action on a new vehicle for the Southmayd Police Department.**

Discussion only. No action taken.

- 16. Discuss and create a committee to review all subdivision ordinances to be compliant with the Texas Occupations Code 1201 and 1202.**

Councilmember Everett made a motion to form a committee for the review of all subdivision ordinances. The committee will consist of Mayor Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Horstman, Councilmember Everett, and Planning & Zoning member Kyle McGill. Councilmember Tanner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F. 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. Sec. 551.072: Real Property – to deliberate in executive session on certain matters concerning real property.
 - Property located at 4603 Elementary Dr.
 - Property ID: 171692 & 171679- Rezoning for manufactured homes

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to convene into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

G. 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. Sec. 551.072: Real Property – to deliberate in executive session on certain matters concerning real property.
 - Property located at 4603 Elementary Dr.
 - Property ID: 171692 & 171679- Rezoning for manufactured homes

Mayor Pro Tem Horstman made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 8:25 p.m. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Everett made a motion for Mayor Thompson to begin negotiations with Jorge Barron regarding the property located at 4603 Elementary Dr. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Everett made a motion to not allow any changes of the properties located at 171692 & 171679 until the City Secretary and Mayor Thompson are able to speak with the city attorney. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

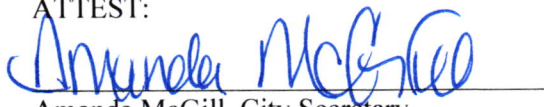
H. ADJOURN

Councilmember Everett moved to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Horstman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Debra Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda McGill, City Secretary

Approved: June 18, 2024