

City of Southmayd, Texas
Minutes of the January 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, Teresa Miller, Robert Thompson, and Tom Byler. City Staff present were City Secretary Amanda McGill, Chief Thetford, Lieutenant Nortman, and Officer Aguirre.

Agenda

A. CALL TO ORDER & Declaration of a Quorum.

Mayor Thompson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 pm, January 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.)

There were no citizen comments.

E. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION: (No Action)

David Turner was presented with a plaque for his time spent as a councilmember and Mayor.

Councilmember Miller made a motion to move executive session to after item H- Consent Agenda and Department Reports. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

F. Executive Session:

Mayor Thompson convened into executive session at 6:05 pm.

G. Executive Session:

Mayor Thompson reconvened into regular session at 6:31 pm.

H. 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 November 21, 2023.**
- 2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on approval of the City Council minutes of December 5, 2023**
- 3. Discuss, consider, and possible action on approval of the City Council minutes of January 2, 2024.**

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

I. 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.

J. REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on presentation of the December 2023 financial statements and report of account by Joe Madden, CPA.**

Councilmember Miller made a motion to approve the December 2023 financial statements. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on amending dates regarding the mayor's appointment from end of term to next election.**

Discussion only. No action taken.

- 3. Discuss, consider, and possible action on amending the temporary compensation for employees to include a budget amendment.**

Councilmember Miller made a motion to make a budget amendment of \$1060.46 to be paid in a lump sum to Lt Jerrod Nortman for compensation for the temporary position of Acting Chief from August 10, 2023, through December 3, 2023, and to include an increase of \$152.80 for each pay period beginning December 7, 2023, through March 31, 2024, or until the position of Police Chief is filled, whichever comes first. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the estimate to replace broken stem and plunger on existing fire hydrant on Christi Ln.

Councilmember Byler made a motion to approve the estimate in the amount of \$3,100.00. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss, consider, and possible action on estimate to replace dilapidated fire hydrant located at Belknap and Southmayd Rd.

Councilmember Byler made a motion to approve the estimate in the amount of \$5,000.00. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discuss, consider, and possible action on estimate to install new gate valve on water main behind 301 Simpson to allow water to be turned off for major repairs.

Councilmember Thompson made a motion to approve the estimate in the amount of \$1,900.00. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding the Texas Forestry Service Grant awarded to the Southmayd Fire Department.

Councilmember Byler made a motion to approve the Texas Forestry Service Grant. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss, consider, and possible action on estimates from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the AED PLUS for the Southmayd Police Department.

Councilmember Byler made a motion to table the discussion on the AED PLUS machines until the February 20, 2024, city council meeting. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Discuss, consider, and possible action on estimates received to install a water line at the Southmayd Police Department.

Councilmember Byler made a motion to table the discussion on the installation of the water line until the February 20, 2024, city council meeting. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding estimates received to install a vent from evidence room to outside at the Southmayd Police Department.

Councilmember Byler made a motion to approve the estimate in the amount of \$1,500.00 from KM Electric, Inc with a budget amendment. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

11. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding estimates received for a Bluetooth PA system for the Southmayd City Hall.

Councilmember Miller made a motion to table the discussion on the Bluetooth PA system until the February 20, 2024, city council meeting. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

12. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding the Petition for Consent to Creation of Preston Road Municipal Utility District of Grayson County.

Councilmember Miller made a motion to table the discussion on Preston Road Municipal Utility District of Grayson County until the February 20, 2024, city council meeting. Councilmember Byler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

13. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding the moving of the large evidence safe from the old police station to the new police station and the amount of money allowable for the move.

Councilmember Miller made a motion to table the discussion on the moving of the safe until the February 20, 2024, city council meeting to allow time for City Secretary, Amanda McGill to obtain bids and for the police department to attempt to move safe without hiring a company. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Miller amended her original motion to include the approval of up to \$800.00 if the safe is unable to be moved by the police department. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

K. ADJOURN

Councilmember Miller moved to adjourn. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Debra Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amanda McGill, City Secretary
Approved: February 20, 2024