

City of Southmayd, Texas
Minutes of the May 16, 2023
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, Michael Horstman, Tom Byler, and Robert Thompson. City Staff present was City Secretary Amanda McGill and Police Chief Chad McKee

Agenda

A. CALL TO ORDER & Declaration of a Quorum.

Mayor Turner called the City Council meeting to order at 7:01 pm, May 16, 2023.

B. Pledge to Flag & Invocation

Mayor Turner led the Pledge to Flag and Invocation.

C. Welcome Guests

The City Council and guests were introduced and welcomed.

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 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. 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. 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 April 18, 2023.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson 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. Canvassing of the May 6, 2023, City Elections.

Discussion only. No action taken.

- 2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on Ordinance 453 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 and special election held on May 6, 2023 to elect a Mayor and two (2) council members to two year terms of office; and to consider a ballot proposition on whether to reauthorize the local sales and use tax for maintenance and repair of municipal streets at the rate of one-fourth of one percent (0.25%) providing a severability clause; and providing for said ordinance to take effect from and after its date of publication.**

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to approve Ordinance 453 canvassing and certifying the May 6, 2023, city election. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Administering the Oaths of Office and signing the Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer.**

The Oaths of Office and Statement of Officers were administered.

- 4. Discuss, consider, and possible action on appointing/reappointing a Mayor Pro Tem.**

Councilmember Horstman made a motion to re-elect Debra Thompson as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Discuss, consider, and possible action on signatures for city bank accounts and investments.**

Councilmember Thompson made a motion to change check signers to Councilmember Tom Byler and Councilmember Teresa Miller. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Discuss, consider, and possible action on setting the City Council meetings night and time.**

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to keep the city council meetings on the third Tuesday of every month with a start time of 6:00 PM. Councilmember Byler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Councilmember Byler made a motion to continue using the Herald Democrat for the City's publications. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to move discussion item number 8. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously to discuss number 9 prior to number 8.

8. Discuss, consider, and possible action on presentation of the April 2023 financial statements and report of account by Joe Madden, CPA.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to approve the financial statement and report of accounts. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion only on presentation by General Code regarding codification of ordinances.

Discussion only. No action taken.

10. Discuss, consider, and possible action on accepting bids for the codification of ordinances.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to accept the proposal for codification services with General Code and make a budget amendment in the amount of \$11,145.00. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

11. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the purchase of Jaws of Life for the Southmayd Fire Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to purchase the eDraulic Jaws of Life with a budget amendment in the amount of \$30,482.89. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

12. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the progress regarding the remodel of the Southmayd Police Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion for the Police Department to obtain a minimum of three (3) remodeling bids based on the architect drawings and present at the June council meeting. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

13. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the Budget and Tax Rate Webinar Series through TML.

Councilmember Miller made a motion to approve Mayor Pro Tem Thompson and Mayor Turner to take the Budget and Tax Rate Webinar in the amount of \$75.00 per person paid for by the City of Southmayd. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

14. Discuss, consider, and possible action on reviewing permits that are currently required by the city.

Remove item from agenda until action is required by City Council.

15. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the estimates received for the Southmayd Fire Department.

Remove item from agenda until action is required by City Council.

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

Remove item from agenda until action is required by City Council.

17. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding the ± 134ac on Southmayd Road.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion to table the discussion until the scheduled meeting on May 23, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

18. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding the use of a city police vehicle for out-of-town travel for classes.

Discussion only. No action taken.

G. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Horstman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

David Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amanda McGill, City Secretary
Approved: June 20, 2023