

April 10, 2024

On this the 10th day of April, 2024 at 6:30 pm the City Council of the City of Friona, Texas, convened in regular session at the regular meeting place thereof, in the Friona City Council Chambers, 619 Main Street, the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting having been given as prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Government Code, with the members being present and in attendance, to wit:

Greg Lewellen, Mayor
Alan Monroe, Mayor Pro Tem
Bruce Fleming, Council Member
Brent Loflin, Council Member
Esmeralda Mills, Council Member
Cindy Moreno, Council Member
Leander Davila, City Manager

Others present included:

Clint Mears, Friona Star
Slater Elza, Underwood Law Firm
Courtney White, Underwood Law Firm
Lupe Salinas, Animal Control
Neil Welch, TXDOT
Mike Oliver, Webber, LLC
Danny Campbell, Friona Volunteer Fire Department Chief
Chuck Teague, Friona Volunteer Fire Department
Gary Stowers, Friona Volunteer Fire Department
Salvador Garcia, Public Works/Volunteer Fire Department
Blake Stowers, Friona Volunteer Fire Department
Dewayne Proctor, Public Works/Friona Volunteer Fire Department
Andrew Borchers, Friona Volunteer Fire Department
Randy McCasland, Friona Volunteer Fire Department
John Taylor, Friona Volunteer Fire Department
Bryan Harris, Friona Volunteer Fire Department
May Gamboa, Deaf Smith Crisis Center
Sandra Walker, Deaf Smith Crisis Center
Angela Gamboa, Deaf Smith Crisis Center
Cheryl Proctor, Citizen
Ted Procter, Citizen
Glenda Procter, Citizen
Sandra Busch, Assistant City Manager

Not present: Rosa Mendez, City Secretary

Mayor Lewellen called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ITEM 1 ROLL CALL

The Mayor called roll and announced that a quorum was present.

ITEM 2 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe gave the Invocation and Council Member Loflin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

ITEM 3 HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ITEM 4 PROCLAMATION SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Lewellen presented sexual assault awareness month proclamation to the Deaf Smith Crisis Center. Clint Mears with the Friona Star took a picture of the proclamation recipients.

ITEM 5 FRIONA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREE RECOGNITION

Mayor Lewellen presented recognition certificates and a key to the city to the following Friona Volunteer Fire Department retirees: Salvador Garcia, Brian Harris, Dewayne Proctor, John Taylor, and Chuck Teague. Clint Mears with the Friona Star took a picture of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department retiree recognition recipients.

REGULAR HEARINGS:

NOTE: It should be noted that Item 13 was addressed subsequent to Item 9, followed sequentially by Item 10, and followed with the standard order of agenda items thereafter.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2024, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

MOTION Council Member Fleming made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024, regular city council meeting with one revision. The second to the motion was made by Council Member Loflin and the motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 24.04.08 ALLOWING MEMBERS, RETIREES, AND WIDOWS OF THE FRIONA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE A MONTHLY WATER UTILITY SERVICE CREDIT FOR SERVICES THAT PROTECTS THE HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE OF THE CITY

RESOLUTION NO. 24.04.08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS, ALLOWING MEMBERS, RETIREES, AND WIDOWS OF THE FRIONA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE A MONTHLY WATER UTILITY SERVICE CREDIT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120 FOR SERVICE THAT PROTECTS THE HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE OF THE CITY.

WHEREAS, The City of Friona has a volunteer fire department that serves the community in fire protections; and

WHEREAS, Bi-Weekly training sessions are required by the State Fire Commission, thereby requiring much time and effort of the volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, many of the firefighters have and will serve the city and community for over a twenty (20) year period.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: Active Firefighter: That persons that serve satisfactorily on the active force of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department shall be exempt, at the discretion of the Fire Chief, from paying the monthly water utility bill to the City if the use of water does not exceed the amount of \$120 for a monthly period.

SECTION 2: Retired Firefighter: After serving a period of 20 years satisfactorily, a volunteer firefighter may retire and shall be exempt from paying a water utility bill to the City until an untimely passing.

SECTION 3: Widow of Retired Firefighter: The widow of a retired firefighter shall continue to be exempt from paying a water utility bill to the City until an untimely passing or until they remarry.

SECTION 4: This action only applies to residential water utility billing accounts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF FRIONA CANNOT PROVIDE RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO MEMBERS OF THE FRIONA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT DUE TO THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TMRS):

SECTION 1: Volunteers are not eligible to participate in TMRS because they are not employed by a TMRS participating city.

SECTION 2: Members of TMRS must work more than 1000 paid hours per year to qualify for TMRS benefits.

SECTION 3: The TMRS Act that governs the plan requires both of the above-mentioned requirements.

SECTION 4: This resolution takes effect immediately and repeals Resolution No. 81.05.04

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS THIS THE 8th DAY OF APRIL, 2024.

Greg Lewellen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rosa Mendez, City Secretary

MOTION Mayor Pro Tem Monroe made the motion to approve Resolution No. 24.04.08 allowing members, retirees, and widows of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department to receive a monthly water utility service credit for services that protects the health, safety, or welfare of the city with a specification that this action applies to residential water utility billing accounts. The second to the motion was made by Council Member Moreno and the motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE REGARDING A FERAL ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM

Animal Control, Lupe Salinas, briefed the council regarding why an agreement with the Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine would benefit the city by spaying feral cats.

MOTION Mayor Pro Tem Monroe made the motion to approve the professional services agreement with the Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine regarding a feral animal control program and Council Member Moreno made the second to the motion. The motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

ITEM 9 DISCUSSION ON THE WATER REQUEST FROM ROBERT MCGEE WITH WEBER CONSTRUCTION REGARDING THE CARGILL OVERPASS PROJECT

Mike Oliver with Webber, LLC. briefed the council on the bridge project coming to Cargill. They are scheduled to begin moving dirt on April 15, 2024. The project is projected to take 2.5 years. The project will bring approximately 20 jobs. Mike Oliver will provide the city with the website for us to share the job postings with our community.

ITEM 13 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 24.04.08 AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 37.07 BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES TO RULES AND PROCEDURES

MOTION Council Member Fleming made the motion to approve Ordinance NO. 24.04.08 amending city code Chapter 37.07 Building Standards Commission of the City of Friona, Texas, providing for changes to rules and procedures with one amendment of the Mayor will vote in case of a tie and a quorum consisting of 3 members. Mayor Pro Tem Monroe made the second the motion. The motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON RENAMING THE FRIONA COMMUNITY CENTER “THE CLARENCE MONROE COMMUNITY CENTER”

MOTION Council Member Loflin made the motion to approve renaming the Friona Community Center the Clarence Monroe Community Center. The second to the motion was made by Council Member Moreno. Mayor Pro Tem Monroe abstained himself. The motion passed with a 4/0 vote.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CITY OF FRIONA’S 2024 INVESTMENT POLICY

MOTION Council Member Fleming made the motion to approve the annual review of the City of Friona’s 2024 Investment Policy. The second to the motion was made by Council Member Loflin. The motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

ITEM 12 HEAR DEPARTMENTAL REPORT FROM THE FRIONA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGARDING BUDGET, EXPENSES, PERSONNEL, AND UPCOMING EVENTS

EMS Director Nik Baucom briefed the council on the Friona Emergency Medical Services and addressed council’s questions regarding transfers. They would like for non-transfers to be included in the monthly report.

ITEM 14 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR MARCH 2024

MOTION Council Member Fleming made the motion to approved the Accounts Payable for March 2024 with one amendment. The second to the motion was made by Council Member Loflin. The motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

ITEM 15 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH 2024

MOTION Mayor Pro Tem Monroe made the motion to approve the Financial Statement for March 2024. The second to the motion was made by Council Member Moreno. The motion carried with a 5/0 vote.

**ITEM 16 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF SECOND
QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT JANUARY 2024 THRU
MARCH 2024**

MOTION Council Member Fleming made the motion to approve the second quarterly
Financial Statement January 2024 thru March 2024. Council Member Moreno
made the second to the motion and the motion passed with a 5/0 vote.

ITEM 17 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

Greg Lewellen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leander Davila, City Secretary