

June 12, 2023

The City Council met in Regular Session June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were City Administrator Jessie Montez, Mayor Sally Poteet, Council Members Adrian Hernandez, Gib Wheeler, Steven Villa, Leah Flanagan and James Jenkins. Also present, Chief of Police, Joe Morales and Finance Director, Laura Samanukorn. Visitors: Andrea Goodson with Atmos Energy, Bill Reed, David Butler, Bobby Holland, Ryan Bray with guest engineer, Lupe Alcorta and Stefanie Alcorta.

Mayor Sally Poteet opened Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment: David Butler spoke about Tommy Walker Field and Martin County Little League wanting to move forward with turning the park into multiple fields. David requested green light from City Council to move forward with an engineering firm. David was advised that no action could be taken for public comments. Item will be placed on next month's agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Villa and seconded by Council Member Jenkins that the previous minutes from May 15, 2023 be approved. All voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance renewing Franchise Contract with Atmos Energy. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to grant permission for the use of city right-of-ways, utility easements and connect to existing water and sewer lines by Martin County for Complex Project. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Flanagan made the motion to grant Old Settlers permission to close downtown streets for Old Settlers Parade and Dance. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Economic Development reports and projects. None.

City Manager, Jessie Montez, gave the following updates: Council was given confidentiality forms to fill-out for their personnel files. Request was made by Martin County Historical Museum to draw funds from HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) for landscaping, board was advised they use the remaining funds already approved for the interior before applying for additional funds. Will begin door tagging and sending notices for yards. Will soon begin the process for condemning structures. Railroad has been notified of train blocking railroad crossings in town for multiple hours a day. City and County may help fund larger building for Martin County Animal Advocates.

Chief of Police, Joe Morales, reported 106 (One Hundred Six) calls for service. Captain Franco will be returning to work light duty starting June 13, 2023. Chief Morales touched base on confidentiality forms due to possible public information requests. Chief Morales requested permission from Council to have an additional officer hired. Council gave Chief Morales the go-ahead to start looking for possible candidates.

Mayor Poteet closed Regular Session and opened Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss Stanton ISD Memorandum of Understanding.

Mayor Poteet closed Executive Session and opened Regular Session at 8:37 p.m.

Council Member Flanagan made the motion to pay the May 2023 bills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Villa, and all voted for.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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Sally Poteet, Mayor

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ATTEST: Jessie Montez, City Administrator