

July 8, 2024

The City Council met in Public Hearing followed by Regular Session on July 8, 2024 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 and Shawna Barnhill. Also present were Chief of Police Joe Bob Morales and Finance Director Laura Walker. Visitors: James Jenkins, Bill Reed, Kim Baker, Lester Baker, Stephanie Childs, Shannon Black and Yvette Valles. Absent: Leah Flanagan

The Public Hearing for Planning and Zoning was called to order by Mayor Sally Poteet at 7:00 p.m.

Steve Klein: 508 Fourth St. (LT 2 BLK3 CLARDY ADDN)

No public comment.

Mayor Sally Poteet closed the Public Hearing and opened Regular Session at 7:01 p.m.

Stephanie Childs made public comments on animal welfare in the community and stressed the importance of TNR programs and education, as well as the importance of having a microchip reader which can read on all frequencies.

A motion was made by Council Member Wheeler and seconded by Council Member Villa that the previous minutes from June 10, 2024 be approved, all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to deny the tabled item for planning and zoning request by Maria Yvette Valles at 902 W. Carpenter. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion, all voted for. Yvette Valles commented and asked if a house were allowed to be built there. Council commented a house being built there would be within the zoning regulations.

Council Member Villa made the motion to allow the planning and zoning request for Steve Klein, 508 Fourth St. (LT 2 BLK3 CLARDY ADDN). Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to extend the bid demolition window for 411 W. Broadway (LT 9-10, BLK30, OT ADDN), after no bids had been received. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to adopt and enact the ordinance for a new Code of Ordinance. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to approve resolution for the construction of the Martin County Appraisal District. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to approve the 2nd Quarter Financial Report. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to approve the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Hernandez made the motion to approve Time Clock Policy. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to send City Manager, Council Members and their spouses to the 2024 TML Conference in Houston, October 9-11, 2024. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion, and all voted for.

City Administrator reported: Accepting bids for new council chambers for the August Council Meeting, animal welfare and the city should not pick up dogs and cats to put them down, Front Street water line is 35% (Thirty-Five Percent) complete, Getting bids for new office copier/printer before end of current budget and water issues with smell and leaks. Water comes from Lake Spence and it's 14% full.

Reports from Chief of Police: 51 (Fifty-One) calls for service for the past month. Chief Morales reported low call for service number being due to improper documentation. Chief reported Captain Franco has done a great job in Chief's absence and patrol running 8 (Eight) hour shifts for the time being. Chief also commented a new hire started two and a half weeks ago and another new hire to start in a week or two. Chief requested the possible revamp of Stanton Police Department Policy in the new budget year.

Council Member Villa made the motion to pay the June 2024 bills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hernandez, and all voted for.

Council Member Barnhill made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion, and all voted for. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Sally Poteet, Mayor

ATTEST: Jessie Montez, City Administrator