

September 9, 2024

The City Council met in Public Hearing followed by Regular Session on September 9, 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, Leah Flanagan and Shawna Barnhill. Also present were Chief of Police Joe Bob Morales and Finance Director Laura Walker. Visitors: Bill Reed and Garrett Fulton.

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

2024-2025 Proposed Tax Rate

Kevin Cook 103, 105, 107, 109 E. Broadway (9LT 4-7, BLK 19, OT and LT 1-3, BLK A-5, EAST ADD)

No public comment.

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

No public comment.

A motion was made by Council Member Wheeler and seconded by Council Member Villa that the previous minutes from August 12, 2024 be approved, all voted for.

Bids were opened for the Sewer Farm Lease. Only one (1) bid was received. Willhelm Wiebe bid \$15,100 (Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Dollars) per year for 5 (Five) years.

Council Member Villa made the motion to accept the Sewer Farm Lease bid from Willhelm Wiebe for \$15,100 (Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Dollars) each year for 5 (Five) years. Council Member Flanagan seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to approve rezoning from Commercial to Multifamily for Kevin Cook 103, 105, 107, 109 E. Broadway (9LT 4-7, BLK 19, OT and LT 1-3, BLK A-5, EAST ADD). Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to rescind the planning and zoning request from August 12, 2024, due to state law, for Bobby Holland, 503 W. 5th St. (LT 8 BLK 3 CLARDY ADDN) to place 3 (Three) 8" (Eight Inch) blocks across sidewalk. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to amend the 2023-2024 Budget as follows: GF-00-4501 increase of \$535,000 (Five Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars), GF-22-9079 increase of \$535,000 (Five Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars), GF-37-8110 increase of \$8,000 (Eight Thousand Dollars), GF-37-8265 increase of \$6,651 (Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-One Dollars), GF-37-8375 increase of \$8,000 (Eight Thousand Dollars), PD-00-4400 increase of \$11,000 (Eleven Thousand Dollars), PD-70-8265 increase of \$7,000 (Seven Thousand Dollars), WS-00-4248 increase of \$535,000 (Five Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars), WS-00-4501 increase of \$105,000 (One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars), WS-01-8396 increase by \$640,000 (Six Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars), WS-01-8398 decrease by \$83,850 (Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars), WS-01-9035 increase by \$108,850 (One Hundred Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars), WS-01-8394 decrease by \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars), WS-02-8397 decrease by \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars). Council Member Flanagan seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Flanagan made the motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.98/\$100, which is effectively a 3.5% increase in the tax rate. Council Member Wheeler seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Wheeler made the motion to adopt resolution for the City of Stanton Investment Policy, no changes were made. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Flanagan made the motion to accept the Sick Bank Policy. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to reappoint Jack Madison, Sally Poteet and Shannon Day to the Economic Development Corporation Board for Two (2) years. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Council Member Flanagan made the motion to schedule next Council Meeting for Tuesday, October 15, 2024 due to holiday on Monday. Council Member Villa seconded the motion, and all voted for.

Reports from Chief of Police: 124 (One Hundred Twenty-Four) calls for service for the past month. Chief Morales reported issues about officer safety due to a Sheriff's Deputy who has not been responding after calls for assistance, on-scene, from City Police Officers.

City Administrator reported: Front Street Water line Project should be done this week. Council Chamber construction was supposed to start last week, but contractor has not made it there. Water Treatment Plant was compromised on Wednesday (August 28, 2024). City Personnel was notified by Homeland Security on that Friday-software engineer came-in and resecured Water Treatment Plant and added multifactor authentication after Russian Cyber Attack dumped 250,000 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand) gallons of raw water-FBI obtained modem after new set-up was in place.

Council Member Flanagan made the motion to pay the August 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 Wheeler seconded the motion, and all voted for. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Sally Poteet, Mayor

ATTEST: Jessie Montez, City Administrator