

March 10, 2025

The City Council met in Public Hearing followed by Regular Session on March 10, 2025 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, Steven Villa, Garrett Fulton and Shawna Barnhill. Also present were Chief of Police Joe Morales and Finance Director Laura Walker. Visitors: Emilio Garza, Monique Wimberly, Bill Reed, Kim Baker, Lester Baker, Kenny Stewart, Bailie Woods and Brian Snellgrove. Absent: Gib Wheeler

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

Gilbreath Funeral Home: 209 N. St. Charles Street (Lot 1 & 5 Block 30, OT ADD)

No public comment.

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

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Council Member Villa and seconded by Council Member Barnhill that the previous minutes from February 10, 2025 be approved, all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to approve ALH Real Estate's request made at February 10, 2025 council meeting. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, all voted for. Council Member Hernandez abstained.

Council Member Villa made the motion to deny rezoning for Gilbreath Funeral Home after City Manager Jessie Montez reported received 2 (Two) protests. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to deny variance for Gilbreath Funeral Home. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion, all voted for.

Commissioner Kenny Stewart gave the City Council a brief update on the Martin County Complex. Commissioner Stewart announced the complex is almost done and date of soft launch will be in the end of April, no date has been set for open house and booking for June and on. Commissioner Brian Snellgrove commented little league opening ceremony will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> (Seventh).

Bailie Woods with the Martin County Animal Advocates spoke on behalf of the organization. She commented the organization helps with fostering and acclimating pets to go to homes. She spoke on the need for a new shelter. The current shelter can only house 6 (Six) dogs at a time. Shannon Black is their biggest financial donor. Lynn Yates also made a large donation. The advocates would like to team up with Martin County and the City of Stanton to try to have a larger facility run by both employees and volunteers. County Commissioner Kenny commented the county would be on board and looks forward to working with the advocates and the city. The city requested the advocates put a proposal together and come back with numbers to have a better idea of what assistance will be needed. The city will look into the laws and regulations with partnering with outside agencies.

Council Member Villa made the motion to cancel the May 2025 City Election due to "Unopposed Candidates Declared Elected" and adopt an ordinance cancelling the election. Council Member Fulton seconded the motion, all voted for.

Council Member Villa made the motion to adopt Resolution for Atmos Energy. Council Member Hernandez seconded the motion, all voted for.

Mayor Sally Poteet did the second reading for City of Stanton (Christmas Decorations).

Council Member Villa made the motion to accept the second reading. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, all voted for.

City Manager Jessie Montez updated the City Council on new company Economic Development is considering hiring Placer is similar to Retail Coach, would cost less and would share the contact information of the businesses interested in opening locations in the town. Commissioner Kenny Stewart also mentioned the County Complex has 17 (Seventeen) acres on the east side of the property and working with a developer if any businesses would be interested.

Reports from Chief of Police 66 (Sixty-Six) calls of service for the past month. Chief Morales reported being in the process of hiring a new officer and an officer was hired a week ago. He reported on February 2, 2025 there was a riot in the 200 (Two Hundred) block of South Benedict. The Martin County Sheriff, as well as a deputy, assisted Captain Franco. The event resulted in 8 (Eight) arrests and the police department ordered pepper spray in the event problems in the future.

City Administrator reported: Little League working on the lights at Tommy Walker Field, City will cover the cost of the lights at \$7,591.67 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-One Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents). City's 100 (One Hundred) years of incorporation is June 15, 2026. Nancy Cook contacted the City after receiving notice about tumbleweeds. Most of them have blown out of the field now and the school is about to close on the property.

Council Member Villa made the motion to pay the February bills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barnhill, and all voted for.

Mayor Poteet closed Regular Session and opened Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss legal matters with attorney.

Mayor Poteet closed Executive Session and opened Regular Session at 8:40 p.m.

Council Member Villa made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Barnhill seconded the motion, and all voted for. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Sally Poteet, Mayor

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ATTEST: Jessie Montez, City Administrator