

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF SNYDER

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Snyder, Texas was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Stephanie Ducheneaux and was held with the following members present:

Councilmember Sarah Jamison
Councilmember Vernon Clay
Councilmember Mitch Hickman
Councilmember Steve Highfield
Councilmember Carson Matthies
Attorney for the City, Bryan Guymon

Absent:

Councilmember Tom Strayhorn

ITEM I. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Councilmember Steve Highfield.

ITEM II. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

Mayor Stephanie Ducheneaux recognized the following visitors:

Bill Crist, The Snyder News; Linda Molina, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Doug Dowler, DCOS; Bill Robertson, DCOS; Sandra Salinas, Snyder Chamber of Commerce; Barbara Leatherwood, DCOS; Kirsta Koennecke, DCOS; Michelle Bird, The Blessed Nest; Michelle Kuhl, The Ruffled Rooster; Maxim Schrogin, Western Crest Apartments; Michael Head, Kinder Morgan; Aaron Hale, Kinder Morgan; Ron Shaw, Snyder; Ken May, Snyder; Jersey Camp, Snyder; Christian Camp, Snyder; Steven Vickery, Snyder; Eddie Medrano, DCOS; Alissa Morgan, Windflower; Christa Posey, The Dandelion Boutique; Jerry Corkran, Snyder; Mike Snead, Snyder; Tessa Holiday, Scurry County Museum; Drew Bullard, Scurry County Museum; Carol Faulkner, Austin; Shawn Martin, Atmos Energy; Paul Camp, West Texas Inflatables; Tara Camp, West Texas Inflatables; Scarlet Camp, Snyder; Eddie Williams, Snyder; Linda Williams, Snyder; Michael Hartman, Snyder; Lacey Beasley, Retail Strategies, LLC; Ella Helms, Cogdell Memorial Hospital; Barbara Beebe, Western Texas College.

ITEM III. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:

Mayor Stephanie Ducheneaux presented coloring contest 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons to Jersey Camp, Scarlet Camp and Summer Rinehart. Ron Shaw, Eddie Williams, and Michelle Bird spoke in support of Retail Strategies, LLC and the implementation of Broadband Fiber infrastructure in the City of Snyder.

ITEM IV. MINUTES:

1. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting August 30, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vernon Clay and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

2. Councilmember Vernon Clay made the motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting June 21, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sarah Jamison and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to adopt on second reading Ordinance No. 2100 with Atmos Energy Corporation as captioned below:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION, A TEXAS AND VIRGINIA CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE PIPELINES AND EQUIPMENT IN THE CITY OF SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY, SALE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF GAS IN, OUT OF, AND THROUGH SAID CITY FOR ALL PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF A FEE OR CHARGE FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAYS; AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH FEE SHALL BE IN LIEU OF OTHER FEES AND CHARGES, EXCEPTING AD VALOREM TAXES; AND REPEALING ALL PREVIOUS GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCES.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vernon Clay and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

2. Councilmember Mitch Hickman made the motion to adopt on second reading Ordinance No. 2104 closing, abandoning, and vacating a portion of Avenue W between Moncrief Avenue and Parks Avenue requested by Rangeland Properties, LLC as captioned below:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS CLOSING, ABANDONING AND VACATING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING IN THE CITY OF SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS: A PORTION OF AVENUE W BETWEEN MONCRIEF AVENUE AND PARKS AVENUE, ALL OF WHICH SUCH STREET IS BORDERED BY LAND OWNED BY THE SAME OWNER.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carson Matthies and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

3. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to adopt on second reading Ordinance No. 2105 closing, abandoning, and vacating a portion of Avenue Y North of Parks Avenue requested by Rangeland Properties, LLC as captioned below:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS CLOSING, ABANDONING AND VACATING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING IN THE CITY OF SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS: A PORTION OF AVENUE Y NORTH OF PARKS AVENUE, ALL OF WHICH SUCH STREET IS BORDERED BY LAND OWNED BY THE SAME OWNER.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitch Hickman and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to deny the request to proceed with Public Management for Professional Services for the American Rescue Plan Funds.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitch Hickman and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Sarah Jamison, Mitch Hickman, Steve Highfield, and Carson Matthies.

Noes: Councilmember Vernon Clay.

2. Public Works Director Eli Torres presented capital improvement items totaling \$5,979,027 to be considered for use of funds from the American Rescue Plan. Items to be considered include Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection System Improvements, College Lift Station Improvements, Water Treatment Plant Improvements, Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, 2500 Block of Avenue K Storm Drain and Channel Improvements, and Replacing current Water Meters.

No action was taken.

3. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to approve the request for funding from the American Rescue Plan by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce to hire Retail Strategies, LLC for its proposed Economic Recovery Partnership Plan.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sarah Jamison and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Sarah Jamison, Mitch Hickman, Steve Highfield, and Carson Matthies.

Noes: Councilmember Vernon Clay.

The 3-year contract costs \$95,000 for the first year and \$75,000 for years two and three, with the option to opt-out after year one.

4. Councilmember Mitch Hickman made the motion to deny the request for funding from the American Rescue Plan by the Development Corporation of Snyder for the engineering costs of the development and implementation of Broadband Fiber infrastructure in the City of Snyder.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vernon Clay and did not pass with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Vernon Clay and Mitch Hickman.

Noes: Councilmembers Sarah Jamison, Steve Highfield, and Carson Matthies.

Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve the request for funding from the American Rescue Plan by the Development Corporation of Snyder for the engineering costs of the development and implementation of Broadband Fiber infrastructure in the City of Snyder for up to \$200,000.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carson Matthies and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Sarah Jamison, Steve Highfield, and Carson Matthies.

Noes: Councilmembers Vernon Clay and Mitch Hickman.

5. Councilmember Vernon Clay made the motion to approve the request for funding from the American Rescue Plan by Cogdell Memorial Hospital for agency respiratory therapists and other costs for \$400,000.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and did not pass with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Vernon Clay and Steve Highfield.

Noes: Councilmembers Sarah Jamison, Mitch Hickman, and Carson Matthies.

6. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve the request for funding from the American Rescue Plan by the Scurry County Museum to help build an online database and promote visibility online for \$50,000.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitch Hickman and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

7. Maxim Schrogin presented information to the council regarding flooding concerns at the Western Crest Apartments located at 3901 Avenue O.

No action was taken.

8. Councilmember Mitch Hickman made the motion to approve the request by Kinder Morgan entitled "City of Snyder Ordinance Variance Request".

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

9. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion to approve the First Amendment to Tax Abatement between the City of Snyder and Llano Escondido, LLC.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vernon Clay and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

10. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to approve Resolution R210913A reviewing the City's Investment Policy as captioned below:

A RESOLUTION REVIEWING THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF SNYDER.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carson Matthies and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

11. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to approve Resolution R210913B designating The Snyder News as the official newspaper for the City of Snyder as captioned below:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS, DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sarah Jamison and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

12. Councilmember Mitch Hickman made the motion to approve adding Section 8.12 Paid Quarantine Leave and Section 8.13 Mental Heal Leave to the City's Personnel Policy.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carson Matthies and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

13. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion to approve the monthly financial report for July.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sarah Jamison and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

14. Councilmember Carson Matthies made the motion to approve the appointment of Ralph Hernandez to the Zoning Board of Adjustment Board.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

15. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion appointing Tom Strayhorn as chairperson for the Building Standards Commission Board.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carson Matthies and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

16. Councilmember Steve Highfield made the motion appointing Sarah Jamison as vice-chairperson for the Building Standards Commission Board.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitch Hickman and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

17. Councilmember Sarah Jamison made the motion appointing Steve Highfield as secretary for the Building Standards Commission Board.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carson Matthies and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Sarah Jamison, Vernon Clay, Mitch Hickman, and Carson Matthies.

Noes: None.

Abstained: Councilmember Steve Highfield.

ITEM VII. INFORMATION:

1. Linda Molina, Snyder Chamber of Commerce and Doug Dowler, Development Corporation of Snyder gave the council an update on community activities.
2. Monthly personnel report.
3. Next Regular Council Meeting October 4, 5:30 p.m.

ITEM VIII. ADJOURNMENT:


1. Councilmember Vernon Clay made the motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Highfield and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: All members present voted yes.

Noes: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Secretary

Approved: October 4, 2021.