

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2022 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pittman.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Bill Pittman
Councilmember Brandon Noto
Councilmember Jason O'Brien
Councilmember Melanie Collins
Councilmember Dana Marks

Absent: Councilmember John Dickerson, excused

The invocation was given by Councilmember Marks, and Mayor Pittman then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag.

Mayor's and City Manager's Report:

1. The minutes of the 7/14/2022 regular meeting, 7/19/2022 special meeting, and 7/28/2022 regular meeting were approved as presented.
2. Presentation of departmental reports by staff, specifically a recap of the activities performed during the previous month and a report of upcoming activities, events, and projects on the horizon
 - 1) Finance – presentation of 2022 Certified Appraisal Roll to City Council
 - 2) Community Services – City Engineer Matt Johnson verbally presented his report on building permits issued, fees collected, inspections performed
 - 3) Parks and Community Center – park maintenance activities, center rental statistics
 - 4) Municipal Court – cases filed, revenue collected, warrants issued and cleared
 - 5) Police – calls for service statistics, traffic crash analysis, use of force incidents. Police Chief Walter Braun addressed questions from Mayor Pittman regarding the number of citations versus verbal warnings issued by the police department, explaining that the department had briefly run out of citation books.
 - 6) Fire Marshal – burn permit issuance, inspection activities
 - 7) Library – patron and program attendance, circulation material statistics, fines and donations collected
 - 8) Street – drainage projects, street maintenance and improvement activities, equipment maintenance. Street Superintendent Billy Creppon addressed questions from Council.
 - 9) Resiliency Center – counseling statistics, including new and continuing clients, for individual and family sessions

Citizens' Comments:

None.

Business:

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contractual Agreement with the Galveston County Health District for water pollution control and abatement services for Fiscal Year 2022/2023

Acting City Manager/City Secretary Alun Thomas introduced the item and, given the cost savings to the City that would come from approving the contract, recommended that Council authorize execution of the agreement.

Motion by Councilmember Noto, seconded by Councilmember Collins, to authorize the Mayor to execute a contractual agreement with the Galveston County Health District for water pollution control and abatement services for Fiscal Year 2022/2023, as presented. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Consideration and possible action: First reading of an Ordinance of the City of Santa Fe, Texas amending Section 23, Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors, of Chapter 1, General Provisions, of the City of Santa Fe Code of Ordinances by modifying the minimum allowable age for tobacco possession to twenty-one years of age, including e-cigarettes in the definition of tobacco products; and providing a repealer clause, a severability clause, and an effective date

Santa Fe Police Department's Administrative Assistant, Tiffany Gerhardt, presented the proposed ordinance to Council, noting that passage of the ordinance would bring the City's Code of Ordinances regarding tobacco possession into line with recent changes in state law.

Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Collins, to approve the first reading of the Ordinance, as presented. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action: Adopting a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Santa Fe designating authorized signatories for contractual documents and documents for requesting funds pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery program (CDBG-DR) Contract Number 20-065-026-C093

Acting City Manager/City Secretary Alun Thomas explained that proposed resolution is almost identical to Resolution 2022-17, which was approved by Council on March 24, 2022. The change, he explained, was simply updating Bill Pittman's role at the City of Santa Fe from Mayor Pro Tem to Mayor.

Motion by Councilmember O'Brien, seconded by Councilmember Noto, to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing the Acting City Manager to enter into a purchasing agreement with Granite Telecommunications for selected telephone and internet services

Finance Director Rudy Zepeda presented the item to Council and explained that Granite Telecommunications can help simplify the City's telecommunications-related accounts payable by consolidating the City's various monthly telecommunications bills into one invoice. In addition to saving City staff time processing multiple invoices and payments, Mr. Zepeda said, the City will also realize a small cost saving if execution of the agreement is approved.

Motion by Councilmember Collins, seconded by Councilmember Marks, to authorize the Acting City Manager to enter into a purchasing agreement with Granite Telecommunications for selected telephone and internet services, as presented. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

5. Discussion and direction: Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City of Santa Fe budget, including the budget process, and items contained in the budget

Finance Director Rudy Zepeda presented the item and gave a brief overview of the current draft of the budget for next fiscal year and the process by which the budget will be refined and adopted. He noted that the budget can be updated to exclude the "Highland B Project" because that project, the ditch behind Gateway, is already being funded elsewhere in the budget through grant funds. Mayor Pittman asked Mr. Zepeda to determine the approximate impact of a largescale emergency event in the city, such as Hurricane Harvey in August, 2017 or Winter Storm Uri in February, 2021, so that Council can be comfortable with how much money the City should maintain in its reserves for unforeseen expenses or revenue losses. Mr. Zepeda said that the City's No New Revenue Rate for its ad valorem

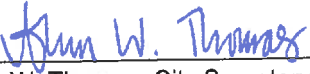
tax next year is \$0.238602 per \$100 of valuation. Council thanked Mr. Zepeda for his exceptional work on the budget.

Announcements: The City Council is planning to host a special meeting on August 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. As always, members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings: The next regular Council meeting is currently scheduled for August 25, 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Noto to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

ATTEST:



Alun W. Thomas, City Secretary



BILL PITTMAN, MAYOR