

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The City Council of The City of Pearsall

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Pearsall, Texas will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at the Pearsall City Hall, 214 S. Ash Street, Pearsall, Texas.

1. Call To Order

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum

Council Members Present: Mayor Ben Briscoe, Mayor Pro Tem Julian Hernandez, Council Member James Leal, Council Member Sonia Hernandez, Council Member Brenda Trevino, Council Member Lionel Gandara, Council Member Davina Rodriguez

Council Members Absent: Council Member Tiffany Talamantes

Staff Present: City Manager Federico Reyes, City Clerk Krystal Garcia, Finance Director Santos Alarcon, Chief of Police Humberto Torralba, HR Manager Raquel Yanez, City Attorney Bobby Maldonado

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation led by Mayor Ben T. Briscoe. Pledge of Allegiance led by all.

4. Citizens to Be Heard

None.

5. Mayor's Message

6. Presentation

A. Discuss draft of 2020 audit.

Robert Carter, Jr. reviewed the financial statements with the council. He stated a few items were lacking from the Finance Department but as they were being received, they were being reviewed. Mayor Pro Tem Julian Hernandez requested Mr. Carter review the report and numbers with more detail with the Council. Mr. Carter reviewed the report with Council, a second time.

B. Discuss City of Pearsall Classification and Compensation Study.

City Manager Federico Reyes stated the purpose of the compensation and classification study is to bring employees up to market rate and be competitive with surrounding cities. Mayor Pro Tem Julian Hernandez stated in 2015 Jose "Pepe" Trevino presented pay increased to the council, that past, and in 2018 the 80%/80% plan, supported by TML salary survey, was also passed by council. Mr. Reyes showed a comparison of Uvalde, Hondo, Pleasanton, Dilley and Pearsall population to staff members ratio. Pearsall was listed as the lowest. Councilman James Leal stated that the tax base for Uvalde, Hondo and Pleasanton are larger than Pearsall's tax base. Mayor Ben T. Briscoe stated the perfect model matching Pearsall may never be found but urged the council to approve the study when presented for action. Mayor Briscoe asked for comments regarding the study. Mayor Pro Tem Julian Hernandez stated he wants to make sure it can be funded. The consensus of the council agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez and do not want to fund positions and then cut them down the road due to lack of funding.

7. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Resolution No. 2021-07-01, accepting nominations for a qualified individual to serve as Mayor Pro-tem for the City of Pearsall City Council in accordance with section 3.04 of the Pearsall City Charter. Upon receiving nominations for this position, appoint a qualified individual by the required votes to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for the City of Pearsall City Council. - Action Item

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe opened the floor for nominations. Mayor Pro Tem announced he would be willing to do it again, if needed. Councilman Lionel Gandara nominated Mayor Pro Tem Julian Hernandez. Councilman James Leal motioned to cease nominations, second by Councilwoman Davina Rodriguez. Councilman James Leal motioned to approve Resolution No. 2021-07-01 nominating Mayor Pro Tem Julian Hernandez to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, second by Councilman Lionel Gandara. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous except for Mayor Pro Tem Julian Hernandez, who abstained due to his nomination.

8. Executive Session

Councilwoman Davina Rodriguez motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:55 pm, second by Councilwoman Brenda Trevino. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

A. Legal consultation with attorney to discuss city owned property located at 803 Gilliam Road.

B. Discuss existing solid waste contract the city has with Republic Services and future legal matters.

C. Review and discuss applications submitted for Municipal Court Judge.

9. Open Session

Mayor called open session to order at 9:02 pm without a motion by council.

A. Discussion and consideration regarding city owned property located at 803 Gilliam Road. - Action Item

Councilwoman Sonia Hernandez motioned to close the brush disposal site down and directed the City Manager to come up of a fee schedule, second by Councilwoman Brenda Trevino. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

B. Discuss and consider existing solid waste contract the city has with Republic Services and future legal matters. - Action Item

Councilwoman Davina Trevino motioned to table the item, second by councilwoman Sonia Hernandez. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

C. Discuss and consider applications submitted for Municipal Court Judge. - Action Item

Councilwoman Davina Rodriguez motioned to direct the city manager to contact the 2 applicants selected for interviews, second by Councilwoman Sonia Hernandez. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

10. Staff Report

No comment from council

11. Review of Bills Paid

A. June Bills

No comment from council

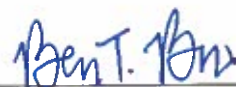
12. General Announcements

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe urged the council to review the budget and thanked them for their participation.

13. Adjournment

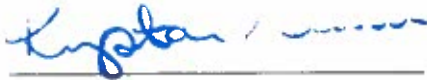
There being no further business before the council, Councilman James Leal motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm.

Approved this November 9, 2021.



Ben T. Briscoe, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Krystal Garcia', written over a horizontal line.

Krystal Garcia, City Clerk