

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Pearsall, Texas was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Pearsall City Hall, 214 South Ash Street, Pearsall, Texas.

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1. Call To Order

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call and Announcement of Quorum

Council Members Present: Mayor Ben T. Briscoe, Council Member Ramiro Trevino, Council Member Brenda Trevino, Council Member Sonia Hernandez, Council Member Tiffany Talamantes, Mayor Pro Tem James Leal arrived at 6:04 PM, Council Member Racheal Garza arrived at 6:23 PM

Council Members Absent: Council Member Aurora Garza

Staff Present: City Manager Federico Reyes, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Yolanda Moran, City Clerk Krystal Garcia, City Attorney Bobby Maldonado via Zoom, Public Works Director Hector Gandara, Public Information Officer Bianca Ramirez

3. Invocation And Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe led the invocation. Pledge of Allegiance led by all present.

4. Citizens To Be Heard

5. Mayor's Message

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe said he did not have announcements as it's a special meeting and hopes to move along quickly.

6. Presentations

6.A Proclaiming the month of October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe read and signed the proclamation.

7. New Business (Items below are action items)

7.A CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF PEARSALL, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2024;" PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE CERTIFICATES BY THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY AND FURTHER SECURING THE CERTIFICATES BY A LIEN ON AND LIMITED PLEDGE OF THE REVENUES OF THE CITY'S WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Council Member Sonia Hernandez motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Tiffany Talamantes. Thomas Lastrapes from Tijerina Financial Consulting LLC was present to answer questions from the Council. He informed the council of the offers from Amegy Bank and Huntington Bank. Mayor Pro Tem James Leal asked about the interest rates offered by the banks. Mr. Lastrapes stated Huntington Bank offered 3.95% and Amegy offered 4.06%. Mayor Pro Tem James Leal asked why the city wouldn't opt for the lower interest rate. Mr. Lastrapes informed him that Amegy Bank will not apply a "prepayment penalty fee". Mr. Leal inquired what the turnaround time for refinancing would be. Both Mr. Lastrapes and Fred Reyes, City Manager, stated the city could refinance at any time. Mr. Leal recommended going with the lower interest rate. Both Mr. Reyes and Mayor Briscoe took the stance that because the no "prepayment penalty fee", Amegy Bank was the better option. Mr. Leal inquired if the bank has plans to refinance soon. Mr. Reyes stated the city does have plans to refinance. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous. (Council Member Racheal Gandara not present for this item)

7.B Discuss and consider Task Order No. 2 from YPR Engineering for 30 % design and special services of a water line along frontage road on I-35

Council Member Ramiro Trevino motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Brenda Trevino. City Manager Fred Reyes informed the council, if approved, the portion of the project would be paid for out of the TIRZ Fund. He added the TIRZ Board recommended approval. Council Member Ramiro Trevino inquired how long the project would take. Mr. Reyes stated it's expected to take 150 days. Mayor Pro Tem James Leal stated \$141,000 is a lot for design and asked if the city could go out for RFQs. Mr. Reyes stated the city has 2 engineering firms on retainer for projects like this. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

7C. Discuss, Consider, and Act on a Final Plat for Ruben Gabriel and Alyssa Monique Gonzales, 230 Cypress St., establishing a 0.39-acre Re-Plat of Lots 7, 8, and 9 of Block 102 located in the City of Pearsall, Frio County, Texas.

Mayor announced the correct address should be 320 Cypress St, not 230 Cypress St. Council Member Sonia Hernandez motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Racheal Garza. Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Yolanda Moran informed the council of the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation for approval after the following changes are made to the plat: insertion of signature blocks for the Mayor and City Clerk and the removal of "Wilson County". The intention of the lot is to build a 1100-1200 square foot single-family dwelling. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

7D. Discussion regarding the City of Pearsall and a lineman designation.

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe state he placed the item on the agenda because a lot of Pearsall residents are linemen and there are 9 lineman companies and 2 coops in Pearsall. He would like to label Pearsall as the "Lineman Capital of Texas" or something similar. He added this would take engagement with the State Senator.

8. General Announcements

Council Member Racheal Garza asked what the theme of the Christmas parade would be. Public Information Officer Bianca Ramirez stated a Disney theme would be preferable but it's trademarked so it would have to be a play on words to make it work. Council Member Racheal Garza stated "Pearsall's Magical Christmas" sounded good. Fred Reyes, City Manager, announced Pizza Hut and Refuel would be hosting grand opening soon. He reminded the council of the Hispanic Heritage Festival, and National Night Out. Mayor Pro Tem James Leal reminded the Council to pay their portion of the Rotary Club rental.

9. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem James Leal motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM, seconded by Council Member Brenda Treviño. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Approved this October 8, 2024



Ben T. Briscoe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Krystal Garcia, City Clerk