

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Pearsall, Texas was held on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Pearsall City Hall, 214 S. Ash Street, Pearsall, Texas.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

**BEN T BRISCOE
RACHEAL GARZA
SONIA HERNANDEZ
JAMES LEAL**

**TIFFANY TALAMANTES
RAMIRO TREVINO
BRENDA TREVINO
AURORA GARZA**

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, Mayor Pro Tem James Leal, Council Member Ramiro Trevino, Council Member Aurora Garza, Council Member Brenda Trevino present at 6:03 PM, Council Member Tiffany Talamantes

Council Members Absent: Council Member Racheal Garza, Council Member Sonia Hernandez

Staff Present: City Manager Federico Reyes, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Yolanda Moran, City Clerk Krystal Garcia, Finance Director Monica Yanez, Parks and Recreation/Facilities Director Ramiro Otero, Public Works Director Hector Gandara, Public Information Officer Bianca Ramirez, City Attorney Bobby Maldonado via Zoom

3. Invocation And Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Citizens To Be Heard

None

5. Mayor's Message

Mayor Ben T. Briscoe recited a quote regarding Memorial Day.

6. New Business (Items below are action items)

6.A Discuss and consider venue, budget and other ancillary items for the 4th of July

Council Member Ramiro Treviño motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Tiffany Talamantes. City Manager Fred Reyes reviewed a memo provided by City Clerk Krystal Garcia, summarizing the August 8, 2023, HOT Fund budget workshop. He had informed the council the 2023 4th of July event costs added up to 10k and intended to allocate \$10,000 for the following budget year. Mr. Reyes confirmed \$10,000 had been budgeted for the 2024 July 4th event but added the council could authorize an additional \$10,000. He stated he preferred to hold the event on July 4th and reminded the council that staff are supposed to be off but would work the event, if approved, which would lead to overtime. Mayor Ben T. Briscoe explained the \$5,000-\$10,000 would be pulled from the General Fund if the council approved the item. Mr. Reyes informed the council the pool had been reserved for the event, just in case and presented to the council 2 quotes for firework displays dated July 4, 2024, for \$14,000 and July 5, 2024, for \$7,000. Council Member Aurora Garza inquired if the county and PISD would be assisting as the county requests funding and viewed this as an opportunity to ask for assistance. Council Member Ramiro Trevino stated the County had shown interest when it was the Chamber holding the event. He added the pool is geared toward a younger age group and proposed a gathering downtown where local food trucks would be able to sell food and help put money back into the local economy. Mayor Pro Tem James Leal stated Centennial Park and the sports complex would be the best locations if not the pool. Mayor Ben T. Briscoe stated he would reach out to the county regarding assistance as he was in already in contact about the tabled EMS contract. He recommended authorizing an additional \$10,000 for the event to be pulled from the General fund bringing the total amount for the event to \$20,000. Mayor Pro Tem James Leal motioned to authorize an additional \$10,000, for a total of \$20,000, seconded by Council Member Ramiro Treviño. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

6.B Discuss and consider Resolution No. 2024-05-04, regarding AEP Texas Inc.'s Rate Case

Council Member Brenda Trevino motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Aurora Garza. City manager Fred Reyes asked city attorney bobby Maldonado to summarize the contents of the resolution. City attorney Bobby Maldonado informed the council the purpose of the resolution denies the rate increase and authorizes the firm to represent the city. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

6.C Discuss and consider sale of old city hall and final negotiations of the sale

City Manager Fred Reyes summarized a text sent from the potential buyer to the real estate agent which inquired if the city would allow the "City Hall" sign to remain on the building. He added City Attorney Bobby Maldonado informed him there was no legal issue with the sign remaining. Mayor Pro Tem James Leal stated he was fine with the sign staying but would like additional signage directing patrons to the correct address for City Hall. Council Member Ramiro Trevino inquired if the building was historical. City Manager Fred Reyes stated it was not considered historical. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

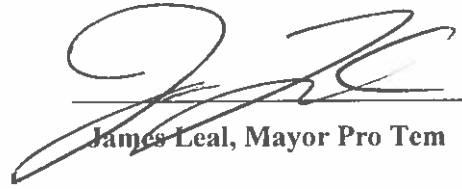
7. General Announcements

Public Information Officer Bianca Ramirez asked the council to come to the June regular meeting dressed properly for pictures for the website. City Manager Fred Reyes reminded the council there would be multiple meetings in the month of July due to the budget. Council Member Tiffany Talamantes announced the upcoming school year would begin 8/5/2024 so the city could prepare for school supply distribution.

8. Adjournment

Council Member Brenda Trevino motioned to adjourn at 6:30 PM, seconded by Council Member Ramiro Trevino. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Approved this June 11, 2024



James Leal, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Krystal Garcia, City Clerk