

CITY OF NATALIA

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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 2078 STATE HWY 132 NORTH, NATALIA, TEXAS AUGUST 28, 2023 at 6:45 P.M.

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: Mayor Samuel Bluemel – Absent Mayor Pro-Tem Sam Smith – Present
Alderman Mike Fernandez – Present Alderman Darin Frazier - Present
Alderman Tommy Ortiz – Present Alderman Selica Vera – Present

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro-Tem Smith called the special city council meeting to order at 6:45 pm

SPECIAL SESSION

1. Discuss/Consider setting a Proposed Tax Rate for Tax Year 2023-2024; and setting a date, time and place for the public hearings and adoption of the tax rate. Alderman Frazier moved to set the proposed tax rate for FY 2023-2024 at \$0.5737 per \$100 and to schedule a public hearing and date to vote on the tax rate for September 18, 2023 at 6:45 pm. Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Vote:
Mayor Samuel Bluemel – Absent Mayor Pro-Tem Sam Smith – Yes
Alderman Mike Fernandez – Yes Alderman Darin Frazier - Yes
Alderman Tommy Ortiz – Yes Alderman Selica Vera – Yes
2. Review, Discuss, and Consider revisions of the Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Nichole went over the proposed budget by department and line item with the items being in comparison to the current year's adopted budget, current actuals, and projected revenues and expenses for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Alderman Fernandez discussed increasing legal expenses. Alderman Smith asked if the proposed budget included the medical insurances. Nichole stated that numbers reflect the proposed rates for medical, vision, dental, short-term disability, and all TML coverage as well as any other rate increases for departments. Nichole presented current wages and stated we are well below average across the board. The police officers were increased in March to be competitive for employee retainment, however no one else was increased. The city council discussed and agreed on hourly rate increases for hourly employees and flat rate increases for the salary administrative positions. The city council requested that Nichole make the changes to the proposed budget as discussed. No further action.
3. Discuss/Consider setting a date, time, and place for a Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Proposed Budgets. Alderman Frazier moved that we set the Public Hearing for the FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget with discussed changes for September 18, 2023, at 6:45 pm, and may adopt the budget at this time or postpone consideration. Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Vote:

Mayor Samuel Bluemel – Absent
Alderman Mike Fernandez – Yes
Alderman Tommy Ortiz – Yes

Mayor Pro-Tem Sam Smith – Yes
Alderman Darin Frazier - Yes
Alderman Selica Vera – Yes


4. Discuss/Consider engaging into a contract with Medina County Elections Officer for the conduct of the November 2023 City of Natalia Elections. Alderman Fernandez made a motion to engage into a contract with Medina County Elections Office for the conduct of the November 2023 City of Natalia elections. Alderwoman Vera seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5-0.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

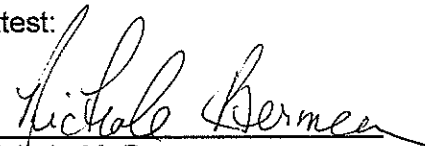
Alderwoman Vera motioned to adjourn at 7:46 pm, and Alderman Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion carried; 4-0.

Passed and Approved this 18th day of September, 2023.

Approval:


Samuel Bluemel, Mayor /or/
Sam Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest:


Nichole M. Bermea
Interim City Administrator/Secretary

