

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RONALD C. BOWMAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
447 North Main Street
Boerne, TX 78006
November 14, 2023 – 6:00 PM

Minutes of the Regular Called City Council Meeting of November 14, 2023.

Present: 6 - Mayor Frank Ritchie, Mayor Pro Tem Ty Wolosin, Council Member Sharon D. Wright, Council Member Quinten Scott, Council Member Bret A. Bunker, and Council Member Joseph Macaluso

Staff Present: Ben Thatcher, Siria Arreola, Jeff Carroll, Lori Carroll, Manny Casarez, David Chavez, Nathan Crane, Susan Finch, Lissette Jimenez, Mike Mann, Mick McKamie, Nick Montagno, Steve Perez, Chris Shadrock, Kristy Stark, Toby Vicknair, and Danny Zincke.

Recognized/Registered Guests: Alex Rudd, Joe and Heather Bateman.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM

Mayor Ritchie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Ritchie called on Joshua Cunningham from City Hills Church to provide the Invocation.

Mayor Ritchie led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and to the Texas Flag.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were declared.

3. [2023-751](#) PROCLAMATION FOR NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK, NOVEMBER 12TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 18TH.

Mayor Ritchie read the proclamation for Nurse Practitioner's Week. Council Member Sharon Wright spoke regarding the proclamation as she is a Nurse Practitioner. Council Member Wright introduced Michael Ryan who is a Nurse Practitioner from Well Med.

4. [2023-792](#) 2023 CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY GRADUATES.

Mayor Ritchie called on Fire Chief Casarez. Chief Casarez asked Lt. Toby Vicknair to speak on the Citizens Fire Academy and introduce the graduates from the Academy. Susan Friar one of the graduates expressed appreciation to the city council and fire staff for allowing the program. She said she learned so much.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Alex Rudd, 68 La Cancion Drive stated that she feels things are getting better in the community and people are noticing. She spoke regarding water quality and runoff. She provided photos to the Council Members of the construction at Shoreline development and expressed concerns.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER MACALUSO, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WOLOSIN, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yeah: 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin, Council Member Wright, Council Member Scott, Council Member Bunker, and Council Member Macaluso

A. [2023-765](#) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 24, 2023.

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

- B. [2023-764](#) CONSIDER ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-36; AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING 3.877 ACRES LOCATED AT 36432 INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 10 (KAD NO. 222994) AND A 6.676 ACRE PORTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 10 RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE CITY OF BOERNE, KENDALL COUNTY, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID CITY SO AS TO INCLUDE SAID HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN SAID CITY LIMITS, AND GRANTING TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS OF SAID CITY. (Consider the second reading of an ordinance annexing 36432 IH 10 and a portion of IH 10 right-of-way, at the request of Alejandro Gutierrez)

THE ORDINANCE WAS APPROVED.

- C. [2023-773](#) CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R81; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND MANAGE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOERNE AND KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 ON-CALL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000.00.

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

- D. [2023-752](#) CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R82; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BUCKSHOT ENTERPRISES, LLC; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (1261 N Main)

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

- E. [2023-757](#) CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R83; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE SCALE SERVERS FROM SHI GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$217,557.00. (Replacement servers to be used at City Hall and the Police Department.)

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

REGULAR AGENDA:**7. RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. [2023-796](#) **CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R84; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BOERNE, SUPPORTING INNOVATIVE ONE WATER STRATEGIES AND DIRECTING STAFF TO EXPLORE SUCH STRATEGIES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.**

Mayor Ritchie called on City Manager Ben Thatcher to discuss the recent One Water Hill Country Alliance Conference. He stated that he, Council Member Macaluso, Directors Mann and Carroll spoke at the conference. Council Member Macaluso spoke regarding the resolution under consideration. He stated that he feels educating elected officials on water strategies is important and he recommended that the resolution be approved.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER MACALUSO, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM WOLOSIN, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R84; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BOERNE, SUPPORTING INNOVATIVE ONE WATER STRATEGIES AND DIRECTING STAFF TO EXPLORE SUCH STRATEGIES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yeah: 5 - Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin, Council Member Wright, Council Member Scott, Council Member Bunker, and Council Member Macaluso

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. [2023-775](#) **PRESENTATION ON CITY'S 10-YEAR PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

City Manager Thatcher asked Jeff Carroll, Engineering and Mobility Director to speak on the Pavement Management Plan. Mr. Carroll stated that staff has created a 10-year street maintenance program. He discussed the history of the street maintenance budget, provided photos of various streets and their conditions, number of miles of roads that TxDOT maintains and what the city is responsible for. He provided examples of chip seal, crack seal, patching, and

slurry seal. Mr. Carroll stated that most road damage is caused from water. He stated that pavement utility cuts lessen the life of the streets. He reviewed the Bond approved streets that will be reconstructed.

B. [2023-793](#) PRESENTATION REGARDING WATER UTILITY MANAGEMENT AND FUTURE PLANT EXPANSION.

City Manager Thatcher called on Mike Mann, Utilities Director to speak on the water quality, water taste, and odor that is occurring. Testing shows algae content is present in the Boerne Lake. Blue-green algae is the cause and has lasted longer than in past years and he is not sure how much longer it will last. He spoke on the treatment process for the algae and actions taken. He spoke on daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual testing that is conducted. There have been only a few customer calls regarding the discoloration of water. Staff has gone to the homes and found that the brown water was not a utility issue but rather bad pipes in the homes or water heater deterioration. He stressed that there are no health concerns regarding the odor and taste of the water. Discussion ensued regarding misinformation on social media. It was suggested that the water testing results be included on the website Dashboard. If people have concerns they should call City Hall or a council member to get the answer. Mr. Mann continued with the treatment plant project. He spoke on water peaking, production, and growth projections. He provided a projected capital improvements expansion cost. Discussion ensued regarding GBRA pipeline sizing.

City Manager Thatcher asked Lissette Jimenez, Parks and Recreation Director to speak on the upcoming Dickens on Main event. She provided a few differences from last year's event. This year there will be a ice rink at the Waterworks Terrace, the shuttle service from First Baptist Church is being discontinued, as the public will be directed to the City Hall parking lot for parking which is convenient and close to the event, and the Tiny Tim Village is being relocated. Ms. Jimenez spoke on the street closure and the tree lighting. She stated that it takes a minimum of six city departments to provide this service to our community.

9. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL – No discussion or action may take place.

Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin and Council Member Macaluso spoke on the successes of the high school athletics.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

Mayor Ritchie convened the City Council into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.

- A. [2023-794](#) SECTION 551.071 - CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF SUPPORTING TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING PROJECT.

No action was taken.

- B. [2023-795](#) SECTION 551.074 - PERSONNEL MATTERS: RELATED TO THE CITY MANAGER'S EVALUATION.

No action was taken.

11. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Mayor Ritchie reconvened the City Council into Open Session at 7:50 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ritchie adjourned the City Council at 7:50 p.m.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Secretary