

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RONALD C. BOWMAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
447 North Main Street
Boerne, TX 78006
March 26, 2024 – 6:00 PM

Minutes of the Regular Called City Council Meeting of March 26, 2024.

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, Erick Alarcon, Siria Arreola, Ryan Bass, Sarah Buckelew, Jeff Carroll, Lori Carroll, Nathan Crane, Lissette Jimenez, Karen Kochheiser, Cody Lackey, Mike Mann, Mike Raute, Chris Shadrock, Andrea Snouffer, Kristy Stark, Rudy Vega, and Danny Zincke.

Recognized/Registered Guests: Jeremy Pratt, Daniel Weis, Mike Luckey, and Joe and Heather Bateman.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM

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

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were declared.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: This is the opportunity for visitors and guests to address the City Council on any issue, in compliance with LGC Section 551.007. City Council may not discuss any presented issue, nor may any action be taken on any issue at this time. (Attorney General opinion – JC-0169)

Jeremy Pratt - 130 Rock Canyon spoke on the lack of consistency with enforcement of city ordinances.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SCOTT, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MACALUSO, TO APPROVED 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. [2024-118](#) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2024.

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

B. [2024-125](#) CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R18; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND MANAGE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOERNE AND THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY (LCRA) FOR TREE TRIMMING BY MCCOY TREE SURGERY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$67,000.00.

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

C. [2024-126](#) CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R19; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOERNE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM FY 2025 APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR FUNDING FROM THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (JAG), GRANT #5040601. (Grant application to acquire a second mental health officer.)

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

REGULAR AGENDA:**5. OTHER:**

A. [2024-120](#) RECEIVE THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR) FROM ABIP, PC FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023. (Receive the report from the auditors)

Mayor Ritchie called on Ms. Sarah Buckelew, Finance Director. Ms. Buckelew stated that there is a state requirement that the city's audit be completed and reviewed by city council annually. She introduced Ms. Janet Pitman, Audit Partner with ABIP. Ms. Pitman reviewed the contents and results of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and presented the Letter on Conduct of Audit.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM WOLOSIN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUNKER, TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR) FROM ABIP, PC FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023. (RECEIVE THE REPORT FROM THE AUDITORS). 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

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mayor Ritchie called on City Manager Ben Thatcher.

A. [2024-081](#) OVERVIEW OF THE CITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM OBJECTIVES WITH A FOCUS ON WATER CONSERVATION AND SURFACE WATER QUALITY.

Mr. Thatcher asked Mr. Ryan Bass, Environmental Program Manager to provide information on the city's environmental program. Mr. Bass discussed water consumption, community education on water conservation, rainwater harvesting, and proposed rebate programs.

B. [2024-123](#) TOTAL ECLIPSE UPDATE.

Mr. Thatcher asked Mr. Danny Zincke, Assistant City Manager to provide an update on Eclipse preparations. Mr. Zincke provided the website address with various information regarding the eclipse. Discussion ensued regarding internet and strategy for high demand for Point of Sale, traffic, and availability of cell phones and landlines.

C. [2024-122](#) RECOGNITION OF THE BOERNE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR RECEIVING THE “2023 TEXAS AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION (TAAF) MEMBER CITY OF THE YEAR AWARD”

Mr. Thatcher asked Ms. Lissette Jimenez, Parks and Recreation Director to provide information on the recent award that the Parks Department received. Ms. Jimenez recognized Mr. Erick Alarcon in the audience as well as Mr. Rudy Vega, Mr. Emilio Viera and Ms. Jessica Ibarra for their hard work year around. The Parks and Recreation Department received the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) Member City of the Year. Only 25 other cities qualified for the award.

D. [2024-121](#) CITY OF BOERNE ARTS AND CULTURE MASTER PLAN UPDATE.

Mr. Thatcher asked Mr. Nick Montagno, Special Projects Manager to present the background and purpose of the Arts and Culture Master Plan, the expected outcomes, process and timeline. Mr. Montagno stated that there will be a community meeting regarding the Arts and Culture Master Plan on April 4, 2024.

E. [2024-004](#) MONTHLY PROJECTS REPORT.

City Manager Thatcher provided an update on various city projects.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin stated that thoughts are with the people from Baltimore as they deal with the bridge collapse. He also congratulated the Boerne ISD soccer teams. Mayor Pro Tem Wolosin referenced the city's UDC which was created to manage smart growth as well as recognize private property rights. He urged the community to reach out to a council member with concerns or questions.

Council Member Macaluso also referenced the UDC regarding infill development processes. Some problems are due to miscommunication.

Council Member Scott spoke regarding sidewalks and the challenge with USPS regulations. He suggested a more thoughtful strategy in replacement of power poles in areas of future sidewalks.

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

Mayor Ritchie convened the City Council into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

- A. [2024-115](#) SECTION 551.072 - TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY WHERE DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETING COULD AFFECT THE POSITION OF THE CITY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PERSON. (River Road)

9. 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 7:32 p.m.

No action was taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ritchie adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Secretary